

A regular meeting of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission was held on the 28th day of April 2026 at 4:00p.m. at the Metro Bus Operations Center. Commissioner Kleis presided with the following present:

Commissioners:	1. Dave Kleis	
	2. Ken Schmitt	
	3. Ryan Fitzthum	
	4. Kurt Hunstiger	(Absent)
	5. Dave Masters	
Chief Executive Officer:	Ryan Daniel	
Chief Operations Officer:	Dave Green	
Chief Financial Officer:	Nene Israel	

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: Item number 12 Waite Park Transit Center Groundbreaking Announcement. **Commissioner Schmitt moved, and Commissioner Fitzthum seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

- 5.) Minutes of March 17, 2026, Regular Meeting
- 6.) March 2026 Balance Sheet, Income Statement
- 7.) March 2026 List of Bills

8.) March 2026 Ridership Reports for Fixed Route, Dial-a-Ride, and Northstar Link

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

Open Forum: No one spoke.

General Business.

9.) Recognition of Dial-a-Ride Operator David Peacock: 25-Years of Service. **No Motion.**

10.) Consideration of Award of Construction Contract – Western Transit Center Project. Gary Korneck informed the Commissioners that Metro Bus awarded KNB Contractors the construction contract to build the Western Transit Center. There was a total of eight bids submitted for the construction contract with KNB Contractors as the lowest bidder. **Commissioner Fitzthum moved, and Commissioner Masters seconded a motion to approve Award of Construction Contract – Western Transit Center Project. Motion carried.**

Department Update. Procurement Manager, Gary Korneck updated the Commissioners on the purchase of four new fixed route buses totaling \$698,434 each. With the addition of these four new buses, Metro Bus replaced the remaining diesel buses and became a 100% CNG fuel bus fleet. Metro Bus is in the process of adding six new dial-a-ride buses at a cost of \$317,000 each. Metro Bus will be breaking ground soon on the Western Transit Center. With the award of the construction contract, the building permit is being applied for and should be available by end of May. Metro Bus is currently going through final interviews and demos in their search for a new financial software solution.

CEO Announcement. Ryan Daniel announced that Metro Bus will be hosting a groundbreaking ceremony on May 5, 2026, at 10:00am at the future site for the Waite Park Western Transit Center.

Adjournment. **The meeting was adjourned at 5:00p.m.**