

A regular meeting of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission was held on the 21st day of February 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at the Metro Bus Operations Center. Commissioner Miller presided with the following present:

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

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

Consent Agenda:

5.) Minutes of January 17, 2023, Regular Meeting

6.) January 2023 Balance Sheet, Income Statement

7.) January 2023 List of Bills

8.) January 2023 Ridership Reports for Fixed Route, Dial-a-Ride, and Northstar Link

Commissioner Fitzthum moved and Commissioner Libert seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Open Forum: Fixed Route Operator Chris Olson spoke to the Commissioners regarding the ice and snowpack around different bus stops throughout the service area. Mr. Olson noted that this has become a growing safety concern amongst Fixed Route riders and Operators.

General Business.

9.) Recognition of CEO Ryan Daniel National Safety Council Award for CEOs Who GET IT. **No Motion.**

10.) Resolution #2023-03 Western Transit Hub – Local Funding Resolution. Paula Mastey informed the Commissioners that this resolution was the starting process for a future western transit hub. Ms. Mastey noted that this resolution only pertained to the local funding sources and that funding would come from bonding and 5349 state funds. Ms. Mastey also informed the Commissioners that Metro Bus did have additional funds set aside for the use of the western transit hub, should the project exceed bonding and 5349 state funding amounts. **Commissioner Libert moved and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to approve Resolution #2023-03 Western Transit Hub – Local Funding Resolution. Motion carried.**

11.) Route 32 Informational Meetings Update. Dave Green spoke to the Commissioners about a couple of informational sessions held at Sartell City Hall pertaining to the implementation of Route 32. Mr. Green noted that these open sessions were mainly for residents of the Sartell community to come and share their thoughts and opinions regarding the reimplementing of Route 32. Mr. Green noted that there were 9 attendees total for both sessions. Commissioner Fitzthum also added that he hopes Route 32 will be able to add new ridership to the service. Mr. Fitzthum noted his concern that Route 32 will also not be reaching some of the people and destinations that are most popular in the Sartell area. **No Motion.**

Department Update.

12.) Procurement Update. Gary Korneck spoke to the Commissioners about the various projects that Metro Bus currently has in progress. Mr. Korneck noted that there are currently RFPs (Request For Proposal) out for an audio / visual project to upgrade the Board Room, HR / Payroll software to upgrade and integrate our current systems, as well as an RFP for APCs (Automated Passenger Counters) to be added on all buses to help Metro Bus get a better track and understand our ridership numbers. Mr. Korneck also added that Metro Bus is currently waiting for New Flyer to start building 3 new fixed route buses that have been in progress now for some time. There have been many delays, mostly pertaining to backordered parts. Mr. Korneck noted that computer chips, wire harnesses, and glass pieces were the most notable items seeing delays.

Adjournment. **Commissioner Fitzthum made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Libert seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.**