



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Public Transit Advisory Commission

Tuesday, January 20, 2026
5:30 PM

City Hall
Conference Room 1C
701 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Matt Wright called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present: 8 - Matt Wright, Tammy Teel, Gabi Jacobs, Sarah Johnson, Katharine Meagher, Adam Thorp, Joan Ferguson and William Brumbaugh

Absent: 4 - Randal Meyer, Bryan Mink, Hannah Carrico and Ethan West

Unexcused: 1 - Christine Schneider

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motioned by Sarah, seconded by Katherine, approved at 5:31 p.m.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motioned by Joan, seconded by Sarah, approved at 5:32 p.m.

Dec. 16 Minutes

Attachments: [Dec. 16 Minutes.pdf](#)

V. City Council & Other Commission Updates: Vision Zero, Disability, Bike/Ped, CATSO

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bus Stop Evaluation Matrix

Attachments: [Bus Stop Evaluation Matrix \(rev Jan 2026\).xlsx](#)

Matt reviewed the stop data with the commission and asked the group to consider the next steps. Adam confirmed that the discussion would focus on stop infrastructure. Matt noted that the group has primarily discussed shelters for the stops and has not focused much on other improvements.

The group continued discussing the layout and appearance of the bus stop data sheet. Gabi asked what small additions could be made to bus stops to make them more comfortable, such as adding seats. Tammy suggested that trash cans should be placed at bus shelters.

Shannon stated that there are funds available for shelter upgrades, including the addition of seats, lighting, and trash cans, and noted that each stop would be individually assessed. Joan asked about the possibility of adding trees. Shannon explained that tree installation would depend on the property owner.

Matt stated that he would like to see improved signage at stops, such as electronic signs or larger signage. Joan asked the group what specific type of map they would like to see. Adam suggested a map displaying each stop as a dot, with larger dots representing higher ridership levels. Adam also asked Shannon whether a letter from PTAC would assist in obtaining a RAISE grant. Shannon clarified that the RAISE grant has already been received.

2. Annual Report

Attachments: [PTAC Annual Report 2025 draft.docx](#)

Matt reviewed the annual report with the commission. Adam suggested that a picture of the PTAC group could be included in the report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Guest Speaker Michael Parks, Airport Manager
2. MoDOT Intercity Bus Study

Attachments: [MoDOT Seeks Input for Intercity Bus Study - Missourians for Responsible Transportation](#)

Matt reviewed the intercity bus study with the commission and asked whether any members had input to provide to the state, noting that this would be the appropriate time to share feedback.

3. Transit Tuesday at the Capitol

Attachments: [Transit Tuesday at the Capitol - Missouri Public Transit Association](#)

Matt reviewed Transit Tuesday at the Capitol and noted that state transit funding was cut last year. Shannon added that they are seeking personal stories to share, as those are the types of information they are looking to hear.

VIII. RIDERSHIP

Ridership

Attachments: [Dec. Ridership - Sheet1.pdf](#)

Shannon stated that the Tiger Lines would provide more accurate data than the fixed routes. Adam asked about paratransit services and whether individuals are being cut off. Shannon explained that service is capped at 300 rides, after which staff work to negotiate arrangements with the rider.

IX. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Shannon reported that 12 interviews were scheduled, six candidates attended, and all six were sent for drug testing. She stated that the department now has 32 drivers.

Shannon also noted that she will be attending an intercity meeting next Thursday. She reported that the environmental phase of the RAISE grant is nearly complete and is expected to be finalized by June. She added that the funding associated with the grant includes provisions for bus shelters.

Zoom

Attachments: [Zoom Link](#)

X. NEXT MEETING DATE - 2/17/26

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Matt Wright adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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