Community Transportation Academy Schedule and Topics 2027

Note: We ask that all selected participants commit to attending all 10 sessions (barring any last minute emergencies).

Week 1: History and Context of Transportation in Kansas City

February 16, 2027

- Introductions
- How did we get here?
- What's the impact today? (Redlining; JC Nichols; racial history of KC's physical development and land use)
- Overview of Course and Final Project

Week 2: Street and Highway Funding Truths and Myths

February 23, 2027

- How is transportation funded?
- What bike/pedestrian/transit plans and projects are local KC area cities and counties working on?
- Do drivers pay the full cost of the streets they drive on?
- Bikelash, i.e. Bike Backlash

Week 3: Transit + Types of Facilities

March 2, 2027

- Trails; sidewalks; bike lanes, protected or not
- Basic overview of different services, operators, and funding
- History of transit in KC
- Transit funding, governance, plans, etc
- Future opportunities (zero fare, regional funding)
- Streetcar

Week 4: Transportation Insecurity + Walk Audit

March 23, 2027

- What is transportation insecurity, and who does it impact
- Stats, data, demographics, equity
- Vision Zero, High Injury Network,
- Street design elements; Designing for speed vs. designing for safety
- Walk Audit of neighborhood sidewalks and crosswalks

Week 5: Gentrification and displacement issues and concerns related to transportation and land use policies and investments

March 30, 2027

- Do bike lanes cause gentrification and displacement?
- What the data says
- KCMO displacement mitigation policy

Week 6: Decision Makers and Power Mapping

April 6, 2027

- Who makes the decisions and how you can influence them
- Panel Discussion with local decision-makers (elected officials, city staff, etc)
- Introduction to power mapping and group activity
- Boards and commissions- how can you become a decision maker?

Week 7: Selecting Your Campaign and Tactics

April 13, 2027

- Let’s start planning how to use what we’ve learned so far to change hearts and minds!
- Selecting a winning campaign
- Tactics & escalation

Week 8: Base-building, Making an Ask, 1-2-1s

April 20, 2027

- Base-building and engagement
- Making an ask
- 1-2-1s
- Getting people on your side

Week 9: What do you want to talk about?

April 27, 2027

- You will help us design this session based questions that come along the way and topics that you want to learn more about
- Projects

Week 10: Celebration

May 4, 2027

- Projects and Reflections
- Post-Surveys
