

A regular meeting of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission was held on the 21st day of October 2025 at 4:00p.m. at the Metro Bus Operations Center. Commissioner Fitzthum presided with the following present:

Commissioners:

1. Dave Kleis
2. Ken Schmitt
3. Ryan Fitzthum
4. Kurt Hunstiger
5. Dave Masters

Chief Executive Officer:

Ryan Daniel

Chief Administration Officer:

Sunny Hesse

Chief Operations Officer:

Dave Green

Chief Financial Officer:

Nene Israel

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: No additions or changes to the agenda. **Commissioner Schmitt moved, and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

5.) Minutes of September 16, 2025, Regular Meeting

6.) September 2025 Balance Sheet, Income Statement

7.) September 2025 List of Bills

8.) September 2025 Ridership Reports for Fixed Route, Dial-a-Ride, and Northstar Link

Commissioner Schmitt moved, and Commissioner Masters seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Open Forum: No one spoke.

General Business.

9.) Recognition of David Peacock: Bus Operator of the Year.

10.) Resolution #2026-01 Designating the Official Depositories and Newspaper. Nene Israel informed the Commissioners that this is an annual item, and that Wells Fargo would remain the official depository, and the St. Cloud Times would remain the newspaper of record for Metro Bus. **Commissioner Hunstiger moved, and Commissioner Schmitt seconded a motion to approve Resolution #2025-01 Designating the Official Depositories and Newspaper of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission. Motion carried.**

11.) Consideration of Travel Policy Update. Nene Israel noted she cleaned up some of the language in the policy, mostly pertaining to out of state travel. New language allows for next day travel versus same day travel when attending conferences. **Commissioner Masters moved, and Commissioner Schmitt seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Travel Policy Update. Motion carried.**

12.) Western Transit Center Update. Dave Green confirmed that Metro Bus is nearing completion on the layout of the property and design of the building that will be the Metro Bus Western Transit Center. Metro Bus was recently granted a Conditional Use Permit by the Waite Park City Council which allows Metro Bus to continue construction on the property moving forward. **No Motion.**

Department Update.

9.) Planning Update. Planning Analyst, Michael Kedrowski stated that Metro Bus provided 809,467 rides in fiscal year 2025 across all platforms. Fixed Route service saw a 0.6% decrease in ridership from fiscal

year 2024 to 2025 while Dial-a-Ride service saw an increase in ridership of 1.5%. Northstar link service was up 2.3% in ridership. Mr. Kedrowski noted the Metro Bus Forward Project is ongoing which includes the addition of the Western Transit Center as well as other service changes of the Fixed Route routes and timing schedules. Metro Bus will also be participating in the National Transit Database (NTD) ridership data sampling. This is an FTA requirement every three years.

Adjournment. **Commissioner Schmitt moved, and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.**