



Public Transit Advisory Commission

Annual Report, CY 2025

PTAC Overview

The Public Transit Advisory Commission “advises City staff and Council with regard to transit policy and safety matters concerning transit issues affecting the City. This thirteen member commission has one member appointed by the University of Missouri administration, and the remaining twelve members are appointed by the City Council.”

Mission

The Public Transit Advisory Commission will advocate for the policies and resources necessary to meet the city’s goals for the public transit system, represent the interests of the public and current and future transit riders with regard to the day-to-day operations of the transit system, and encourage public understanding of and support for the transit system.

Vision

A high functioning, accessible transportation system accommodating to all our citizens by connecting communities, people, and destinations.

Membership

- William Brumbaugh – Term Ending March 1, 2028
- Sarah Johnson – Term Ending March 1, 2028
- Hannah Carrico – Term ending March 1, 2028
- Tammy Teel – Term Ending March 1, 2028
- Katharine Meagher – Term Ending March 1, 2027
- Matt Wright – Term Ending March 1, 2027
- Adam Thorp – Term Ending March 1, 2027
- Gabi Jacobs – Term ending March 1, 2026
- Bry Mink – Term ending March 1, 2026
- Ethan West – Term ending March 1, 2026
- Joan Ferguson – Term ending March 1, 2026
- Randal Meyer – Term ending March 1, 2027
- Christine Schneider (University of Missouri Administration Rep)
- Joy Rushing (term ended 2025)

Year-In-Review

Our commission continues to discuss and develop opportunities for improvement in Columbia's public transit. As the transit study has wound down, we've turned our attention to the questions of funding sources, Tiger Line agreements, and improvements to bus stop infrastructure. At the same time, we've provided requested recommendations to Council concerning a proposed pedestrian safety ordinance. And our membership has been almost completely stable for the year!

- Matt Wright, Chair

Commission and Member Activities

- Served as the primary coordinating commission for the city's Transit Study.
- Began in-depth discussions about fare collection and transit funding generally, including analysis and discussion of the city's Tiger Line agreement.
- Set up a booth at the Earth Day festival on April 27th, where we educated attendees on the city's transit system generally and the Transit Study specifically
- Advised the city on implementation of the new ETA Spot bus tracking and mapping software, including integration with Google Maps – both of which were completed in this calendar year.

Transit Study

Things and stuff...

Looking Ahead

Below are some of the activities our commission has already contemplated tackling in the coming year. Obviously we look forward to any additional activities the Council may wish to send our way.

Transit Study Follow-Up

The commission will continue to follow up on and advocate for implementation of Transit Study recommendations.

Community Event Involvement

The commission desires to continue community involvement and education through registration for additional festivals and events.

Tiger Line and Fare Recommendations

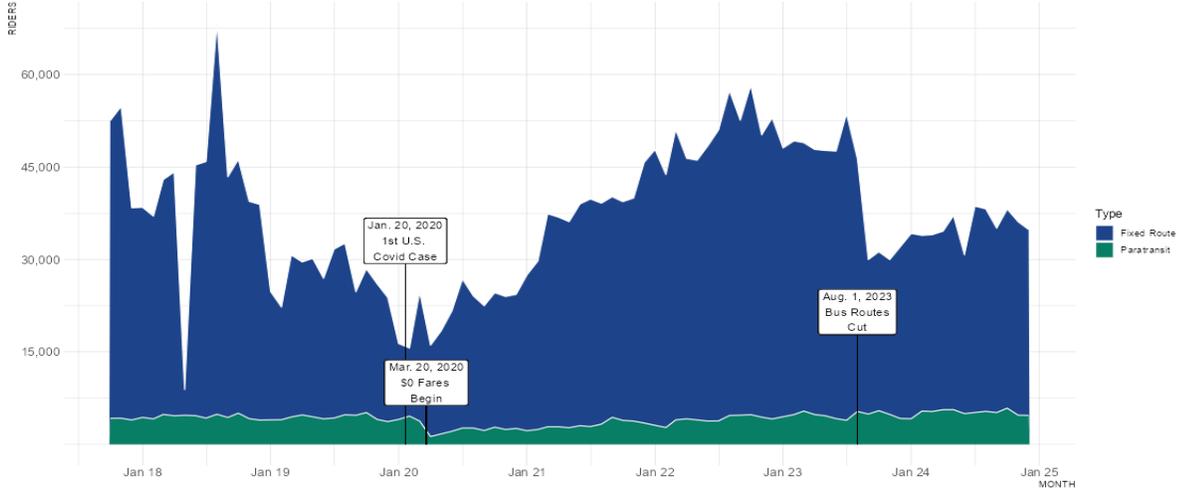
Members of the commission plan to continue in-depth research into additional funding opportunities, as well as peer University communities and their student transit structures. We hope to provide information and possible recommendations in a future report to Council.

