



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 as well as develop and advise on future policy and projects. This long-range planning for transit in the metro area will be supported by a diverse and comprehensive list of stakeholders that will serve in an advisory role to SJATSO's Technical and Coordinating Committees.

II. Bylaws

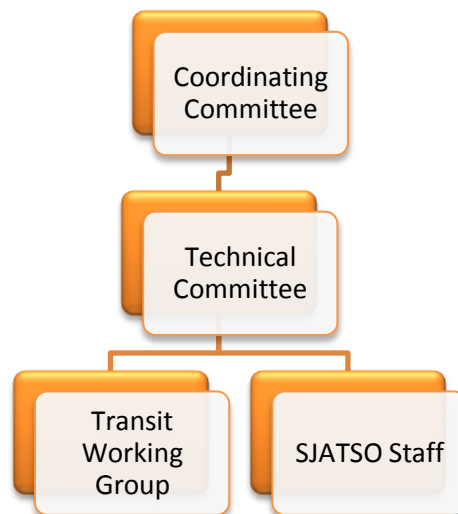
a. Committee Structure

The SJATSO Transit Working 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**, Director of Community Access, MERIL
4. **Paul Cockram** President, Amalgamated Transit Union
5. **Chance Long**, Transportation Planner, City of St. Joseph
6. **Caitlin Zibers**, Transportation Planner, St. Joseph Area Transportation Study Organization



Other committee members currently 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, Mosaic Life Care, 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, Family Guidance Centers and the City of Savannah.

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 2/3 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 representative on 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
December 2016	Introduction
March 2017	Long Range Transportation Plan Focus Group
June 2017	Transit Projects
September 2017	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.