METRO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Culture & Planning Committee

NOVEMBER 20, 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, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

ITEM 1: **CALL TO ORDER**

ITEM 2: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING**

ITEM 3: **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Planning Report | Jim Meduri

- KPIs (Pages 5 & 6)

ITEM 4: **RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Resolution 2025-41 | Tatia Harris
A resolution authorizing the award of a task order-based contract for general architecture and engineering services. (Page 7)

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, OCTOBER 16, 2025

Trustees Present: Mark Derrig, Dana LaGarde, John Valle, Robert DeJournett, Bob Konstand, Gary Spring, Dave Prentice, Nicole Squire, Christine Marshall, Donald Christian, and Chuck Rector

Trustees Excused:

Trustees Absent: Renee Greene

METRO Team Members Present: Dawn Distler, Angie Neeley, Tatia Harris, Gert Wilms, Jarrod Hampshire, Jay Hunter, Shawn Metcalf, Molly Becker, Eric Scott, Jamie Saylor, Grace Doyle, Alja Austin, Quentin Wyatt, Brynn Overly-Nguyen, Kyle Stewart, Nathan Leppo, Zach Smith, Stefan Hargrove and Leslie Rashid

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Robert DeJournett called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Ms. Dana LaGarde made a motion to approve minutes from the September meeting. Mr. Chuck Rector 2nd the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Report | Nathan Leppo
KPIs were reviewed.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Resolution 2025-25 | Gert Wilms

A resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer/Secretary-Treasurer for the purchase of vacant land.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. Leppo provided an update on Super Stops, enhanced bus stops designed for future BRT stations with amenities such as waiting areas, driver facilities, and restrooms. The first location near Summit Lake is planned to improve traffic flow and community integrations. Additional sites in Downtown Akron, Barberton, and Wallhaven are being considered. Staff are coordinating with the city on zoning and exploring opportunities to use agency property for community events during planning and construction.

Mr. Gary Spring made a motion to the committee to recommend the resolution to the Board on October 28, 2025. Mr. Donald Christian 2nd the motion. All present voted aye.

OTHER BUSINESS

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Donald Christian made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourned at 9:46 am

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

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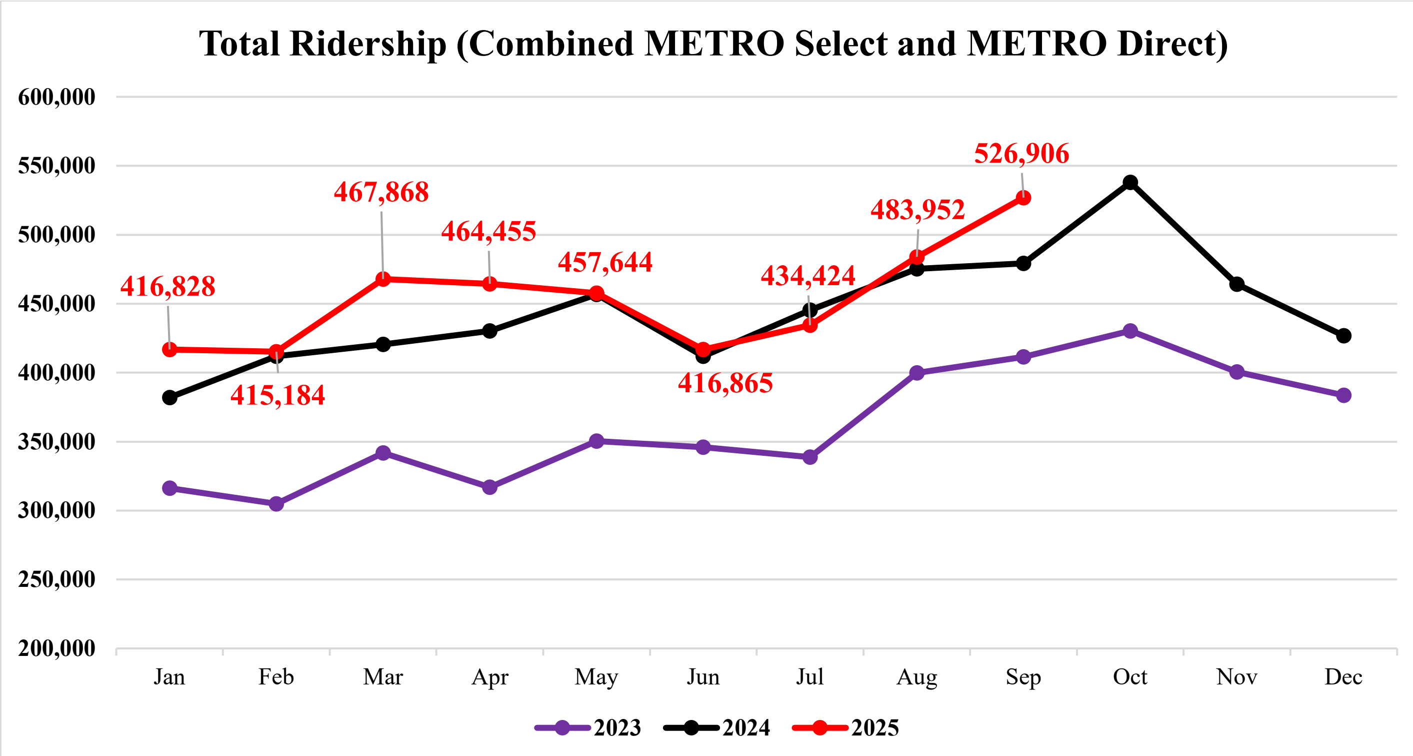
Date (MM/DD/YYYY)



