

METRO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Culture & Planning Committee

MAY 15, 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, MAY 15, 2025**

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL MEETING

ITEM 3: SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Report | Nathan Leppo

- KPIs (Pages 5 & 6)
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- Public Meetings

ITEM 4: RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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, APRIL 17, 2025**

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

Trustees Excused: Dave Prentice and Christine Marshall

Trustees Absent:

METRO Team

Members Present: Dawn Distler, Gert Wilms, Angie Neeley, Tatia Harris, Jarrod Hampshire, Shawn Metcalf, Jay Hunter, DeHavilland Mc Call, Eric Scott, Jamie Saylor, Laura Adkins, Nathan Leppo, Jim Meduri, Grace Doyle, Quentin Wyatt Kyle Moeglin, Kyle Stewart, Marshall Preston, and Brynn Overly-Nguyen

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Robert DeJournett called the meeting to order at 9:37 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH MEETING

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

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Nathan Leppo introduced Jim Meduri.

Planning Report | Jim Meduri

KPIs were reviewed.

Economic Impact | Tatia Harris

Tier 1 contractors are the principal contractors responsible for managing and delivering the overall project, overseeing all aspects of its execution. As the project progresses, Tier 2 contractors are brought in to perform specialized tasks, such as trucking or electrical work. In response to Mr. Bob Konstand's question, Ms. Harris clarified that "non-local" refers to contractors outside of Summit County, such as those from Stark County or the Cleveland area. Mr. Jarrod Hampshire added that Michael's Construction, based in Indiana, handled the rich

inclusion foundation work, with both hardware and localization also coming from Indiana. The local concrete work was done by XE.

Route Ride Review | Tatia Harris

The ride review included routes 40, 13, and X61, and gathered rider feedback on how they use the bus. The majority of responses indicated that passengers primarily use the service for work, shopping, medical appointments, and social activities.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

OTHER BUSINESS

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

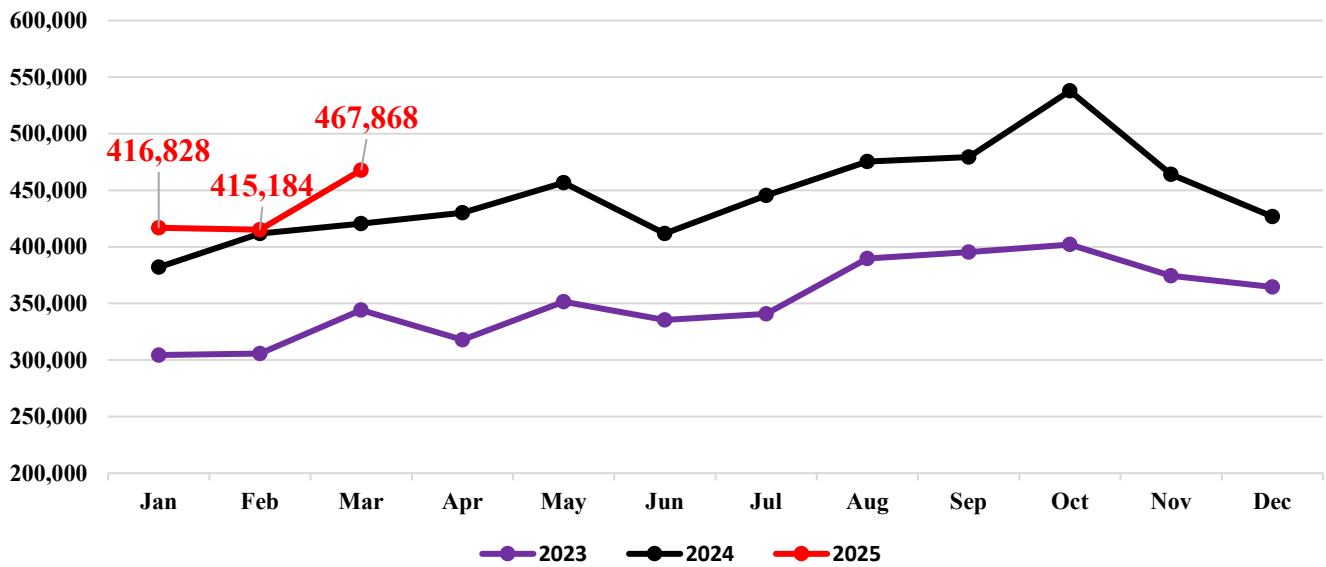
Mr. John Valle made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourned at 9:49 am

