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MISSOURI PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

Public transit delivers billions to the state's bottom line each year and ensures daily transportation accessibility to nearly everyone in every county. This has fueled the mission of the Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA) for 45 years. We serve as a unified voice for public and specialized transit providers, stakeholders, vendors and partners from across the state who are collectively working to raise awareness about the role of public transit and why it needs to be an investment priority.

Last year was a roller coaster year for public transit in Missouri. State funding was reduced by 42 percent. A second study to quantify transit needs across the state was completed, and federal advocacy to ensure support at the national level for public transit ramped up. Educational efforts were furthered, and plans were put in place for statewide advocacy in 2026 to restore funding.

The MPTA will be working tirelessly to help support the 30 transit providers in the state, while expanding its support base through other community organizations, employers and stakeholders impacted by public transit in 2026.

Public transit is delivering for Missouri. Get on board in 2026.



2026 MPTA GOALS

Elevate the value of transit in Missouri.

Build new coalitions to expand advocacy.

Promote and support MPTA members.



Advocating. Educating. Advancing.



Missouri Public Transit is delivering \$4.05 billion to Missouri's bottom line while ensuring access in **EVERY COUNTY, FOR EVERY ONE, EVERY DAY.**

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CHUCK FERGUSON

Chuck Ferguson was named Chief Operating Officer of the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) in October 2022 and Interim President & CEO in December 2025. As COO, he oversees fixed-route passenger services, fleet and facilities maintenance, scheduling, training, and security. Ferguson has more than 30 years of public transit experience. Prior to becoming COO, he served as KCATA's Vice President of Operations and Vice President of Planning and Marketing, where he helped lead major regional planning initiatives and supported the RideKC family of transit providers. He originally joined KCATA in 1990 and later served as Deputy Transportation Director for Johnson County Transit, overseeing daily operations, planning, marketing, and regional coordination.

Throughout his career, Ferguson has played a key role in major regional transit initiatives and high-profile operations, including transportation planning for Kansas City's championship parades and other major events. KCATA was named the American Public Transportation Association's Outstanding Public Transit System (4-20 million trips category) in 2022.

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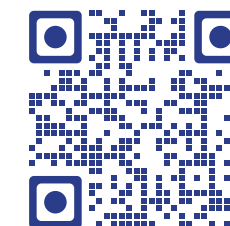
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