

A regular meeting of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024 at 4:01 p.m. at the Metro Bus Operations Center. Commissioner Kleis presided with the following present:

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

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

Consent Agenda:

- 5.) Minutes of March 19, 2024, Regular Meeting
- 6.) March 2024 Balance Sheet, Income Statement
- 7.) March 2024 List of Bills
- 8.) March 2024 Ridership Reports for Fixed Route, Dial-a-Ride, and Northstar Link
- 9.) Ryan Daniel Contract Agreement

**Commissioner Fitzthum moved, and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 5-8. Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Fitzthum moved, and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to table item number nine for future consideration. Motion carried.**

Open Forum: No one spoke.

General Business.

10.) Consideration of Metro Bus Procurement Policy Updates. Paula Mastey informed the Commissioners that most of the updates in the procurement policy were language updates. Ms. Mastey noted that the biggest change was to the formal bid threshold. Metro Bus's previous threshold was \$250,000. The threshold was adjusted to \$175,000 to better reflect MnDOT guidelines. **Commissioner Libert moved, and Commissioner Miller seconded a motion to approve Metro Bus Procurement Policy Updates. Motion carried.**

11.) Discussion: Green Hydrogen Project. Ryan Daniel and Dave Kleis spoke to the Commissioners about their recent trip to Washington D.C. Commissioner Kleis noted that he and Mr. Daniel were able to meet and have meaningful conversations with the Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Commissioner Kleis noted that along with St. Cloud, Waite Park, Sauk Rapids, and Sartell there is a new no-emission initiative that is starting up based on the production of green hydrogen. Commissioner Kleis added that St. Cloud and the surrounding communities would be the first in the world to produce green hydrogen and use it within their municipalities. St. Cloud has applied for grants to procure an electrolyzer. The electrolyzer is a device that separates the hydrogen from oxygen and water which then allows the hydrogen to be used as a fuel source once separated. Commissioner Kleis stated that this process is a completely green and renewable resource that will be a viable fuel option in the near future. **No Motion.**

12.) Department Update. Community Outreach & Mobility Manager, Debbie Anderson addressed the Commissioners about work being done at the Mobility Training Center (MTC). The Mobility Training Center recently hosted a group of individuals from the City of Rochester, MN. The group was here touring the MTC with the hope of bringing some new ideas and concepts back to their own transit community. Ms. Anderson noted that the MTC is still seeing a fair amount of walk-in traffic. Most people are there to either fill out a Dial-a-Ride application or to get general information about the Dial-a-Ride service. In calendar year 2023 staff at the MTC had 291 scheduled travel trainings that they performed. Staff have conducted 36 travel trainings so far in 2024. The MTC Staff approved 424 people to use the Dial-a-Ride service in 2023. Ms. Anderson also informed the Commissioners that staff at the Mobility Training Center partook in 261 outreach activities in 2023 that resulted in 5,022 contacts with people interested in hearing about the services provided at Metro Bus.

Adjournment. **Commissioner Miller moved, and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.**