Bus Stop Evaluation Matrix

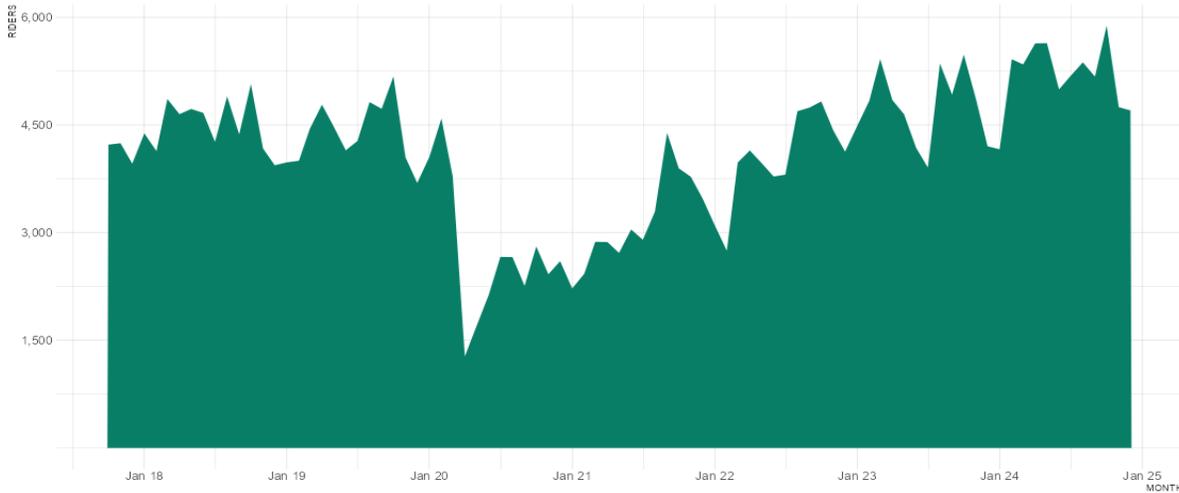
With the Bus Stop Evaluation Matrix developed, the commission intends to give data-driven recommendations to staff and/or Council concerning the best opportunities for bus stop improvements which are likely to have the greatest positive impact on the community

Measures & References

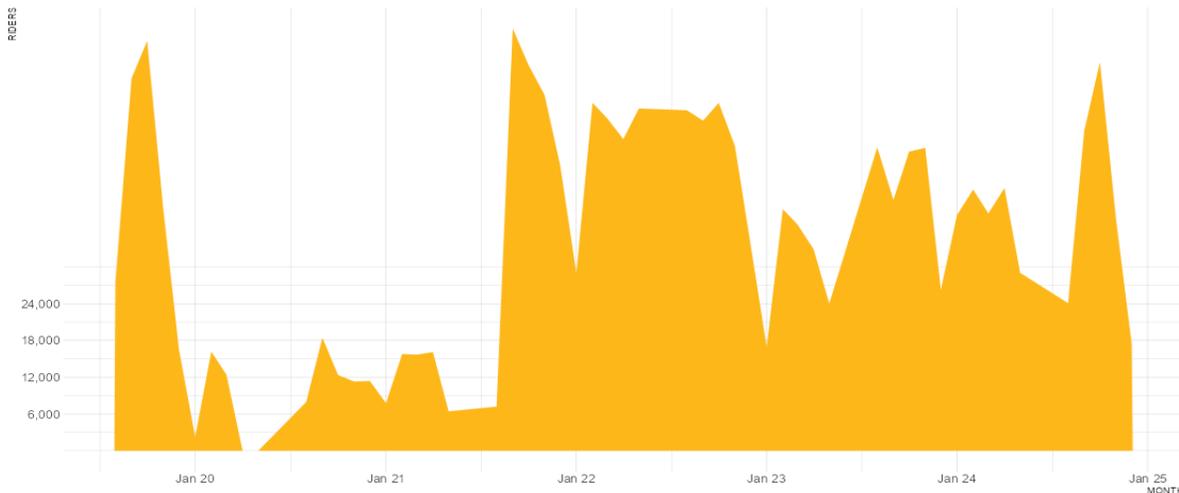
Total GoCOMO Ridership (Excluding Tiger Line) 2017-2024



