

Meeting Summary

Mobility Advisory Committee

Jim Huffman, MARC Co-chair
Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 9:30AM

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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 March 12, 2025, meeting summary***

Jim Huffman introduced the meeting minutes. There was a motion to approve and a second to approve the motion. The meeting minutes were adopted with no changes.

3. **Co-chair selection process**

Pete Comer was announced as the new co-chair for the MAC representing KCATA.

Main Business

4. **New Growth Transit – Volunteer Driver Network (New Growth, Kelly Ast)**

Kelly Ast from New Growth presented on their volunteer driver network, sharing data and insights as well as best practices. There was some discussion and questions and answers from the group at large and many found it insightful. A key point of discussion was the payment system used by New Growth for their volunteers. Their technology platforms were also a point of discussion, as they allow them to organize their routes, track trip type, and other key pieces of data. They also shared stories from riders and drivers; many found it to be a highlight of their day and a way to be more connected in their communities. MARC is also requesting more data from their Cass County services and will follow up with Kelly offline.

5. **FY 23-24 FTA Sec 5310 Procurement Update (KCATA)**

Shannon Graves was introduced as the new Grants Specialist for KCATA and will be the point of contact for this topic in the future. The FY 21-22 procurement process is in the final stages and should be wrapped up by this fall. It was also discussed that KCATA might make a wider effort to employ people with disabilities. Further discussion will take place offline between KCATA and interested members.

6. **Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Plan (Lukas Yanni, MARC)**

MARC staff presented on the initial results of the survey for the Coordinated Plan and made a call for more responses to be submitted. The survey will remain open for another month or so until sufficient data is collected. Next steps include the creation of a rider survey; feedback was collected on the topics that providers would be interested in gathering data on. Follow-ups with members will be conducted in the future.

7. **Lessons learned from NACTO D.C. (Lukas Yanni, MARC)**

Accessible design features were showcased based on the latest designs implemented in the greater Washington D.C. area. Elements focused primarily on features for low vision and blind individuals including tactile maps, channelized and separated bike and pedestrian facilities, and safety features at island bus stops.

Additional Business

8. **Member Updates**

Kim O'Hara is a new addition to the group and introduced herself as an interested citizen who has direct experience working with people with mobility limitations in the NKC School District.

Dr. Cindy Fisher introduced Smart Steps 4 Me, an app that can help make finding a transit or mobility service easier for those with disabilities.

9. **Future Meeting Dates**

September 10, 2025

December 10, 2025

***Agenda items with an asterisk are action items that require a vote.**

ATTENDANCE

June 11, 2025

Co-Chair: Jim Huffman, Life Unlimited

Other Attendees:

First	Last	Organization
Angel	Rose	City of Liberty, Liberty Access
Amy	Stoll	Down Syndrome Innovations
Kelly	Ast	New Growth Transit Volunteer Driver Network
Lisa	Tang	Clay County Senior Services
Margaret	Brown	Johnson County Transit
Janine	Clampitt	Direct Transit
Arlando	Young	Unified Government of Wyandotte County
Kim	O'Hara	North Kansas City School District
Terry	O'Toole	ZTrip
Cindy	Fisher	Smart Steps
Lisa	Womack	Johnson County Transit
Anne	Miller	Don Bosco Centers
Corrie	Steele	Johnson County Transit
Beth	Langley	OATS Transit
Edward	Murphy	Swope Health
Joe	Bink	Eitas

MARC and KCATA Staff:

First	Last	Organization
Pete	Comer	KCATA
Tracey	Logan	KCATA
Luis	Zuniga	MARC
Lukas	Yanni	MARC
Cy	Splichal	MARC
Patrick	Trouba	MARC
Lauren	Schaumburg	MARC
Ellie	Hall	MARC
Shannon	Graves	KCATA