



Missouri Public Transit Association

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Public Transit goes beyond simply providing transportation services ...
It is delivering on its promise in every county in Missouri – access,
opportunity and economic returns.

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MISSOURI PUBLIC TRANSIT IS DELIVERING \$3 BILLION to MISSOURI's BOTTOM LINE WHILE ENSURING ACCESS IN EVERY COUNTY for EVERYONE, EVERY DAY.

Thousands of Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA) provider employees work collectively to provide tens of millions of rides a year to customers in every rural and urban county in the state. Service is offered almost everywhere, for everyone, every day. While communities have seen dramatic changes over the last year, there are a few things that remained unchanged – residents' reliance on public transportation, reaffirming that transit is essential to this state. It provides access to jobs, education, healthcare and essential goods and services. It also promotes economic opportunity and results in significant economic returns for the state.

This year the Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA) is celebrating 41 years of providing a unified voice for public and specialized transportation providers in Missouri and to work

toward elevating the status of public transit as a priority. Four plus decades later, MPTA continues to work to ensure transit has a voice in Missouri. The MPTA mission values personal mobility as a basic quality of life by promoting access to public transit services.

According to the 2019 Economic Impact Study of Missouri Public Transit, transit is delivering in Missouri and positively impacting the state's bottom line. The direct and indirect economic output supported by public transit's annual operations this year exceeds \$3.67 billion in Missouri. Transit is essential, and transit is delivering on its promise to Missouri.

**More than
60 million rides
per year.**

2021 MPTA GOALS

ELEVATE THE STATUS OF
TRANSIT IN MISSOURI
BUILD NEW COALITIONS
TO EXPAND ADVOCACY
PROMOTE AND SUPPORT
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“Transportation is kind of like electricity and water. You don’t think about it until it’s not there. Then you think a lot about it.”

– Southeast Missouri Transportation Service (SMTS)

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Janine serves as Director of Ray County Transportation, Inc., dba Direct Transit. Janine was promoted to Director January 2014; previously serving as Operation Manager since joining Direct Transit in September 2009. Janine has an extensive background in operations and management, primarily in the banking industry. She is very active serving on the Ray County System of Care Team, Re-Entry Team, Human Resources Committee.

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Sara Fields

Sara is the Executive Director for the Ozarks Transportation Organization. She received a Bachelor of Science in Community and Regional Planning and Master of Organizational Leadership from Evangel University. She formerly worked as a planner for the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas with new development. She served on the Policy Committee of the Association of Metropolitan Organizations and the MPTA Board of Directors since 2011.

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Courtney Harrison

Courtney is the Executive Director for SERVE, Inc., a nonprofit social service agency serving all of Callaway County. Prior to her current position, Courtney was the Transportation Director for the agency's rural transit program. SERVE is the home of a variety of client services, including food pantry, financial assistance, a resale store, and is the county's primary public transportation provider. SERVE Transportation has offered door to door service to the rural community since 1976. Courtney is a graduate of the University of Missouri and has been a member of the MPTA since 2013.

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Jake Jacobs

Jake currently serves as the executive director of Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County - EITAS. That organization is a local government board that provides funding grants and direct services for over 3,500 people in Jackson County with developmental disabilities such as Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and autism. Jake has served in the not-for-profit field and local government entities for over 35 years. He directs the largest county-based transportation system for people with developmental disabilities in the state of Missouri.

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Matt is a Principal with Garcia Architecture (GA), in Kansas City and responsible for the firm's architectural operations. Matt's experience in urban design and master planning are the genesis behind his passion for sound planning policy that focus on pedestrian connections and mobility, and his advocacy for more robust public transit. Matt graduated from the University of Nebraska and began his Architectural career in Kansas City. In 1995, Matt was elected to the AIA Missouri Board of Directors, an organization advocating for Architects.

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Robert Lolley

Robert Lolley lives in Joplin, MO. He was the Transportation Coordinator in 2004. During that time, the Metropolitan Public Transit System (MAPS) has tripled its annual ridership by implementing a deviated fixed route system, installing GPS/MDC vehicle units, upgrading computer scheduling software, and constructing solar powered passenger waiting shelters through the assistance of ARRA funds. In addition to the MPTA, he serves on several local boards.

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Dale Lynn

Dale is Transportation Superintendent, City of Columbia Missouri Retired Military; served 23.5 years in Army: 18 years were with Army Reserve. Which allowed me to continue my service to communities in different transportation capacities. Manager of School bus service for Sedalia Missouri from June 1988 to October 1989. Was relocated to Columbia Missouri in October 1989 to oversee Columbia Schools transportation contracted services. Began employment with City of Columbia in December 1997. Promoted from dispatcher to Supervisor in 2005. Main responsibilities were improving ADA Paratransit service. Assisted with developing a complete overhaul of the Fixed Route system in 2012, removing the Hub and spoke system to a City wide network bus system.

Began in current position in July 2015. In June 2019, I was asked to reduce services, whereas our Fixed Routes system was changed back to a Hub and Spoke system. FY19 service in Columbia provided a combined ridership (Paratransit and Fixed Routes) 1,108,594 passengers over 3,202,105 miles.