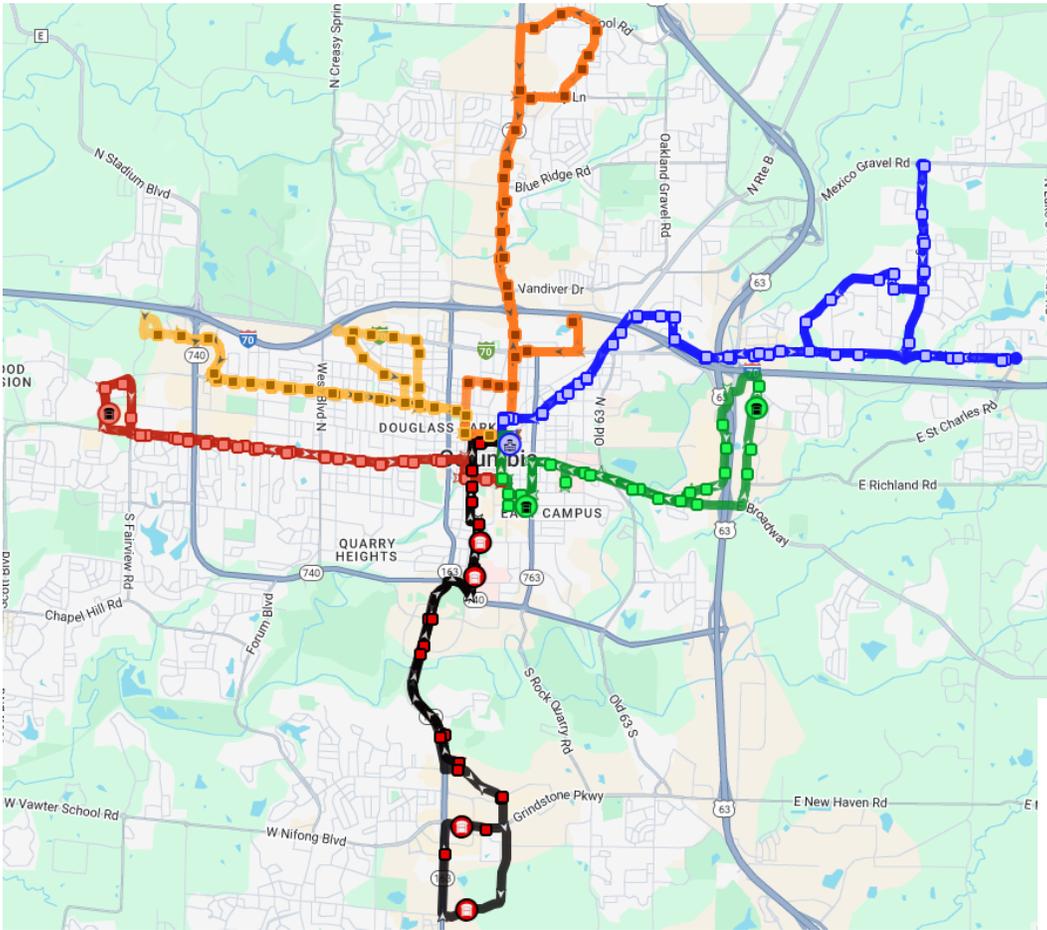
Total Paratransit Ridership 2017-2024



Monthly Tiger Line Ridership, Academic Years 2019-2024



Measures & References



Staffing Levels and Select Wages (2024)

Position	Staff	Wages
CDL Driver	25-33	\$21.06/hr (starting) / \$23/hr (average)
Lead Driver	6	\$25.30/hr (average)
Bus Supervisor	5	-
Paratransit Only Driver	2-4	\$17.39/hr (average)
Bus Cleaner (part-time)	3	-
Campus Driver (Part-Time)	3	\$20/hr (starting part-time)
Paratransit Scheduler	3	-
Transit Supervisor	2	-
Paratransit Compliance	1	-
Admin Support	1	-
Maintenance Tech.	1	-
Manager	1	-

Note: Staff ranges represent the highest and lowest level of staff deployed over the course of the calendar year.

Bus Fleet (2024)

Year	Fuel	Deployed	Count
2011	Gas	Paratransit	2
2012	Gas	Paratransit	1
2014	Gas	Paratransit	3
2019	Gas	Paratransit	6
2022	Gas	Paratransit	4
2024	Gas	Paratransit	6
2020	ELECTRIC	Fixed	4
2024	ELECTRIC	Fixed	6
2021	CNG	Fixed	2
2015	CNG	Campus	2
2020	CNG	Campus	1
2023	CNG	Campus	2
2001	#2 Diesel (2% Bio-fuel)	Fixed	1
2011	#2 Diesel (2% Bio-fuel)	Campus	2
2012	#2 Diesel (2% Bio-fuel)	Campus	6