

Meeting Summary

Mobility Advisory Committee

Jim Huffman, MARC Co-chair | Pete Comer, KCATA Co-chair
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 9:30AM

MEETING MINUTES

Procedural Business

1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-chair Jim Huffman 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 first Mobility Advisory Committee meeting of the year.

2. Approval of Month Day, Year, meeting summary*

Lukas Yanni reminded members that December 10, 2025, meeting summary had been included in the meeting packet. A motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Richard Cowart and seconded. The motion carried with no opposition and the meeting summary was adopted.

Main Business

3. Review of membership and bylaws

Lukas Yanni reviewed the current list of members and alternates along with contact information for each organization represented by the MAC. Some minor changes were made and agreed upon by the MAC members. Yanni followed up after the meeting with individual agencies to confirm their changes. Yanni also walked through the current bylaws as it was the first meeting of the year to ensure all MAC members were familiar with them.

4. FTA Section 5310 overview

Lukas Yanni gave an overview of the funding allocation for the FY2025-2026 call for projects, and walked the MAC through the application timeline, evaluation criteria, and the application portal.

Concern was raised by Angel Rose over how to plan for vehicle costs when applicants are unsure of future inflation rates or costs given the flux in the global economy. This concern is shared by all members of the MAC. No solution to this is known at this time but should be further explored.

5. Coordinated plan brief

Lukas Yanni gave a brief update on the adoption of the Coordinated Plan by TTPC and the MARC Board of Directors. Yanni also walked through the web map hosted on MARC's website alongside the link the Coordinated Plan document. Yanni expressed that the map can be used as a planning tool and is open to feedback and changes as needed.

6. Draft 2026 MAC workplan*

Lukas Yanni walked through the draft 2026 workplan for the MAC, which consists of the following items:

- FFY 2025-2026 Sec 5310 Call for Projects.
- Quarterly KCATA mobility services updates.
- Updates from other transit agencies in the region and Committee member spotlights.
- Quarterly 5310 updates from the KCATA.
- Aspirational goal: development and adoption of universal design standards.

A motion to approve the workplan as presented was put forward by Jim Huffman and seconded by Richard Cowart. The workplan was adopted unanimously.

Additional Business

7. Member updates

Pete Comer of KCATA shared that fares would be coming back June 1st at a rate of \$2 per passenger for fixed route service and a rate of \$4 for paratransit (RideKC Freedom) passengers. Irvin Jackson from the UG said they would be following suit.

It was also broadly discussed that future meetings would be taking place during the MARC office relocation and World Cup, so alternative meeting spaces would likely need to be arranged during that time.

8. Future Meetings and Important Dates

- June 3, Call for Projects portal opens for applications
- June 10, Regular Meeting
- June 17, Pre-application workshop
- July 17, Call for Projects closes
- September 9, Regular Meeting
- December 9, Regular Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE

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MARC Co-Chair: Jim Huffman, Life Unlimited

KCATA Co-Chair: Pete Comer, KCATA

Attendees:

First	Last	Organization
Amy	Stoll	Down Syndrome Innovations
Dana	Chatlin	The Farmers House
Margaret	Brown	Johnson County Mental Health
Joe	Bink	eitas
Cindy	Fisher	Smart Steps LLC
Corrie	Steele	Johnson County Mental Health
Angel	Rose	City of Liberty
Karin	Denes-Collar	Masonic Cancer Alliance/KU Cancer Center
Kim	Greene	Full Employment Council
Terry	O'Toole	zTrip
Michele	Castaneda	MARC Aging and Adult Services
Ryan	Hurst	JCT
Susan	Beckman	Masonic Cancer Alliance/KU Cancer Center
Irvin	Jackson	UG

MARC and KCATA Staff:

First	Last	Organization
Lukas	Yanni	MARC
Pete	Comer	KCATA
Richard	Cowart	KCATA
Cy	Splichal	MARC
Alicia	Hunter	MARC