



**JOHNSON COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION  
COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting**

**7:30 a.m.  
June 21, 2019**

**Johnson County Northeast Facility  
6000 Lamar, Mission, KS 66202**



**Johnson County Transportation Council**  
**June 21, 2019**  
**Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

AGENDA

- Item 1: Call to order – Chairman Chip Corcoran
- Item 2: Comments from the General Public
- Item 3: Consideration of the April Meeting Summary
- Item 4: Election of Vice Chair – Josh Powers
- Item 5: Microtransit Pilot Update – Josh Powers
- Item 6: Microtransit/COA 90 Day Analysis – Josh Powers
- Item 7: RideKC Next, System Redesign Update – Chuck Ferguson
- Item 8: Title VI Update – Shawn Strate
- Item 9: Johnson County Ridership Report – Shawn Strate
- Item 10: Johnson County Business Liaison Update – Josh Powers
- Item 11: Other Business
- Item 12: MCI Demo Bus Tour

Adjournment

Johnson County Transportation Council  
June 21, 2019 – 7:30 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Council Members**

Jason Myers – <i>First District</i>	Yes	No	Excused	Yes	No
Heidi Thummel – <i>Second District</i>	Yes	No	Excused	Yes	No
Vacant – <i>Third District</i>	Yes	No	Excused	Yes	No
Brandon Kenig – <i>Fourth District</i>	Yes	No	Excused	Yes	No
Rick Biery – <i>Fifth District</i>	Yes	No	Excused	Yes	No
Maria Holiday – <i>Sixth District</i>	Yes	No	Excused	Yes	No
Vacant – <i>Seventh District</i>	Yes	No	Excused	Yes	No

Chip Corcoran – <i>At Large</i>	Yes	No	Excused	Yes	No
Joe Davis – <i>At Large</i>	Yes	No	Excused	Yes	No
Tony Privitera – <i>At Large</i>					
Open Position – <i>At Large</i>	Yes	No	Excused	Yes	No
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Casey Cassias – <i>At Large</i>	Yes	No	Excused	Yes	No

**Ex-Officio Member**

Jim Allen, KCATA Liaison	Yes	No	Excused	Yes	No
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Others Present:

Joe Connor, Assistant County Manager  
Jay Leipzig, Director, Planning  
Josh Powers, Business Liaison, Planning

KCATA Staff:

Richard Jarrold, Senior Vice-President of Regional Planning and Development  
Chuck Ferguson, Vice-President of Planning, Scheduling, Marketing and Customer Service  
Lewis Lowery, Director Service Delivery & Contracted Services Paratransit  
Shawn Strate, Planning Manager  
Don Bowlin, Manager of Fixed Route Contracted Services

First Transit:

John Randle, First Transit General Manager

**Johnson County Transportation Council**  
**April 19, 2019**  
**Regular Meeting**

**In Attendance:** Commissioner Jim Allen, Chip Corcoran, Tony Privitera, Brandon Kenig, Heidi Thummel, George Lafferty, Jason Myers, Rick Biery, Maria Holiday, Josh Powers, Jay Leipzig, Dick Jarrold, Chuck Ferguson, Don Bowlin, John Randle, Lewis Lowery, Paul Snider.

**Meeting Summary of April 19, 2019**

**Call to order:**

The January JTC meeting was held at Northeast Johnson County Administration Building and called to order at 7:35AM.

**No Comments from the General Public**

**Consideration of the April Meeting Summary**

***Action Item #1: January Meeting Summary***  
***Motioned for approval by Rick Biery***  
***Seconded by Commissioner Jim Allen***  
***Action Item #1 approved unanimously***

**Non-Action Item #4:  
Microtransit Pilot Update – Josh Powers**

Josh Powers provided four Microtransit policy's issues for the Council to consider and discussed:

Pilot Period: Expand current pilot period for an additional six months:

Fare Structure: Currently set at \$1.50 per ride. Proposing to increase to \$3.00 for curbside trips and continue standard fare when connecting to fixed route service.

