

METRO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Culture & Planning Committee

OCTOBER 16, 2025
9:00 AM

CHAIR: MR. ROBERT DEJOURNETT
VICE CHAIR: MR. DAVID PRENTICE



**METRO RTA
CULTURE AND PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025**

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

ITEM 3: SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Report | Nathan Leppo

- KPIs (Pages 6 & 7)

ITEM 4: RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Resolution 2025-25 | Gert Wilms

A resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer/Secretary-Treasurer the purchase of vacant land. (Pages 8 & 9)

ITEM 5: OTHER BUSINESS:

ITEM 6: CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

**METRO RTA
CULTURE AND PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

Trustees Present: Mark Derrig, Dana LaGarde, John Valle, Renee Greene, Robert DeJournett, Bob Konstand, Gary Spring, Dave Prentice, Nicole Squire, and Chuck Rector

Trustees Excused: Christine Marshall

Trustees Absent: Donald Christian

METRO Team Members Present: Dawn Distler, Angie Neeley, Tatia Harris, Gert Wilms, Jarrod Hampshire, Jay Hunter, Shawn Metcalf, Molly Becker, Eric Scott, Jamie Saylor, Kyle Moeglin, Grace Doyle, Laura Adkins, Brynn Overly-Nguyen, Jake Haddad, Kyle Stewart, Nathan Leppo, and Stefan Hargrove

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Robert DeJournett called the meeting to order at 9:53 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST MEETING

Mr. Chuck Rector made a motion to approve minutes from the August meeting. Ms. Renee Greene 2nd the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Report | Nathan Leppo

KPIs were reviewed.

Mr. Robert DeJournett asked if our ridership would still be up at the end of the year. Mr. Nathan Leppo explained that it would, as we are still trending toward 5.4 to 5.5 million riders—fantastic numbers. Mr. Gary Spring asked if the downward trend in numbers could be impacted by immigration issues. Mr. Nathan Leppo explained that while it affects a large percentage of our ridership, there is no data to support that information.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Resolution 2025-23 | Tatia Harris

A resolution authorizing a change order for the contract approved in Resolution 2024-17 with Wintrow Rail to replace crossties, surface track areas, remove switches and straighten rail track, and create a ditch line to properly move water away from track in an area subjected to minor mudslides based on Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) requirements.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. John Valle made a motion to the committee to recommend the resolution to the Board on September 30, 2025. Ms. Renee Greene 2nd the motion. All present voted aye.

Resolution 2025-24 | Tatia Harris

A resolution establishing an overall Disadvantage Business Enterprise goal of 1.0% for 2026-2028 Federal Fiscal Years.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. Gary Spring made a motion to the committee to recommend the resolution to the Board on September 30, 2025. Ms. Dana LaGarde 2nd the motion. All present voted aye.

Resolution 2025-29 | Tatia Harris

A resolution expressing support for the County of Summit, Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADM) Board Issue 1 on November 4, 2025, Ballot.

The resolution was discussed.

Ms. Renee Greene made a motion to the committee to recommend the resolution to the Board on September 30, 2025. Mr. John Valle 2nd the motion. All present voted aye.