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500,000
450,000
400,000
350,000
300,000
250,000
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416,828
415,184
467,868
464,455
457,644
416,865
434,424
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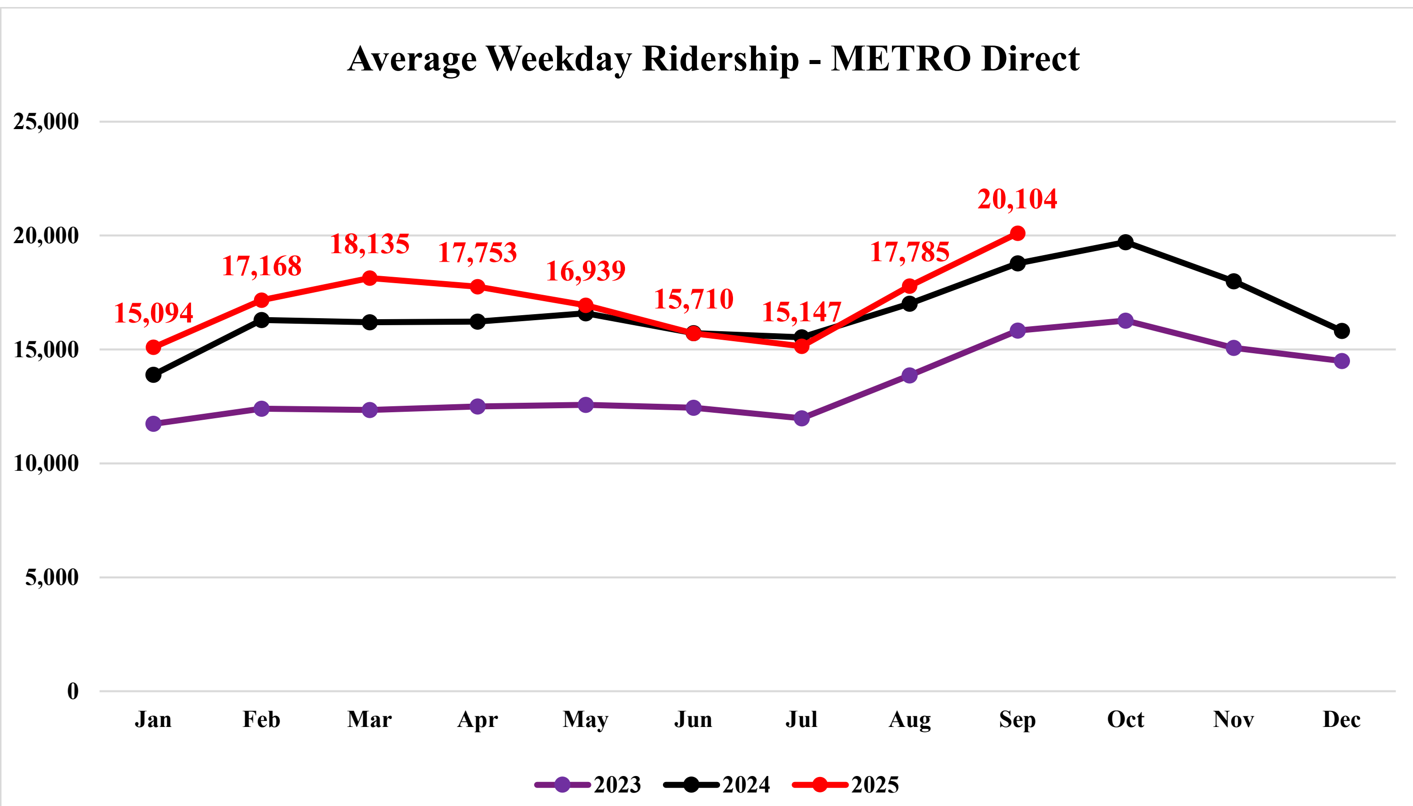