Service area: Shawnee Mission to 119<sup>th</sup> Street, and Renner Blvd. to Metcalf Ave. The proposal is to expand service nodes outside boundary and weekend service to Overland Park Farmer Market

Partnerships: There are not formal funding partnerships but are in talks with the City of Overland Park

**Tony Privitera** – *Of the current \$250,000 dollars, 120 day worth of use, at \$2100 per day, or something.. How much of that total is applied toward marketing the service? We should have a good idea of new possible target areas based on the success at JCCC.*

**Josh Powers** – *The \$250,000 is operations and we have our own line item marketing budget. That said, we have been very aggressive with marketing through JCCC on campus events, fliers, brochures and boots on the ground events.*

**Maria Holiday** – *I was happy to see this service talked about on the news with its similarities to Uber so it is in and of itself a marketing tool.*

**Josh Powers** – *based on that news story and our other efforts the City of Lenexa has reached out about expanding the boundary to the West to cover additional apartment and retail complex's. To the SW corner is the Department of Health and Environment with a built in client base that is currently receiving state grant funds for and at the County expense Uber rides. We are looking at ways they could utilize us and our service instead of Uber. Advent Health, Children's Mercy, KU Medical and the City of Overland Park is the furthest along with the City Council agreement to fund a Saturday service. We have also had conversations with the Food Policy Council, to see if this service could assist with food insecurity. Knowing that all these conversations are in the preliminary stages but very promising.*

**Josh Powers** – *Initially, I don't believe that during an expansion we would want to recreate a square area but expand with service bubbles from the current area.*

**Heidi Thummel** – *When considering the city expansion with service bubbles, the City of Shawnee has expressed interest in up Quivira to Johnson drive, including City Hall and other attractions in that area.*

**Commissioner Jim Allen** – *from a Board perspective, this could be exactly what the majority of the Board is looking for in thinking outside of the box in enhancing services.*

**Shawn Strate** – *This is one of the more exciting things of this pilot, and it appears that this service this is starting to enhance the fixed route service in the zone.*

**Heidi Thummel** – *Excited to see the service being used in her neighborhood. Has a survey been done to see why people are using?*

**Josh Powers** – *Yes, we surveyed the passengers riding and were surprised that the top reason for use was education followed by fixed route connections and then jobs.*

**Brandon Kenig** – *Wanted to add that the numbers are strong as they are adjusted for seasonality and was excited to look at additional information as we move into the summer. Pointed to some expansion to the SE area of the County.*

**Chairman Chip Corcoran** – *This is not an action item but, Josh you can move forward with having our support.*

**Maria Holiday** – *I think this is the most exciting thing I've seen on before this Council.*

**Action Item 5:**

**U-Pass Agreement with JCCC – Josh Powers**

Josh Powers, Johnson County Business Liaison, spoke about a KCATA service that offers a U-Pass program for participating colleges and universities, through which students (and in some situations faculty and staff) are able to ride applicable transit services for free, the cost of which is subsidized by the participating school. Staff from the county, JCCC and KCATA have tentatively agreed to a contract that would allow JCCC students, faculty and staff to ride all fixed route, Microtransit and express route transit (excepting the 510 K-10 Connector) service in exchange for an annual payment of \$25,000

**Maria Holiday** – *Wanted to point out that JCCC is taking 26% of the rides on Microtransit service, just under \$11,000 cost to the county. Paying for two and a half month of service and the following nine months for free. I want to make sure the contract and costs are reviewed in twelve months.*

**Josh Powers** – *You are right, this is a great introduction to the service and conversations have been had to look at usage and ridership at the end of the contract period and the bill will reflect the true costs.*

**Rick Biery** – *What are comparable school costs?*

**Dick Jarrold** – *A comparable school would be Kansas City Kansas Community College at around \$18,000 per year and provided them the same type of low introductory rate for the first year.*

**Maria Holiday** – *Have they renewed and if so have you increased the rate?*

**Dick Jarrold** – *Yes, we have had three contract periods with them and have seen the rate increase base on student ridership and usage.*

**Paul Snider** – *I sit on the JCCC Board and have recused myself from the conversation, the Board of Trustees is aware of the potential for an increase next year but, I am not as sure if they understood that their number is 26% of the ridership on the Microtransit.*

**Chairman Chip Corcoran** – *Questioned the 2020 term date.*

**Commissioner Jim Allen/Josh Powers** – *Explained the reasoning of the contract and the service unknowns with Microtransit pilot.*

***Action Item #5: Approve U-Pass Agreement with JCCC, as presented.***

***Motion: Tony Privitera***

***Second: Rick Biery***

***Action Item #5 was approved unanimously***

**Non-Action Item #6:**

**Coordinated Transportation Study Update – Josh Powers**

Part of the FY2018 budget, the Board of County Commissioners authorized transit funding for a study of every county department that provides transportation services, for the purpose of identifying efficiencies, cost-savings and opportunities for coordination and collaboration. Each participating department agreed to match transit's funding equally.