OTHER BUSINESS

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

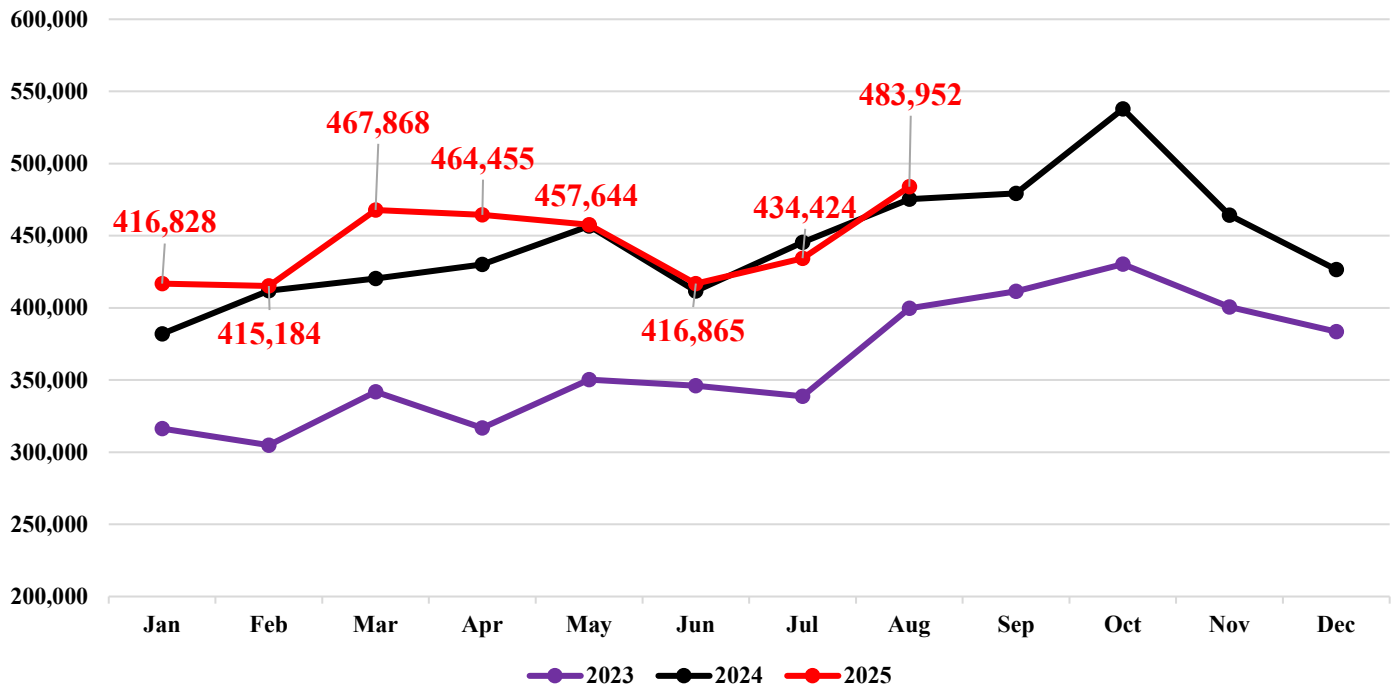
Mr. Gary Spring made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourned at 10:03 am

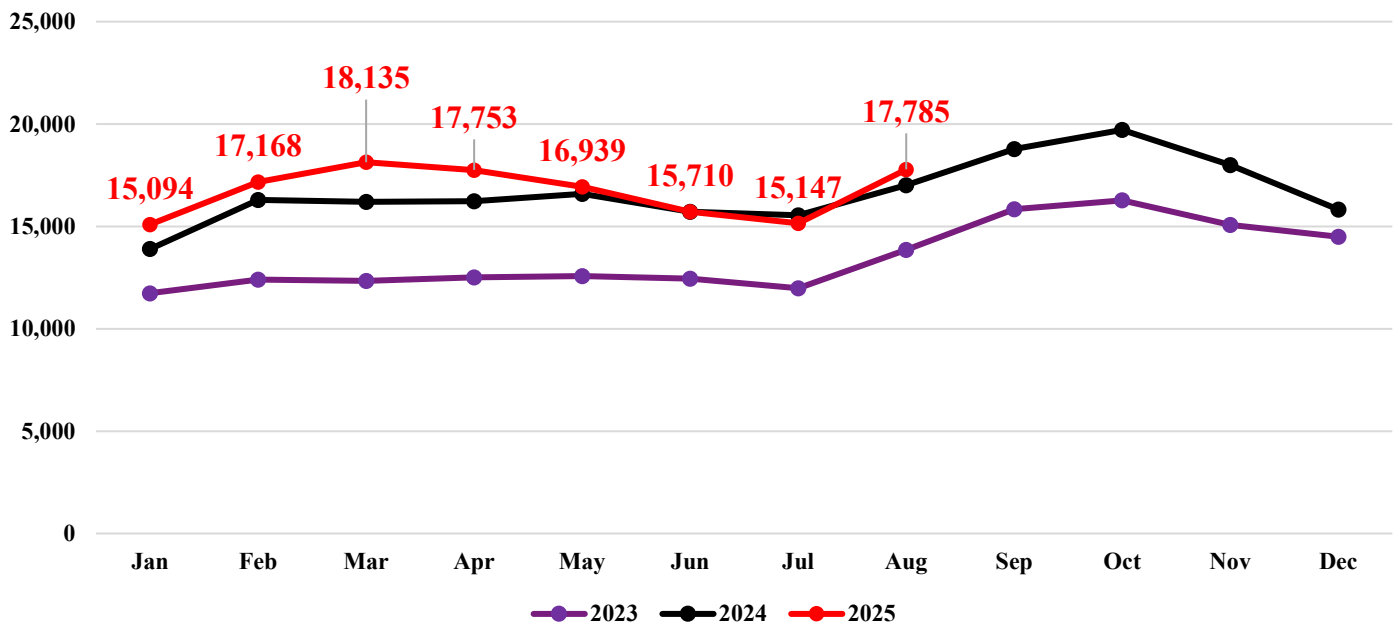
**DAWN S. DISTLER,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/
SECRETARY-TREASURER**

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Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

