



Greater St. Joseph Area MPO

Metropolitan Planning Organization

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The Federally Designated Organization for the Kansas & Missouri Departments of Transportation; Counties of Buchanan, Doniphan, and Andrew; Cities of Wathena, Elwood, Savannah, and St. Joseph; Village of Country Club.

TRANSIT WORKING GROUP CHARTER

I. Purpose

The purpose of the Saint Joseph Area Transportation Study Organization's (SJATSO) Transit Working Group is to study and define needs in the existing transit network and then develop and advise on future policy and projects. This long-range view on transit will be supported by a diverse and comprehensive list of stakeholders that serves in an advisory role to SJATSO's Technical and Coordinating Committee.

II. Bylaws

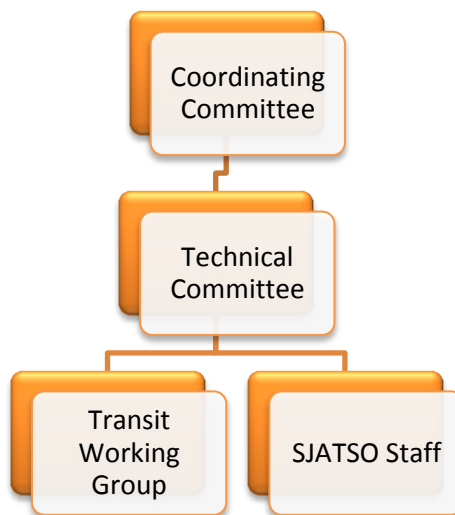
a. Committee Structure

The SJATSO Transit Working Group will consist of an odd number of members not to exceed 15 individuals. The Group will consist of one designated member from each identified group.

b. Committee Members

Committee Members are those invited organization who actively participate in the Transit Working Group. To date, the Transit Working Group includes:

1. **Mary Gaston**, General Manager, First Transit
2. **Beth Langley**, NW Regional Director, OATS, Inc.
3. **Paul Bergonzoni**, Transportation Manager, MERIL
4. **Paul Cockram**, President, Amalgamated Transit Union
5. **Ty Nagle**, Transportation Planner, City of St. Joseph
6. **Gunnar Hand**, Transportation Planner, St. Joseph Area Transportation Study Organization



Other committee members currently being invited include, but are not limited to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), City of Elwood, KS, St. Joseph Metro Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Greater St. Joseph, Progressive Community Services, Heartland Medical Center, St. Joseph School District, Missouri Western State University, Eagle Wings Medical Transportation, All American Cab, Sunshine Van, Doniphan County Council-Aging, United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Missouri, and Family Guidance Centers.

c. Voting

While the Transit Working Group is advisory only, there will be occasions that a vote will need to occur. On such occasions there must be a quorum of all members in attendance at a regularly scheduled and noticed meeting and a simple majority required for approval.

d. *Meetings and Coordination*

Meetings will occur quarterly to discuss transit-related projects, issues and future plans. Meetings will rotate location amongst member organizations on the third Thursday of the month. The SJATSO member of the committee will report all happenings back to SJATSO's Coordinating and Technical Committees.

III. Agenda

The agenda of each meeting is intended to ensure broad participation of the community in the development and coordination of transit plans and programs. As such, the following meeting schedule has been developed:

Meeting Date	Meeting Agenda
May 2013	Introduction
August 2013	Long Range Transportation Plan Focus Group
November 2013	Transit Projects
February 2013	Annual Review

IV. Core Focus Areas

The SJATSO Transit Working Group will focus on the following Core Areas:

1. The efficient expansion of transit service;
2. The sustainable funding of transit operation, maintenance and capital replacements;
3. The functionality of the existing transit service(s);
4. The effective communication of transit resources; and,
5. The development of a multi-modal regional transit system.