



# Kansas City

414 E. 12th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64106

## Meeting Minutes - Final-Revised

### Transportation, Infrastructure and Operations Committee

*Chairperson Kevin O'Neill  
Vice Chair Melissa Robinson*

*Councilmember Eric Bunch*

*Councilmember Johnathan Duncan*

*Councilmember Lindsay French*

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Tuesday, January 27, 2026

9:00 AM

26th Floor, Council Chamber

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\*\*\*Public Testimony is Limited to 2 Minutes\*\*\*

**Present:** Kevin O'Neill, Melissa Robinson, Eric Bunch, Johnathan Duncan and Lindsay French

#### FIRST READINGS

Public Works

**260055** Sponsor: Director of Public Works Department

Amending Chapter 70, Code of Ordinances, by repealing and replacing Section 70-39 for the purpose of revising that section of the Code pertaining to the authority of the Public Works Director to close sidewalks; and establishing an effective date.

**Sponsors:** Director of Public Works and Bunch

Jason Waldron and Mark Montgomery, Public Works Department, presented. The current ordinance is being revised to address sidewalk closures that extend beyond the 15-day window, for which there is currently no waiver or accountability for contract partners. This revision would ensure that partners are held accountable. The proposed change would require waivers to be enforced, and violations would result in a specified fine under the new ordinance. No peer city studies were conducted, as the intent was not to be aggressive. CM Eric Bunch wants to be a co-sponsor. A copy of this presentation is on file with the City Clerk's Office.  
Adv and Do Pass

**Aye:** Chairperson O'Neill, Vice Chair Robinson, Councilmember Bunch,  
Councilmember Duncan and Councilmember French

City Council

**260063** Sponsor: Councilmember Wes Rogers

Amending Chapter 70, Code of Ordinances, "Traffic and Vehicles," by repealing and replacing Section 70-523 for the purpose of amending that portion of the Code prohibiting parking in specified places to provide that individuals shall not park within certain distances to mailboxes and City storm drainage system openings.

**Sponsors:** Rogers and French

Councilman Wes Rogers, City Council Office, presented. This ordinance proposes changes to the current Ordinance 70-523 to prohibit parking within four feet of mailboxes and storm drains. The update would authorize the issuance of tickets and fines to violators. While similar regulations have been adopted in other cities, this policy has not previously been established in the urban Kansas City area. Public testimony was provided by Mark Cowan, a resident who has been affected on multiple occasions by vehicles parking in the Northland area in ways that block mailboxes and prevent residents from receiving their mail. He also described vehicles parked tightly against the curb, obstructing storm drains and preventing proper water flow. This obstruction, often caused by vehicles parked within an average of five feet of storm drains, has resulted in flooding and water backing up into nearby yards. The prohibition on blocking mailboxes was well received and may stand alone as a separate violation in order to align with federal guidelines that allow postal workers to enforce actions when mail delivery is intentionally obstructed or harmed. Additional clarification is needed regarding storm drain restrictions to ensure the ordinance does not penalize individuals who park near a storm drain for legitimate parking purposes and not with the intent to obstruct drainage, cause flooding, or create harm. CW Lindsay French wants to be a co-sponsor A copy of this presentation is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

Do Pass

**Aye:** Chairperson O'Neill, Vice Chair Robinson, Councilmember Bunch,  
Councilmember Duncan and Councilmember French

HELD IN COMMITTEE

**240533**

Sponsor: Councilman Bunch

Amending Chapter 70, Code of Ordinances, entitled “Traffic and Vehicles” by enacting a new section 70-962 entitled “Pedestrian signal programming policies and standards” for the purpose of instituting policies and standards related to pedestrian crossing signals; establishing an effective date; and directing the City Manager to provide periodic updates regarding implementation progress every 45 days to the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Operations Committee.

**Sponsors:** Bunch

Jason Waldron and Sam Akula, Public Works Department, presented. This ordinance addresses pedestrian treatments at various intersections throughout the city, depending on traffic signal configuration and location. Several pedestrian signal options are currently in use. Pedestrian Recall is installed at approximately 90 intersections and automatically recalls pedestrian phases at those locations. Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI) are implemented at 50 of the city’s 635 signalized intersections, providing pedestrians with a 3-7 second head start in the crosswalk before the vehicle signal turns green. Rest-in-Walk signals are installed at more than 10 locations and provide pedestrians with a walk signal for most of the signal cycle. At some intersections, pedestrians are not required to push a button to activate the walk phase. Pedestrian volumes should be considered when determining which intersections receive specific pedestrian signal treatments. Evaluation should be conducted by corridor, based on pedestrian activity levels at each intersection. A continuation of existing efforts is recommended to develop a fully vetted recommendation by collecting pedestrian volume data at signalized intersections citywide. Data collection is estimated to cost approximately \$1.5 million per day, with a minimum of three days recommended. Implementation of traffic signal equipment upgrades is estimated to cost approximately \$10 million for 65 traffic signals that currently lack pedestrian signal equipment, subject to agency discretion. Held off agenda. A copy of this presentation is on file with the City Clerk’s Office.

Hold off Agenda

**Aye:** Chairperson O’Neill, Vice Chair Robinson, Councilmember Bunch, Councilmember Duncan and Councilmember French

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## ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

### 1. Aviation Presentation on the results of the 'JD Power Airport Satisfaction'.

Michael Taylor JD Power Managing Director and Director Melissa Cooper, Aviation Department, presented. The presentation reviewed the results of the J.D. Power Airport Satisfaction survey. Kansas City International Airport (MCI) ranked in the top 10 in most categories, demonstrating that recent updates have positively impacted traveler satisfaction. Areas for continued improvement were identified to maintain and build on this success, including expanding food and beverage options, enhancing the TSA experience, and improving security wait-time signage. J.D. Power indicated that implementation of these improvements could position MCI as the number one rated airport in North America under its customer satisfaction model. A copy of this presentation is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

### 2. There may be general discussion for current Transportation, Infrastructure, and Operations Committee issues.

### 3. Closed Session

- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection 1 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss legal matters, litigation, or privileged communications with attorneys;
- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection 2 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss real estate;
- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsections 3 and 13 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss personnel matters;
- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection 9 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss employee labor negotiations;
- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection 11 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss specifications for competitive bidding;
- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection 12 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss sealed bids or proposals; or
- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection 17 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss confidential or privileged communications with auditors.

### 4. Those who wish to comment on proposed ordinances can email written testimony to [public.testimony@kcmo.org](mailto:public.testimony@kcmo.org). Comments received will be distributed to the committee and added to the public record by the clerk.

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Adjournment