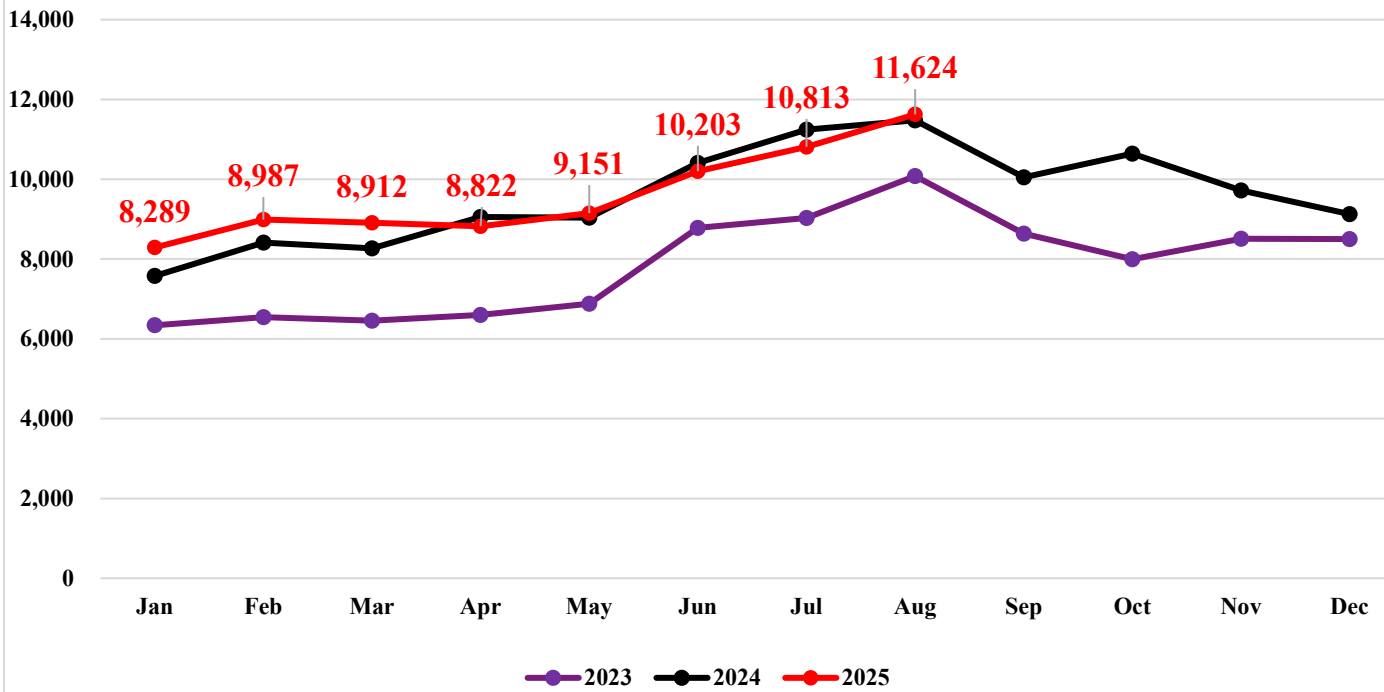
Total Ridership (Combined METRO Select and METRO Direct)



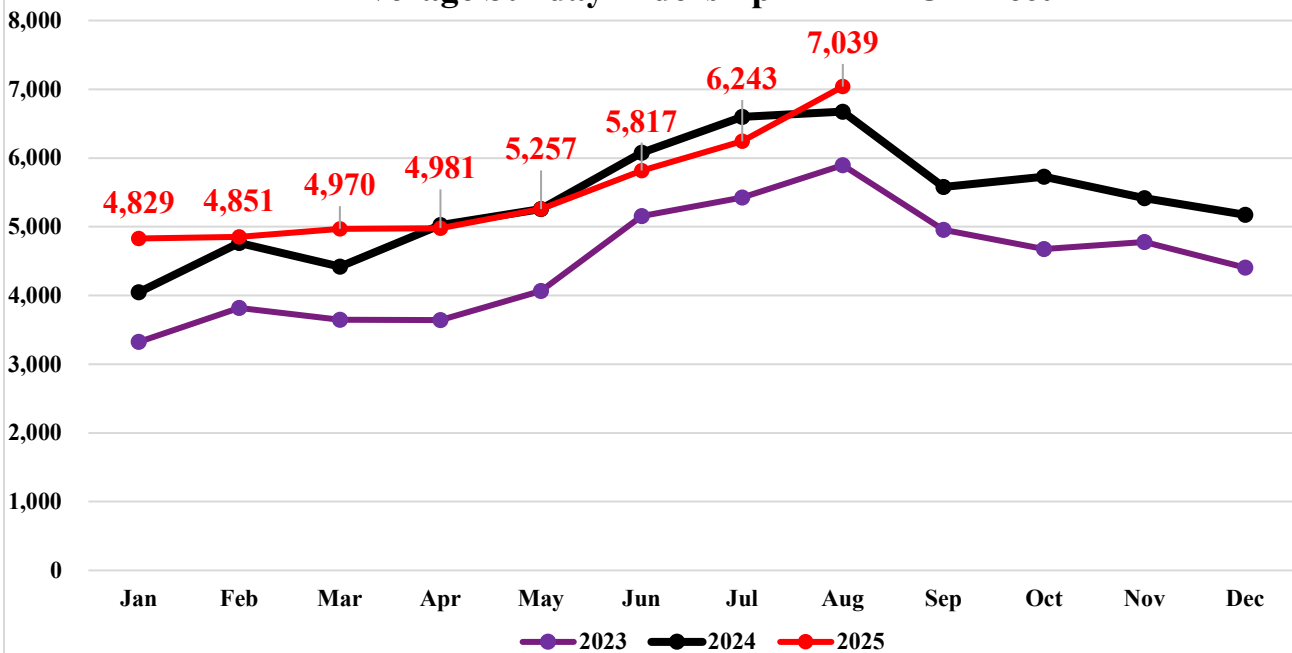
Average Weekday Ridership - METRO Direct