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15,710
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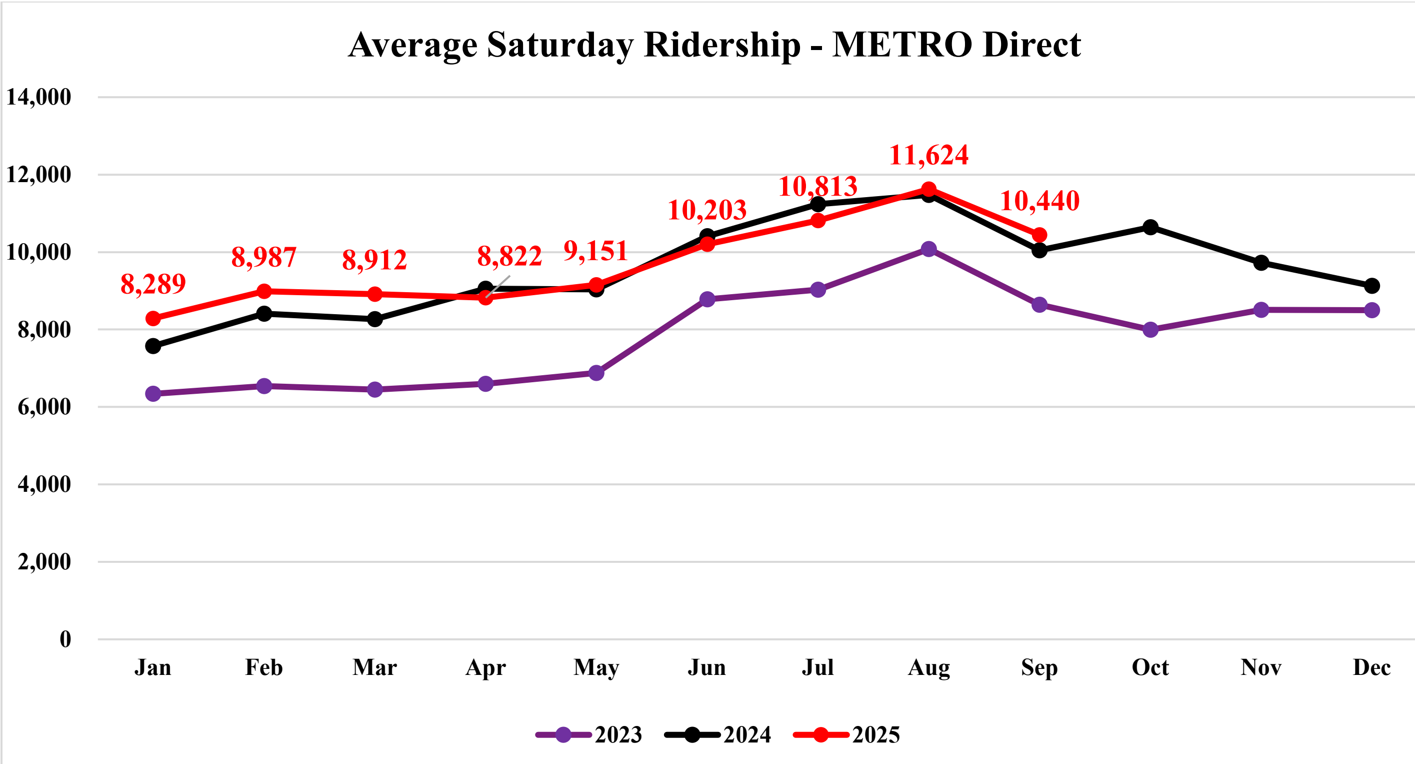
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Jun
Jul
Aug
Sep
Oct
Nov
Dec
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2023
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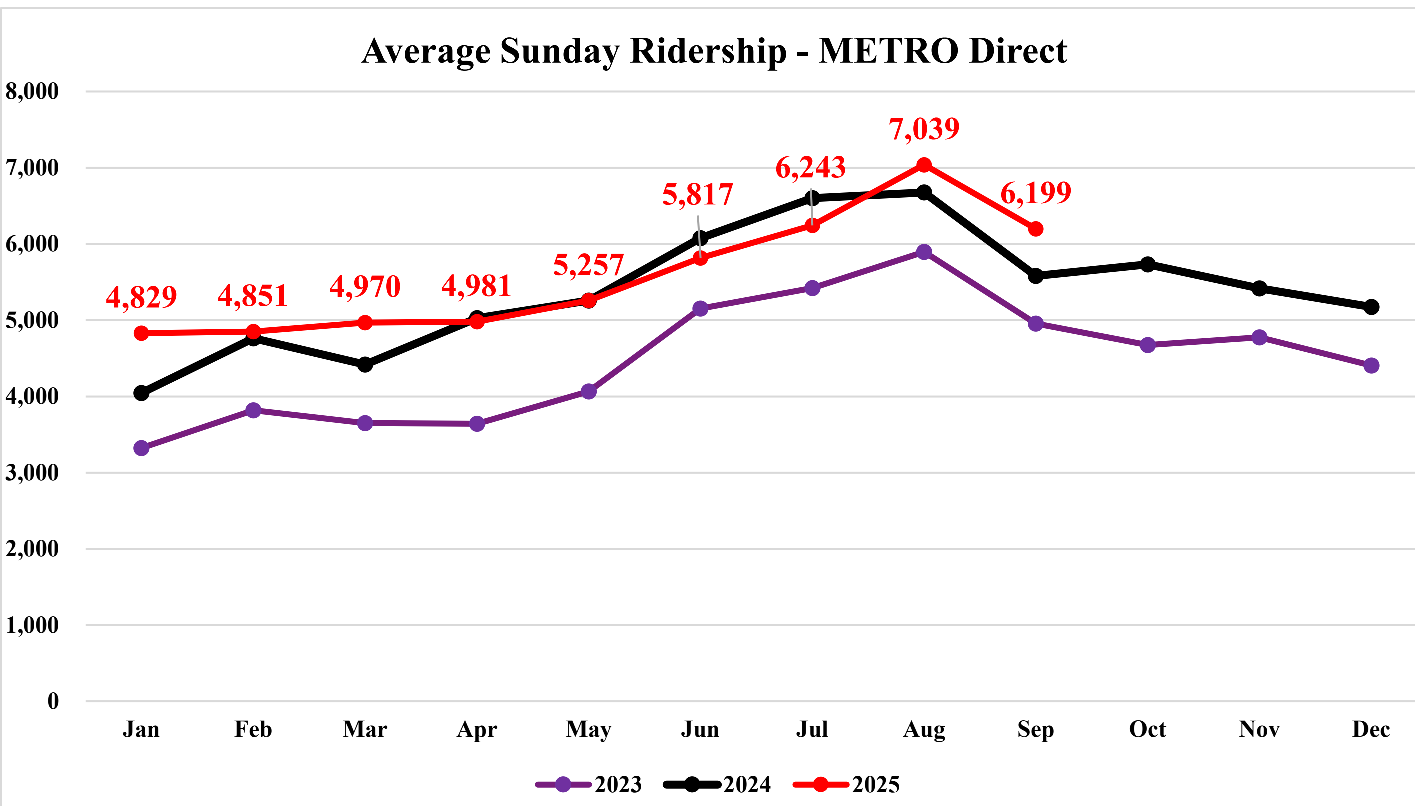
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2,000
1,000
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May
Jun
Jul
Aug
Sep
Oct
Nov
Dec
4,829
4,851
4,970
4,981
5,257
5,817
6,243
7,039
6,199
2023
2024
2025

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:
CULTURE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 2025-41

A resolution authorizing the award of a task order-based contract for general architecture and engineering services.

WHEREAS, METRO requires architecture and engineering services to continue the rehabilitation of the administration and maintenance of rail and bridge inspections and projects; and

WHEREAS, this contract is for a one-year period, with optional four-year extensions; and

WHEREAS, legal notices were twice duly advertised July 25, 2025 and August 1, 2025 in the Akron Beacon Journal, and Reporter; and

WHEREAS, such proposals were received August 25, 2025, with the following Colliers Engineering winning due to single bid by default; and

WHEREAS, METRO is recommending that Colliers Engineering be awarded the task order-based contract for architecture and engineering rail services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of METRO Regional Transit Authority that:

1. The award of a task order-based contract for general architecture and engineering services.
2. All formal actions of this Board of Trustees and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

DATE ADOPTED: November 25th, 2025

MARK DERRIG, **PRESIDENT**	**DAWN DISTLER,** **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/** **SECRETARY-TREASURER**