**Chairman Chip Corcoran** – *Has this level of conversation happened before between Governmental agencies?*

**Chuck Ferguson** – *No, to his awareness this level of communication has not happened and is new.*

***No additional comments or questions.***

**Non-Action Item #7:**

**MARC 2050 Regional Transportation Plan – Shawn Strate**

The Regional Transportation Plan serves as a blueprint for managing the region's transportation system. Required by the federal government, this plan identifies transportation improvements for the next 20 to 30 years. For the Kansas City region, the current RTP is called Transportation Outlook 2040. MARC is developing a new plan for 2050 for the Kansas City region, called Regional Transportation Plan 2050.

**Josh Powers** – *Smart Moves 3.0 is underway*

**Maria Holiday** – *Here to help with the process.*

***No additional comments or questions.***

**Non-Action Item #8:**

**October Route Markup – Shawn Strate**

The Mid-America Regional Council's Planning Sustainable Places (PSP) program promotes concepts consistent with sustainable communities and the advancement of site-specific and project-specific activities within the centers-and-corridors planning framework.

***No comments or questions.***

**Non-Action Item #9:**

**Johnson County Ridership Report – Shawn Strate**

**Commissioner Jim Allen** – *These are good ridership numbers.*

**Other Business:**

Mr. Powers mentioned to the JCTC that due to George Lafferty's resignation from the council, a Vice Chair would need to be elected at a future meeting.

**Adjournment – 8:51am**



## Transportation Council Briefing Sheet



**To:** Chairman and Members of Johnson County Transportation Council  
**From:** KCATA and Johnson County Staff  
**Date:** June 21, 2019  
**Subject:** Election of a Vice Chair

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**Item 4: Josh Powers**

**Issue:** Due to George Lafferty's resignation from the JCTC, the council must decide on how to proceed in electing a Vice Chair.

The JCTC bylaws provide the following for the council to consider:

"D. If the Chairperson's position is vacant due to resignation of the Chairperson or otherwise, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson until a new Chairperson is selected by special election. If the Vice-Chairperson's position is vacant due to resignation or otherwise, the Transportation Council shall select from its members a new Vice-Chairperson. If both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson's positions are vacant the remaining members shall conduct a special meeting to elect new officers to fill the positions."

**Discussion:** The Chairman and members of the council should explore whether to move forward with nominations and an election at this meeting, or alternatively to table this discussion until a future meeting, pending discussion.

**FOR ACTION**





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**To:** Chairman and Members of Johnson County Transportation Council  
**From:** KCATA and Johnson County Staff  
**Date:** June 21, 2019  
**Subject:** Microtransit Pilot Update

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**Item 5: Josh Powers**

**Issue:** The business liaison will provide an update on and an overview of the microtransit pilot program.

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**To:** Chairman and Members of Johnson County Transportation Council  
**From:** KCATA and Johnson County Staff  
**Date:** June 21, 2019  
**Subject:** Microtransit/COA 90 Day Analysis

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**Item 6: Josh Powers**

**Issue:** With the success of the microtransit pilot, there has been some discussion by members of the BOCC as to how and to what degree microtransit should impact existing fixed routes as well as the county's capital replacement plan. Given that the first round of comprehensive operations analysis (COA) recommendations have been implemented, and that the second round of possible adjustments will need to be revisited in Q4 of 2019 or Q1 of 2020, staff will undertake the following schedule for analysis of microtransit's impact in our system:

**Phase 1 – Now through September 30**

With a focus on job access and paratransit/vulnerable populations:

- Evaluate routes and place in 3 categories
  - o Routes to keep intact
  - o Routes to be augmented with micro transit
  - o Routes to truncate or possibly eliminate
- Re-evaluate fleet composition and priorities under new route plan
- Update necessary operating vs. CIP budget for 2020 (if appropriate) to reflect fewer and/or smaller vehicles and increased operating funding

**Phase 2 – October**

Board reviews plan for potential adoption/alteration

**Phase 3**

Transition to new plan/strategy begins



## Transportation Council Briefing Sheet



**Discussion:**

With only a few months of microtransit data available, there will be a lot of variables to consider as we undertake this analysis period. Depending on the outcome of the remainder of the microtransit pilot period, staff hopes to recommend a feasible balance of transit services that can both increase mobility options as well as realize savings.

