

A regular meeting of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission was held on the 18th day of October 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Metro Bus Operations Center. Commissioner Kleis presided with the following present:

Commissioners:	1. Dave Kleis
	2. Rick Miller
	3. Jeff Kolb
	4. Kurt Hunstiger
	5. John Libert
Chief Executive Officer:	Ryan Daniel
Chief Administration Officer:	Sunny Hesse
Chief Operations Officer:	Dave Green
Director of Finance:	Paula Mastey

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: **Commissioner Hunstiger moved and Commissioner Libert seconded a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

- 5.) Minutes of September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting
 - 6.) September 2022 Balance Sheet and Income Statement
 - 7.) September 2022 List of Bills
 - 8.) September 2022 Ridership Reports for Fixed Route, Dial-a-Ride, and Northstar Link
- Commissioner Miller moved and Commissioner Kolb seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.**

Open Forum: No one spoke

General Business.

- 9.) Resolution #2023-01 Designating the Official Depositories and Newspaper of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission. Paula Mastey informed the Commissioners that this is an annual designation made by Metro Bus. Ms. Mastey noted that Wells Fargo would remain the designated depository and the St. Cloud Times would remain the designated Newspaper of Metro Bus.
Commissioner Miller moved and Commissioner Libert seconded a motion to approve FY2023 Final Operating Budget and 5 Year CIP. Motion carried.

- 10.) Consideration of Connex Service Continuation. Paula Mastey informed the Commissioners that Metro Bus needed to make a long-term decision on the Connex Pilot Program as the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) no longer defines Connex as a pilot program. Ms. Mastey noted that there was an additional cost of \$8,278.00 associated with the Connex Service versus the previous Route 32.
Commissioner Libert moved and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to dissolve the Connex Pilot Service and reinstate the former Route 32 Fixed Route Bus for the Sartell service area. Motion carried.

- 11.) Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance Policy Renewal Update. Sunny Hesse updated the Commissioners that Metro Bus renewed its insurance policy. Ms. Hesse noted that there was an 8% increase in cost from 2021 to 2022 and that was primarily due to a standard rate increase, an increase in payroll, and workers compensations premiums. Ms. Hesse also noted that Metro Bus has added to its cyber security system which was an added increase of \$1,000.00 to the policy. **No motion.**

Department Updates.

12.) Planning Update. Michael Kedrowski gave a ridership update to the Commissioners. He noted that in fiscal year 2022 Metro Bus provided a total of 726,520 rides. Mr. Kedrowski noted that Dial-A-Ride saw a 16.3% increase, Fixed Route had a 24% increase, and Northstar Link had a 16.9% increase in ridership compared to fiscal year 2021. Mr. Kedrowski noted that Metro Bus has recently entered into a contract with Nelson/Nygaard to assist Metro Bus with updating their long-range transit plan.

Adjournment. **Commissioner Miller moved and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m. Motion carried.**