

# MINUTES

## COORDINATED TRANSIT COMMITTEE



Wednesday, August 20, 2025 | 10:30a

Boardroom - Main Level of the Metro Transit Building

Virtual Option Available upon request

**(All voting members must be physically present to vote; virtual attendance counts for [maintaining voting status](#))**

### Attendance

Rich McFall - Co-Chair, Nebraska VR

Melanie Davis - Co-Chair, Paratransit User

Alicia Johnson - Metro Transit

Amanda Parker - City of Bellevue

Brandon Smith - OPS

\*Carolina Padilla - Intercultural Senior Center

\*Donna Monteleague - City of Papillion

\*Kaily Stanley - City of La Vista

\*Lee Myers - AARP

Mark Lander- SWITA

Nicole Ebat - Metro Transit

\*Sam Huppert - Omaha Chamber of Commerce

\*Tami Jenson - City of Council Bluffs

\*Tina Murray - Together Omaha

Lindsey Button - MAPA

Court Barber - MAPA

Alex Johnson - MAPA

\*Carlos Morales - MAPA

\*Attended Virtually

McFall called the meeting to order at 10:36a.

### Action Items

#### For CTC Approval

1. Approval of Minutes from the [June 18, 2025 Meeting](#)

MAPA Staff presented meeting minutes from the prior meeting for approval.

Alicia Johnson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Parker. Motion carried.

2. Bylaw review and updates

McFall presented [proposed amendments](#) to the current bylaws for discussion and approval. Button expanded on the COI language proposed, noting that MAPA does not currently have a COI policy that applies to its committees. She recommends leaving that language out of the bylaws at this time. McFall said he would be fine rewording the language in order to make sure we have something in there about transparency. Alicia Johnson suggested changing the language to something about asking members to acknowledge any potential personal COIs prior to voting on funding-related items.

Button noted there was some back and forth about the language related to voting virtually in the case of a fully virtual meeting, maintaining the restriction on voting to in-person if the meeting has an in-person location. There was a piece about limiting this when it comes to financial

decisions, but that was ultimately not moved forward. McFall added that meeting frequency will be discussed later in the meeting. Committee discussed the merits of virtual vs in-person voting capability, including the general merits of meeting one way or the other. McFall said he prefers meetings to be one or the other instead of hybrid.

Davis spoke about the implications of holding more virtual meetings and the attendance of paratransit users. Member exposure to users is an important part of understanding what the committee is doing and that could be limited if virtual meetings become the norm.

Lander expressed his concern with the low membership of the committee compared to 10 years ago and said that regardless of meeting type the group should work to increase membership in order to add perspectives.

Davis motioned to approve the bylaws including the changes made during the meeting, seconded by Alicia Johnson. Motion carried.

### 3. Membership Status and Renewals

Button presented the [current voting status](#) of CTC members and provide the opportunity for reinstatement and approval to members who may have lost status based on attendance records.

Button asked Lander if SWITA is requesting membership, Lander responded affirmatively.

Button noted that a member from LFS may also be interested, but not in attendance.

Alicia Johnson moved to reinstate SWITA, seconded by Parker. Motion carried.

Alicia Johnson asked whether a rep from the City of Omaha has ever attended, Alex Johnson said yes, he used to.

Button asked members to provide suggestions on potential orgs interested in working with the CTC. Alicia Johnson suggested Bike Walk Nebraska. Davis suggested checking with an org that can help us make a request to local non profit orgs. The committee discussed potential departments at the city to connect with.

Morales noted a lack of participation from the counties, such as the health departments. McFall suggested asking TTAC for more involvement in CTC. Morales suggested more reporting between the two committees.

## Discussion Items

### 4. Metro Flex program update

Alicia Johnson provided an update on Metro Transit's microtransit pilot program "Metro Flex".

Davis asked whether there's a notification about the 30 second timeout, Alicia Johnson and Ebat said there's a timer bar.

Davis asked whether the text alert would become more precise in order for a Metro Flex & Moby user to be able to coordinate rides between services. Alicia said Metro plans to release an RFP for an update to their system to improve this.

Lander asked how many rides have been provided so far. Ebat said 1,887. She said the first week was a bit slow, but it picked up.

Myers asked how many vehicles are on the street. Alicia said a number I missed.

5. Metro MOBY policy update

Alicia Johnson provided information on Metro Transit's MOBY policy update.

Lander said for the majority of trips if a rider doesn't show up in 5 minutes, they are probably not going to.

Alicia asked Parker what Bellevue's policy is. Parker said 10 minutes and described how their drivers operate. Monteleagre added info about Papillion's service.

6. Metro Title VI policy update

The committee tabled Metro Transit's Title VI policy update until the next meeting.

7. [Nebraska Legislative Resolution 251](#)

Melanie Davis asked to table the update on LR251 until the next meeting.

8. Additional Business & Public Comment

Additional business may be raised by members and the public will have an opportunity to speak. None spoke.

9. Member Agency Updates (time permitting)

Button let the committee know about the upcoming CTP update, including an early look at the schedule. She also let everyone know about upcoming Pro Rail events as well as MAPA's annual dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07p

## **Future Meetings & Events**

TTAC: Friday, September 19, 2025

MAPA Board of Directors: Thursday, September 25, 2025

RPAC: Friday October 3, 2025

CTC: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

*Meeting Quorum: The presence of  $\frac{1}{2}$  (currently 5) of the members of the CTC at an officially called meeting shall constitute a quorum.*