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**To:** Chairman and Members of Johnson County Transportation Council  
**From:** KCATA and Johnson County Staff  
**Date:** June 21, 2019  
**Subject:** KCATA System Redesign

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**Item 7: Chuck Ferguson**

**Issue:** RideKC will spend the next two months gathering public input on the largest system redesign in Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) history. RideKC Next will incorporate different modes of transit and bring together the public and private sectors to reexamine transit options in the Kansas City region.

For the RideKC Next transit redesign to be successful, the ATA will need to understand which goals matter the most to users of their system, and will gather that stakeholder input through a robust engagement and surveying effort.

The system redesign will incorporate three steps:

Step One - Review existing transit services and conduct initial public outreach. Online surveying will be vital in reviewing existing services and will help shape options for the future. The surveys will be open until the end of July.

Step Two - Present the draft plan and getting public comments.

Step Three - The project team will submit the final plan to KCATA for review and approval by the Board of Commissioners.

The system redesign is projected to take the rest of the year, with the implementation of recommendations to take place in early 2020.

**Discussion:** With the county's COA adjustments and the implementation of microtransit more widely, the ATA's system redesign will need take into account multiple jurisdictions and regional coordination as recommendations come forward.

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**To:** Chairman and Members of Johnson County Transportation Council  
**From:** KCATA and Johnson County Staff  
**Date:** June 21, 2019  
**Subject:** Title VI Program – 2019 Update

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**Item 8: Shawn Strate**

**Issue:** KCATA has completed the 2019 Johnson County Transit Title VI Program, as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) every three years. The program has been reviewed by the FTA Region VII Civil Rights Officer and a concurrence letter has been provided. The only finding was that the Title VI Complaint Form needed to be posted on the Johnson County website; this has since been completed by KCATA staff.

The only remaining item is for the Title VI Program to be approved by the Johnson County Transportation Council and the Board of County Commissioners. As a requirement of FTA Title VI Circular 4702.1B, the Title VI Program must be approved by the recipient's governing body. Once this occurs, a final version with documentation of these approvals will be submitted to FTA.

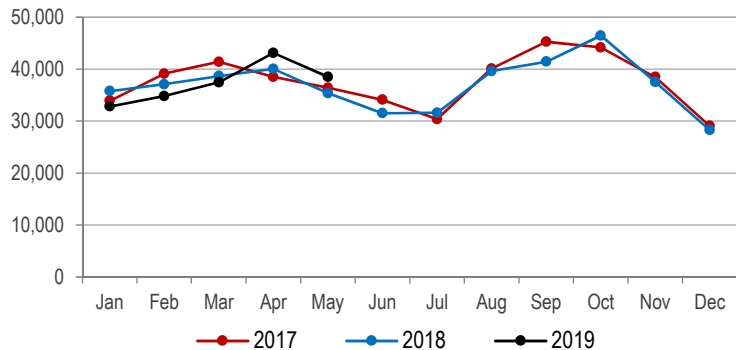
The Title VI Program is a document that is required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to be updated once every three years and represents Johnson County's procedures and policies for ensuring compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states: "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

The Title VI Program outlines the procedures, standards, and policies to be followed by Johnson County to ensure non-discrimination in the provision of public transportation service. Service area demographics are also evaluated to document the distribution of services as it relates to minority and low-income status, and to provide a baseline for evaluating major service or fare changes.

**Recommendation:** Acceptance and Approval of the Johnson County Transit Title VI Program 2019 Update. If approved, the Title VI Program will be considered by the Board of County Commissioners for approval and a final document with these approvals will be submitted to FTA.

