

Meeting Summary

Mobility Advisory Committee

Jim Huffman, MARC Co-chair
Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 9:30AM

Meeting Summary

Procedural Business

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jim Huffman and Lukas Yanni welcomed attendees to the meeting and asked that participants sign in using the Zoom chat box. Members marked their attendance via the chat box by adding their name and organization, as reflected on the attendance page below.

2. Approval of December 11, 2024, meeting summary

Jim Huffman reminded members that the August 14, 2024, meeting summary was distributed to members and interested parties as well as posted on the MARC.org website. Huffman then asked for a motion to approve the meeting summary. A motion to approve was provided by Amy Stoll (Down Syndrome Innovations) and seconded. The motion passed unanimously without abstention.

3. Co-Chair Selection Process

Lukas Yanni reminded everyone that MARC had chosen Jim Huffman as co-chair for the committee and KCATA needed to choose a co-chair. Peter Comer requested specifics of the task that the co-chair position entailed. Jim Huffman described the position, and Lukas Yanni will forward by-laws to Peter Comer. Peter Comer stated that he will attempt to find someone to fill the position within three days and if he cannot, that he will fill the position.

4. 2021-2022 Section 5310 Procurement Update

Tracey Logan updated the meeting about vehicle procurement from FY 2021-2022 5310 Awards. She is working with KCATA's asset manager, Andy Robins (**might have misheard**). Those who requested vehicles through this will hear back within a month. Once agreements are sent out, there will be a sixty-day timeframe to return them or execute them. Once this process is completed, FY 2023-2024 procurement process will begin.

Main Business

5. 2025 Update to Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Plan (left off at 17:30)

Lukas Yanni reminded committee members that that the Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Plan was last updated in 2021 and will need to be updated by December 2025. This is

required by federal legislation. The Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan is required to have an assessment of available services, transportation needs for individuals with disabilities and seniors, identification of strategies, activities and projects, and priorities for implementation based on resources available.

Project Objectives are as follows.

- Conduct and incorporate outreach and engagement into plan
- Update data analysis (making sure it is in line with our Connected KC 2050 Plan Update)
- Revise strategies to reflect updated goals

Lukas Yanni reminded everyone of the two surveys that had been sent out prior to the meeting. The two surveys had been combined into one survey. He requested feedback on the new survey and the survey will be published in approximately one week. Lukas Yanni previewed the new survey for the committee and Lauren Schaumberg reminded committee members that if committee members already filled out the pilot surveys, they do not need to retake the new survey. They will be followed up on for their opinions of the questions.

After Lukas Yanni finished with the survey preview, he opened the floor to committee members to questions. Rachel Ohlhausen asked whether those taking the survey would be able to stop and return to the survey from where they left off. Lukas Yanni was unsure whether JotForm would allow users to do that and will follow up with Rachel Ohlhausen. Angel Rose voiced that she liked how thorough the form was.

Lukas Yanni reminded the committee that there would also be a public survey component. The public survey is to be conducted by users and clients of the committee member's services. Feedback is requested and the survey will be launched in approximately one week. Lukas Yanni previewed the public feedback survey for committee members. After the preview, Lukas Yanni opened the floor to committee members to ask questions. Rachel Ohlhausen asked how the survey would be disseminated to the public. Lukas Yanni stated that there is no current established plan for the distribution of the survey. Digital, by phone and paper form by mail are the two current modes.

The next item Lukas Yanni previews for the committee is the project timeline on an Excel spreadsheet. Lukas Yanni then opened the floor to committee members to ask questions. Rachel Ohlhausen asked whether MARC would cover the costs of the mail-in forms for the public survey and if so, to poll agencies on their needs regarding it. Lukas Yanni will follow up with Rachel Ohlhausen on this question. Lauren asks how they will be sure if the individual being asked on the public survey is utilizing a mobility service. Lukas Yanni agreed that it was a good question and it would be appropriate to add a question like that to the public survey.

Additional Business

6. Member Updates

Peter Comer is unsure what funding for KCATA will look like, until the end of the month. For their paratransit, KCATA will launch an app for trip booking and monitoring by April 1st.

Jim Huffman and Anne Miller thanked KCATA for being communicative and supportive.

Anne Miller requested a future meeting item on an IRIS information presentation. Seniors are confused about the logistics of the service and where to be picked up by the service.

Rachel Ohlhausen inquired about any funding for Jackson County buses and what they can do to support maintaining or expanding those services. Peter Comer responded that KCATA CEO's main goal is to find more funding to expand bus services in the metro area. Peter Comer says that the best thing that individuals can do is speak with city officials. Rachel Ohlhausen further inquires about funding and if there are any funding loopholes KCATA knows of. Peter Comer was unsure. Lukas Yanni adds that he is working on the SmartMoves update, which includes looking at funding for regional transit and the ways to expand that funding, like a ballot measure. Peter Comer said that if there are funding shortfalls, there would be service impacts on seniors. Rachel Ohlhausen adds that the Seniors Count Coalition was able to get funding from the Senior Fund in November.

7. Future Meeting Dates

- All meetings will be from 9:30-11:00am
 - Wednesday, June 11, 2025
 - Wednesday, September 10, 2025
 - Wednesday, December 10, 2025

ATTENDANCE

March 12, 2025

Co-Chair: Jim Huffman, Life Unlimited

Other Attendees:

Angel	Rose	City of Liberty
Terry	O'Toole	KC Transportation Group, zTrip
Jim	Huffman	Life Unlimited LLC
Anne	Miller	Don Bosco Centers
Amy	Stoll	Down Syndrome Innovations
Shaun	Duffy	Johnson County Mental Health
Heath	Rath	PACE KC
Dana	Chatlin	The Farmer's House
Janine	Clampitt	Ray County Transportation
Leonard	Mckinzy	Dedicated Transportation
Margaret	Brown	Johnson County Transit
Beth	Langely	OATS Transit
Lisa	Tang	Clay Co. Senior Services
Kim	Green	FEC
Rachel	Ohlhausen	Jewish Family Service
Jillian	Hendrix	Center for Developmentally Disabled

MARC and KCATA Staff:

Pete	Comer	KCATA
Tracey	Logan	KCATA
Lukas	Yanni	MARC
Lauren	Shaumberg	MARC