

Planning Board Report

April 2018

Ridership Table Notes

- Line 19: With 3 months left in the fiscal year, our fixed route ridership is up 1.5%.
- Line 21: Our TMTA-operated ambulatory Lift trips came back down to normal range this month.

Topeka Metro Bus Stop Guidelines Update

- Originally completed by URS in March 2015.
- Document was very academic, did not reflect local considerations for bus stop amenity improvements.
- New document references academic best practices, but more accurately reflects process, constraints, and considerations in Topeka.
- New document has already been useful for Planning in Topeka and other communities.
 - Used as reference document in Complete Streets Design Guidelines.
 - Manhattan ATA is using document for guidance as they begin to improve stops.
 - Central County Transportation Authority in Kalamazoo, MI found our earlier report online and were interested in our updated version. They are beginning to develop a similar document of their own.

Other Projects in Motion

April 2018

- LONG RANGE TRANSIT PLAN
 - MetroQuest online public engagement tool available through 5/13/18.
 - Public Open House 4/10/18
 - AECOM + TMTA Planning beginning to write 'Existing Conditions' portion of Plan.
- SOTO
 - 496 trips through 1/31/18
 - 1/16- 1/31 average rides per day = 22
- BUS TECHNOLOGY
 - Topeka Metro was not awarded 5339 grant funding for bus technology.
 - The Board will need to decide to wait for future funding or move forward on:
 - AVL
 - Wi-Fi
 - APCs
 - Remote update headsigns and annunciator
- TRANSIT APP (Where's my bus?)
 - Estimated completion date dependent on AVL capability.
- CITY PLANNING PROCESSES
 - Momentum 2022: Andy Fry attending meetings as part of Infrastructure/Mobility/Quality of Place subcommittee.
 - Complete Streets Design Guidelines: Topeka Metro staff providing edits. Final draft expected June 2018.
 - Transportation Safety Plan: City consultant identifying targeted priority areas.