

Meeting Summary

Mobility Advisory Committee

Jim Huffman, MARC Co-chair | Pete Comer, KCATA Co-chair
Wednesday, December 10th, 2025 at 9:30AM

MEETING MINUTES

Procedural Business

1. Welcome and Introductions

Lukas Yanni and Martin Rivarola welcomed attendees to the meeting and asked participants to sign in using the Teams chat box. Members marked their attendance by adding their name and organization, as reflected on the attendance page below. Lukas Yanni noted that this was the final Mobility Advisory Committee meeting of the year.

2. Approval of September 10, 2025, meeting summary*

Lukas Yanni reminded members that September 10, 2025, meeting summary had been distributed to members and interested parties and posted on the MARC website. A motion to approve the meeting summary was made and seconded. The motion carried with no opposition.

Main Business

3. 2025 Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan Summary and Review

Lukas Yanni provided an overview of the 2025 Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan. He explained that the plan includes six primary goals: maintaining existing regional mobility service levels; expanding service levels; improving the quality and accessibility of transportation information; bridging gaps in the built environment; integrating and coordinating related planning efforts; and supporting broader regional transportation goals.

Lukas also reviewed key strategies associated with each goal, including vehicle replacement, expanded service hours and days, improved coordination among providers, enhanced data collection, increased accessibility of information through centralized platforms, and alignment with other regional planning initiatives. He noted that two of the six goals integrating and coordinating planning efforts and supporting regional transportation goals were new additions to the plan.

4. 2025 Coordinated Human Services Transportation Discussion

Committee members discussed the importance of improving public access to information on available transportation services. Several members emphasized the need for a centralized, user-friendly resource that identifies service providers, eligibility requirements, service areas, and operating hours. Suggestions included developing a searchable database or online map that could be maintained and updated regularly.

Members also discussed the potential role of existing resources, such as United Way's 211 information line, as a foundation for improved coordination and information sharing. It was noted that many older adults prefer phone-based assistance, and maintaining multiple access points would be beneficial.

Additional discussion focused on the use of technology, including interactive mapping tools, use of AI and emerging technologies, to improve service visibility and coordination. Staff noted that the final version of the plan will be converted into a more user-friendly, web-based format, including interactive elements such as Story Maps, prior to final adoption.

5. Coordinated Plan Next steps

Lukas Yanni outlined the next steps for the Coordinated Plan. If approved by the committee, the plan will be presented to the Total Transportation Policy Committee in January, followed by a two-week public review and comment period. After addressing any necessary revisions, the plan will be considered for final adoption by the MARC Board of Directors. Lukas noted that plan adoption is required prior to the start of the next FTA Section 5310 funding cycle in June.

6. Coordinated Plan Adoption*

Following discussion, a motion was made to approve the draft final 2025 Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan as submitted, with the understanding that minor formatting and wording revisions may occur during the finalization process. The motion was seconded. The committee voted unanimously to approve the plan.

Additional business

Member updates

MARC Staff shared that MARC offices will be relocating beginning June 1, 2026, which may affect the location of future meetings and workshops. Members also discussed potential adjustments to future FTA Section 5310 application presentations, including the possibility of in-person presentations when feasible to improve engagement.

Staff noted upcoming changes to committee structures and highlighted the creation of a regular transit roundtable to support more technical discussions and public engagement.

7. Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, March 11, 2026, Regular Meeting, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 10, 2026, Regular Meeting, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 9, 2026, Regular Meeting, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE

Month Day, Year

MARC Co-Chair: Jim Huffman, Life Unlimited

KCATA Co-Chair: Pete Comer, KCATA

Other Attendees:

First	Last	Organization
Nicholas	Morris	Downtown Neighborhood Association
AJ	Burr	MDOT
Terry	O'Toole	Kansas City Transportation Group
Amy	Stoll	Down Syndrome Innovations
Angel	Rose	City of Liberty
Kim	Greene	Full Employment Council
Corrie	Steele	Johnson County Mental Health
Arlando	Young	Unified Government Transit
Desiree	Bush	Unified Government Transit
Augustin	Sylvester	University Health
Beth	Langley	OATS, Transit

MARC and KCATA Staff:

First	Last	Organization
Lukas	Yanni	MARC
Patrick	Trouba	MARC
Martin	Rivarola	MARC
Richard	Cowart	KCATA
Lauren	Schaumburg	MARC