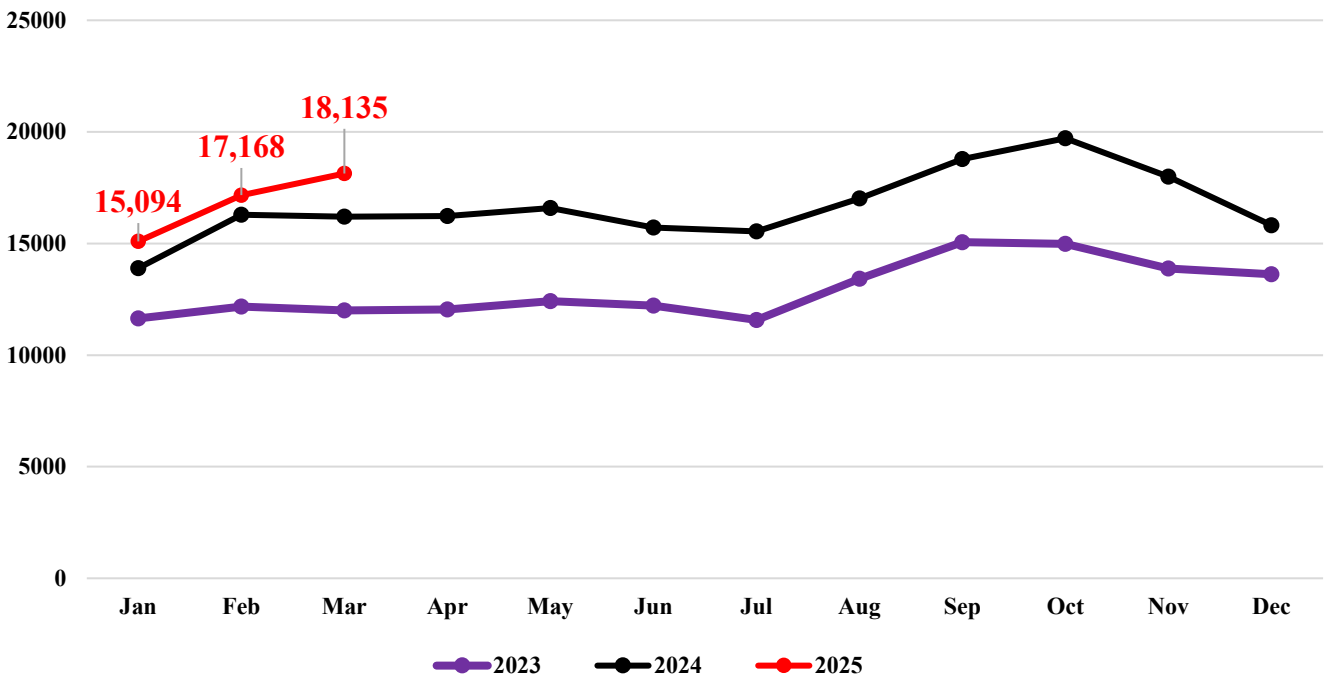
**DAWN S. DISTLER,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/
SECRETARY-TREASURER**