Average Saturday Ridership - METRO Direct



Average Sunday Ridership - METRO Direct



**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:
CULTURE AND PLANNING**

RESOLUTION 2025-25

A resolution authorizing the purchase of vacant land,

WHEREAS, METRO Regional Transit Authority (METRO) has determined that the acquisition from the Summit County Land Bank of twelve (12) real properties located at northwest corner of Lakeshore Ave and Kenmore Blvd, in the City of Akron, County of Summit, State of Ohio, is in the best interest of METRO; and

WHEREAS, the METRO Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees have reviewed the terms and conditions of the proposed purchases and finds them acceptable and beneficial to METRO; and

WHEREAS, METRO has the financing necessary to secure the purchase of the twelve (12) properties for a price not to exceed \$9,600 (nine thousand six hundred dollars) total:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. **Approval of Purchase:** The METRO Board of Trustees hereby approves the terms and conditions set forth in the Purchase Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A for the purchase of the twelve (12) properties located at:

Parcel #68-31477 Alt Id # 050062101012000

Aka: VACANT LAND LAKESHORE BOULEVARD, AKRON, OH 44301

Parcel #68-31478 Alt Id # 050062101016000

Aka: VACANT LAND DICKERSON STREET, AKRON, OH 44301

Parcel #68-31479 Alt Id # 050062101010000

Aka: VACANT LAND KENMORE BOULEVARD, AKRON, OH 44301

Parcel #68-31480 Alt Id # 050062101017000

Aka: VACANT LAND DICKERSON STREET, AKRON, OH 44301

Parcel #68-31481 Alt Id # 050062101007000

Aka: VACANT LAND KENMORE BOULEVARD, AKRON, OH 44301

Parcel #68-31483 Alt Id # 050062101011000

Aka: 419 KENMORE BOULEVARD, AKRON, OH 44301

Parcel #68-31484 Alt Id # 050062101013000

Aka: VACANT LAND LEWIS STREET, AKRON, OH 44301

Parcel #68-31485 Alt Id # 050062101014000
Aka: VACANT LAND LEWIS STREET, AKRON, OH 44301

Parcel #68-31486 Alt Id # 050062101015000
Aka: VACANT LAND DICKERSON STREET, AKRON, OH 44301

Parcel #68-31487 Alt Id # 050062101008000
Aka: VACANT LAND KENMORE BOULEVARD, AKRON, OH 44301

Parcel #68-31488 Alt Id # 050062101006000
Aka: VACANT LAND KENMORE BOULEVARD, AKRON, OH 44301

Parcel #68-31489 Alt Id # 050062101009000
Aka: VACANT LAND KENMORE BOULEVARD, AKRON, OH 44301

2. **Authority to Execute Documents:** Dawn Distler, METRO CEO/Secretary-Treasurer, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver, on behalf of METRO, the purchase agreement and any and all other documents necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purchase of the 12 (twelve) properties.
3. **Payment:** Dawn Distler, METRO CEO/Secretary-Treasurer, is further authorized to arrange for the payment for the 12 (twelve) properties.
4. **Ratification of Prior Acts:** All actions taken by METRO prior to the adoption of the resolution that are within the authority conferred herein are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

DATE ADOPTED: October 28, 2025

**MARK DERRIG,
PRESIDENT**

**DAWN DISTLER,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/
SECRETARY-TREASURER**



Parcel Viewer 4.0 County of Summit, Ohio



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LEWIS ST

LAKESHORE

DICKERSON ST

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