

A regular meeting of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 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	(Absent)
	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 Libert moved, and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

5.) Minutes of July 18, 2023, Regular Meeting

6.) July 2023 Balance Sheet, Income Statement

7.) July 2023 List of Bills

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

**Commissioner Hunstiger moved, and Commissioner Libert seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.**

Open Forum: No one spoke.

General Business.

9.) Recognition of Kim Hoff: 35 Years of Service. **No Motion.**

10.) Recognition of David Peacock and Keith Drake: MPTA State Roadeo Placement. **No Motion.**

11.) Consideration of HR Policy Updates: DOT & Non- DOT Drug and Alcohol Policy. Sunny Hesse informed the Commissioners that as of August 1, 2023, the Minnesota State Legislature legalized recreational cannabis use for adults. Ms. Hesse noted that Metro Bus can no longer drug test for cannabis in non-DOT applicants or employees. She also noted that nothing will change with the DOT regulated and safety sensitive preemployment or random drug and alcohol testing requirements. **Commissioner Hunstiger moved, and Commissioner Libert seconded a motion to approve HR Policy Updates: DOT & Non- DOT Drug and Alcohol Policy. Motion carried.**

12.) Consideration of FY2024 Budget Proposal and Tax Levy. Paula Mastey informed the Commissioners that there is no plan to increase the tax levy for 2024. Ms. Mastey noted that the 2024 budget would include the remaining implementation of the Class and Compensation Study, a new skid loader, bus hoist, and a new CNG backup compressor in the Maintenance Garage. **Commissioner Libert moved, and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to approve FY2024 Budget Proposal and Tax Levy. Motion carried.**

13.) Resolution #2023-07 Setting Preliminary Levy on Taxable Property in the Transit Area. **Commissioner Libert moved, and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to approve Resolution #2023-07 Setting Preliminary Levy on Taxable Property in the Transit Area. Motion carried.**

Department Update.

14.) Maintenance Update. Mike Reid informed to the Commissioners that Metro Bus is currently waiting for eight new Dial-a-Ride buses to be built and delivered in fiscal year 2024. Mr. Reid also noted that Metro Bus is currently down four Dial-a-Ride buses as they are awaiting new engines from GM due mostly to the availability of computer components. Metro Bus is scheduled to put in a backup compressor to aid the current CNG station setup.

Adjournment. **Commissioner Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.**