

MINUTES

COORDINATED TRANSIT COMMITTEE



April 15, 2026 | 10:30a
Lobby Conference Room - Main Level of the Metro Transit Building

Button called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM

Attendance

Members

Alicia Johnson - Metro Transit
Ben Frakes - Community Alliance
Brandon Smith - Omaha Public School
Tami Jenson - City of Council Bluffs Para Transit Agency
*Amanda Parker - City of Bellevue
*Donna Monteleagre - City of Papillion, NE
*Kaily Summerline - City of La Vista
*Melanie Davis - Vice Chairperson
*Rich Mcfall - Nebraska VR
*Sam Huppert - Greater Omaha Chamber

Mapa Staff

Lindsey Button
Court Barber
Carlos Morales
Adia West

Members of the Public

*Joshua Sweley - City of Omaha resident
*Christi Crosby - Kolb Foundation for Disability Education

** Attended Virtually*

Action Items

For CTC Approval

1. Approval of Minutes from the October 15, 2025 Meeting
MAPA Staff presented meeting minutes from the prior meeting for approval.

Smith motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Johnson. Motion Carried.

2. CTC Elections and Membership Renewals
Button facilitated the election of co-chairs for the upcoming year.

McFall will not continue as co-chair, nominating Parker in his place, with the nomination seconded by Davis and accepted by Parker.

Davis raised concern regarding the utility of her perspective as a transit user in this committee, noting that her interest in continuing as co-chair would be dependent upon the usefulness of her input. Member discussions determined that varied perspectives are significant for the efficacy of the CTC as a regional committee. With goals that extend beyond one transport service, city, or agency, diversity in membership and leadership is essential and will be particularly meaningful in this coming year as the committee guides the development of the CTP and can shape a more inclusive and collaborative plan.

Following, this discussion self-nomination for Davis, was seconded by McFall.

Button opened the floor for confirmation of Parker and Davis as co-chairs.

Smith motioned to elect Parker and Davis as co-chairs, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Community Alliance had logged three absences in the last calendar year, prompting removal of voting permissions per CTC bylaws. Button opened discussion for reinstatement of Community Alliance voting privileges and the committee agreed to reinstate.

Smith motioned to reinstate Community Alliance membership, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Membership bylaws were discussed, regarding the relationship between attendance, membership, and voting eligibility. West will review prior meeting minutes to ensure committee bylaws align with previous discussions, with the conversation to be continued in the July meeting.

3. 5310 Target Setting

Barber provided an overview of 5310 program updates, noting a new schedule, new process, increased requirements for service applicants, and the benefits of such changes, alongside program overview regarding award types.

Members requested NDOT be present at CTC meetings. While NDOT is invited to every meeting, they are not often in attendance. MAPA staff noted they will request attendance in future meetings. Additional discussion was had regarding projects for public education for transit users and coordination between services.

Barber put forward MAPA's target recommendations of an estimated \$1,979,010 for the 2027 fiscal year, with 10% set aside for administrative efforts.

Johnson motioned for the CTC to adopt these amendable target recommendations, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

4. CTP Update / Next Steps

Button provided the mobility resources guide for committee review and updating:
<https://mapacog.org/data-maps/mobility-resource-guide/>

Revisions encourage more diverse photos beyond Metro transit, information on how to connect between services, and resources for navigating between para transit as standards differ between services, generalize information regarding healthcare transit options to ensure accuracy,

Interest was expressed for 211 to be invited to CTC meetings, with the opportunity to present.

The CTP timeline was reviewed.. The previous update was finalized in 2022. The CTP is updated on a five year schedule, and as such, the revised plan will be due in December of 2027 with planning in earnest beginning this summer.

Discussed focus elements for this plan include data collection, schools, traffic, and connectivity between transportation forms.

5. Additional Business & Public Comment

Davis noted changes to Moby Services with driver wait times at a stop decreased from 10 minutes to 5 minutes, expressing concerns for unsecure areas and those with little to no protection from the elements. Noting a need to review sidewalk safety in the CTP.

Additionally, the change in the metro's customer service contract was commented upon, and Johnson noted that a para transit scheduling software was out for bid. Davis requested information on how other transit operators handle customer service.

Discussions noted that;

- Council Bluff's new provider VIA transportation offers booking through phone, website, and app.
- Bellevue does not have something online at the moment due to department size, though they are working on arranging a system for the future.
- Papillon refers riders to Monteleagre's phone for assistance.
- La Vista directs calls to bus drivers.
- Omaha concerns can be directed to Johnson's line, with the phone tree after 7pm.

6. Member Agency Updates (time permitting)

Johnson reported Metro Transit's Route changes to fixed routes, taking into effect April 19: Route 30 to no longer go Downtown, traveling to Aksarben Transit Center instead, this creates a route through Saddle Creek. Additionally, routes 4, 11, and 13 will have more buses on route at various times. More information available at <https://www.ometro.com/metro-news>.

Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:26 AM

Future Meetings & Events

TTAC: Friday April 17, 2026

MAPA Board of Directors: Thursday, April 23, 2026

RPAC: Friday, June 5, 2026

CTC: Wednesday, July 15, 2026

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.