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Laura Machala

Machala has been serving in her current position with the Mid-America Regional Council since 2015. In this capacity she helped to manage the development of Smart Moves 3.0: The Long-Term Transit and Mobility Plan for the Kansas City Region. The plan was designed to expand and improve transit and align mobility services, along with pedestrian and bicycle facilities, to better serve the community—especially when it comes to jobs accessibility. Machala has also served as the Solar Energy Coordinator for the Mid-America Regional Council, worked in the Public Works Department for the City of Kansas City and as a land use planning consultant in San Francisco, Calif. She received a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from Oberlin College and a master's degree in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Tom Mogelnicki

Tom is the Executive Director of the Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority. Prior to serving as CGCTA's Executive Director, Tom owned and operated a construction and real estate company for 30 years. During that time he served on the City of Cape Girardeau's Planning and Zoning Commission for 14 years. Tom is the Past-President of the MPTA and has served on the MPTA Board of Directors for nine years. He is heavily involved in other transit related organizations. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Missouri Metropolitan Planning Organization, Regional Planning Commission Advisory Board, and the Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce Transportation Advisory Board.

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Taulby is the President and CEO of Bi-State Development which operates the Metro Transit system in eastern Missouri and southwestern Illinois. In this role, he is responsible for the oversight and strategic direction of Bi-State Development and its enterprises: Metro Transit, Gateway Arch Riverfront, St. Louis Downtown Airport and St. Louis Regional Freightway. Taulby has more than 30 years of experience in the transportation industry, including more than 15 years with the St. Clair County Transit District – where he led the planning, design and management of capital projects, budget initiatives, and innovative transit and transportation programs. Taulby is a regular transit rider, an avid cyclist and a longtime member of Citizens for Modern Transit's Board of Directors.

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Denny Ward

Denny is the Executive Director for SMTS, Inc. He started working for the company in 2006 as Controller, was promoted to Assistant Executive Director in 2010 assumed the responsibilities of Executive Director on January 1, 2015. Ward brings more than 25 years of grant writing experience, a background in human resources, local government experience, and a lifetime of civil accomplishments. He was recognized in 2009 on the local and state level for his community leadership, receiving a prestigious 110% Award from Regional Radio KTJJ and the Democrat News Award for Outstanding Community Leader. He is a resident of Madison County, and believes in the potential our region has for development and freely volunteers his time on several boards, including the Missouri Public Transportation Association, Madison Medical Center, Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies, Marquand Development Corporation, Mineral Area Council on the Arts, Mary F. Whitener Scholarship, Holmes Brothers Scholarship and served as Mayor of Marquand for fourteen years.

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Kimberly Cella - Executive Director

Kimberly Cella is at the helm of the nationally recognized non-profit advocacy organization, Citizens for Modern Transit, whose mission is to establish and expand an integrated, affordable and convenient public transportation system throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area. In 2015, Cella was selected to serve as the new executive director of the Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA). She and her team at Citizens for Modern Transit have partnered with Michael G. Winter Consultants to lead efforts on behalf of the statewide transit provider association to elevate the status of transit in Missouri, build new coalitions to expand the advocacy base, and promote and support MPTA members.

Cella has been working at Citizens for Modern Transit for more than 27 years, during which time she has successfully secured millions in federal and private funding for transit advocacy and education. She has been nationally recognized for her efforts by the Federal Transit Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Michael Foley - Assistant Director

Michael Foley recently joined Citizens for Modern Transit as the Assistant Director. In this role, he is responsible for the management of programming, community engagement and membership for Citizens for Modern Transit as well as the Missouri Public Transit Association. Michael also focuses time on securing grant funding, serving as a legislative liaison and furthering the organization's mission to ensure access to a safe, affordable and convenient public transportation system that helps drive economic growth and improves the quality of life in the bi-state area. Foley brings with him more than a decade of nonprofit management experience focused on operations and development.

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Mallory Box - Program & Social Media Associate

Mallory Box advocates for improved investment in and commitment to public transportation throughout the State of Missouri in her role as Program & Social Media Associate of Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA). Her work focuses on educating the community on benefits of transit at the individual, regional and state level. Box oversees innovative transit ridership incentive programs, including the Try and Ride program, Ten Toes Express, and the Guaranteed Ride Home program.

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Michael G. Winter

Michael G. Winter is the founder of Michael G. Winter Consultants, LLC and a principal in the lobbying firm of Scherr Winter, LLC. Winter has over thirty-two (35) years of valuable experience in politics, public service and governmental consulting. A native of Jefferson City, he began his career in the areas of high technology, finance and international business development for the State of Missouri in the Department of Economic Development. Winter provides a full range of governmental and management consulting services to a broad range of clients. He has extensive experience in the development and analysis of legislative and regulatory policy. His daily presence in the Capitol has earned him a reputation of excellent service to his clients and honesty in dealing with Missouri's elected officials.

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