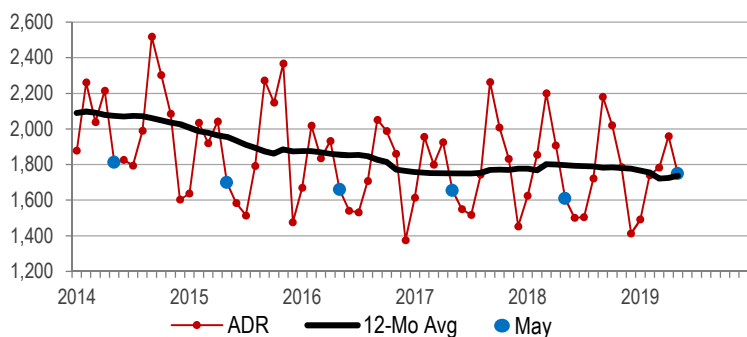
## Total Ridership by Month



Month	2017	2018	2019	1yr Chg	2yr Chg
Jan	33,907	35,755	32,811	-8.2%	-3.2%
Feb	39,105	37,099	34,809	-6.2%	-11.0%
Mar	41,395	38,642	37,437	-3.1%	-9.6%
Apr	38,509	40,037	43,117	7.7%	12.0%
May	36,378	35,363	38,474	8.8%	5.8%
Jun	34,089	31,507			
Jul	30,345	31,610			
Aug	40,098	39,593			
Sep	45,264	41,417			
Oct	44,160	46,451			
Nov	38,464	37,490			
Dec	29,052	28,242			
<b>Total</b>	<b>450,766</b>	<b>443,206</b>	<b>186,648</b>		
<b>YTD</b>	<b>189,294</b>	<b>186,896</b>	<b>186,648</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>

Days 106 107 107

## Average Daily Ridership by Month (5-Year Trend)



## Average Daily Ridership, Revenue Hours & Miles

### ADR - Percent Change

Route	ADR	Hours	Miles	Pass. /Hour	Pass. /Mile	ADR - Percent Change		
						May'19 / Apr'19	May'19 / May'18	'19 / '18 YTD
401 Metcalf-Plaza	244	50.00	766	4.87	0.32	4.5%	17.7%	4.6%
402 Johnson-Quivira	68	13.95	264	4.85	0.26	1.1%	-2.9%	-8.8%
403 Antioch-Olathe	163	29.73	561	5.49	0.29	-3.6%	-9.2%	-6.1%
404 Metcalf-Downtown	124	13.06	276	9.47	0.45	8.2%	13.7%	3.2%
435 JoCo Midday	23	2.76	57	8.32	0.41	3.1%	0.0%	-7.4%
475 Quivira-75th Street	199	40.31	574	4.94	0.35	-1.0%	39.4%	25.5%
482 OP Flex (Tu/Fr only)	40	4.00	20	9.92	1.98	66.8%	7.9%	0.6%
495 95th Street	36	10.22	183	3.48	0.19	-10.1%	-15.9%	-1.4%
510 K-10 Connector	329	36.07	1479	9.11	0.22	-39.0%	31.5%	-3.0%
519 Olathe Express	193	14.55	418	13.29	0.46	0.7%	-2.1%	-9.9%
563 Shawnee Express	47	4.67	123	10.16	0.39	-14.7%	14.1%	11.6%
569 South OP Express	167	9.89	298	16.84	0.56	-2.7%	3.8%	1.8%
595 Gardner-OP Express	124	35.02	1040	3.55	0.12	-1.7%	-7.7%	0.2%
596 3-Trails-Edgerton Exp.	6	8.26	378	0.75	0.02	7.0%	--	--
<b>Key Corridor</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>90.31</b>	<b>1340</b>	<b>4.90</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>26.6%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>
<b>Suburban Local</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>72.08</b>	<b>1354</b>	<b>6.06</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>-3.4%</b>
<b>K-10 Connector</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>39.01</b>	<b>1697</b>	<b>8.43</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>-39.0%</b>	<b>31.5%</b>	<b>-3.0%</b>
<b>Commuter Express</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>72.39</b>	<b>2256</b>	<b>7.43</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,762</b>	<b>273.79</b>	<b>6646</b>	<b>6.38</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>-10.1%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>

### Passengers per Revenue Hour

