



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Public Transit Advisory Commission

Tuesday, May 17, 2022
5:30 PM

Conference Room
1A/1B
City Hall
701 E. Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Adam Thorp at 5:31 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

City Staff: Mike Sokoff, John Ogan, Shannon Hemenway, and Gus Harmon

Present: 7 - Dawn Zeterberg, Rene Powell, Raymond Cecora, Matt Wright, Candy Cornman, Bryce Reynolds and Tammy Teel

Excused: 1 - Robert Boone

Absent: 3 - Mohamed Shahin, Amanda Lewis and Shaunda Hamilton

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Matt made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Raymond. Vote to approve the agenda was unanimous at 5:33 p.m.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rene made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Matt . Vote to approve the minutes was unanimous at 5:33 p.m.

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Attachments: [April 19 minutes](#)

V. CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

Adam mentioned that the Columbia City Council passed the ordinance to allow ParaTransit drivers to only be required to have an E-Class license to drive the vans. He also mentioned that the City Council received our notes on the driver shortage. Matt mentioned how bus drivers will be getting a raise of 3 percent.

VI. Staff & Commissioner Updates: Vision Zero, Disability & Bike-Ped

Mike goes over the stop report and ridership for April. Mike explained that the tiger line is part of the fixed route and covers 50 percent of the ridership. Mike explained that if we stopped serving the university we would get fewer funds from the federal government. Mike explained that the money used for the tiger line is matched for other operating expenses. Mike also mentioned that he is working on the "2022 presentation." Shannon said that they had received 4 applications for ParaTransit since the E-class license had been approved. Mike adds that they had 9000 hours of OT from Oct to April. Bryce asked how has the public been notified about the license change. John said it was posted on Facebook, Twitter, Indeed, and LinkedIn. Adam asked what the comp study is and why we are doing it. Mike explained that every employee had to complete a job description questionnaire. Mike explained that people looking at the job description questionnaire are determining if the pay for specific jobs is appropriate.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Driver Shortage

Mike talked about how the E-class approval will help get drivers for ParaTransit.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sub-committees

Adam is proposing to meet at the beginning of the meeting to split into groups and talk about each sub committee.

Tammy asked if we will have enough time for the rest of the agenda if we split into these groups.

Matt said that we should try splitting into groups.

Adam proposed a vote to have sub-committees.

Matt made a motion to use sub-committees with a second from Raymond. The vote was 7 to 1 motion was approved to use sub-committee groups at 6:01 p.m.

2. Mission Statement

Adam goes over the mission statement and suggests that this should be our mission statement.

Adam, Rene, Matt, and Tammy make grammatical changes to the mission statement.

Bryce asked if we could have the mission statement page on the PTAC section on the Como website.

Mike said we could look into it.

Bryce made a motion to use this as our PTAC mission statement with a second from Candy. Vote was unanimous to create our mission statement at 6:14 p.m.

3. University of Missouri agreement

Matt talked about how he does not want to get rid of the tiger lines. Matt said that 8 buses are required to fill the tiger line but it has been moved down to 6. Matt was wondering if we could cover those routes with less than 6 buses.

Bryce asked about how the ridership numbers are compared before the 2020 numbers.

Mike said that it is still down.

Raymond talked about how the routes are working with the parking structures.

Mike talked about the reason for the 405 route and its safety.

Adam talked about how getting the cars off the streets and serving the Mizzou students is important.

Raymond explained the parking lots and where the student's park.

Matt asked if we have ever talked to Stephens about a similar agreement. Candy mentioned that the proximity of their campus would probably not be beneficial to the city and that there are not many issues with parking.

4. Sidewalk master plan

Attachments: [DRAFT 2022 Sidewalk MP Project List for 4-20-22 BPC \(1\)](#)

Matt said that numbers 9 and 10 on Rangeline are extremely dangerous. He also mentioned that 22 on the green line could use more support. Mike explained that the sidewalks are not in good shape. He also mentioned that the engineers in the department work on this every year but it always comes down to resources.

A member of the public said that the bike-ped commission would send a letter to the public works director along with a letter to the council.

IX. REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER

No new requests.

X. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Tammy Teel said that JJs bought taxi Terry's.

Rene mentioned that virtual participation should be allowed for all commissions.

Mike said that the state budget has been finished and says that the budget is 8.5 million dollars for public transportation in cities and 5 million for rural areas. He also said that in the past years they have received only 1 million. Mike asked the group if we have time to send a letter to governor Parsons to sign that amendment asking him to please not amend that budget. He also mentioned that the ability to conceal and carry weapons has been removed and will not be up for a vote.

Matt asked what the plan would be for the funds.

Mike said they are looking at buying 3 more electric buses. Mike said they have ordered 4 ParaTransit vans but Ford can not make them at this moment because of material shortages and backed-up orders.

Bryce asked if we would look at other vendors for ParaTransit vans.

Mike explained that we can only buy from US vendors and have to be made in America.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE 6/21/2022

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Matt motions to adjourn with a second from Bryce at 6:52 p.m

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