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

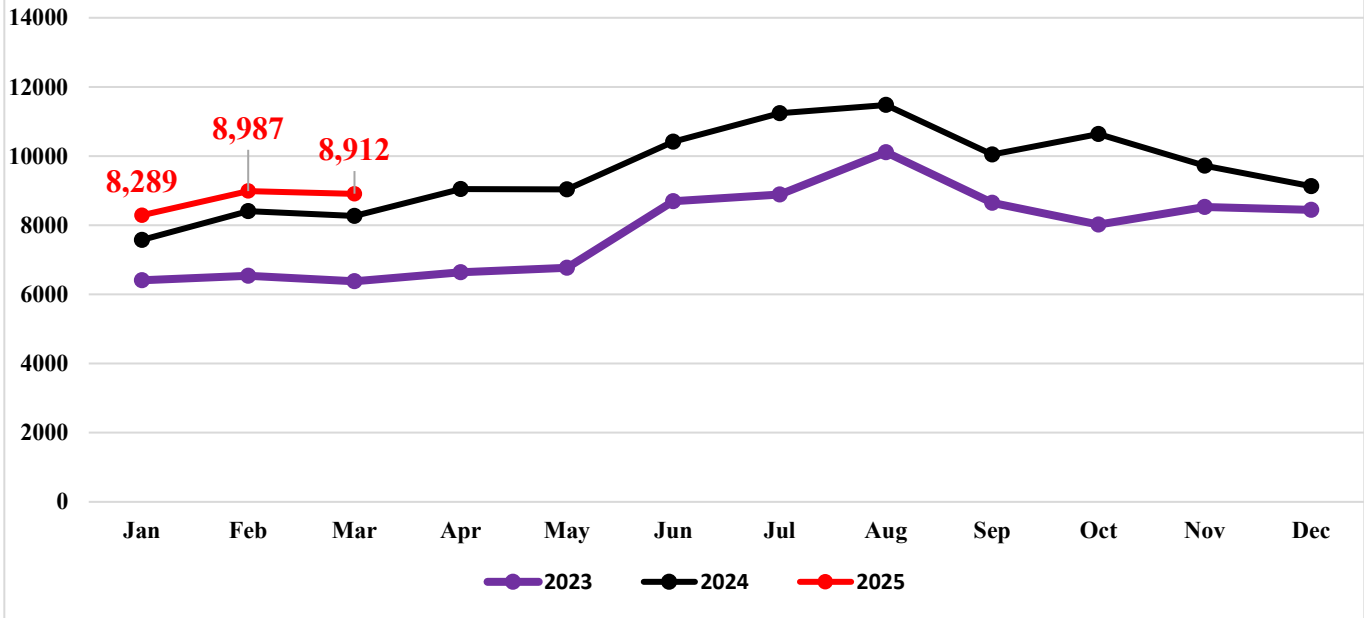
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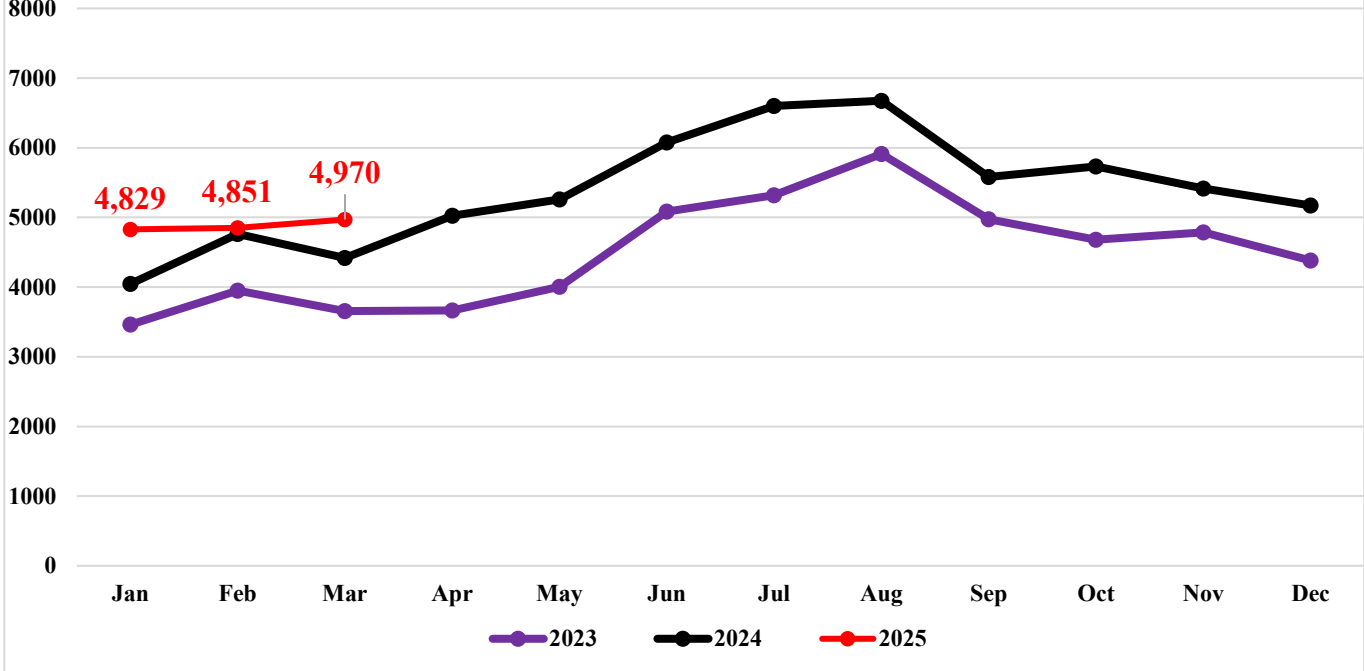
Average Weekday Ridership - Fixed Route



Average Saturday Ridership - Fixed Route



Average Sunday Ridership - Fixed Route



PROPOSED CHANGES



METRO RTA is proposing frequency updates to **Routes 8 and 29**, plus **earlier start times for all Sunday routes**.
Share your feedback at one of these public hearings:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 | 7–7:45 PM



Barberton Public Library (*Route 8*)
602 W. Park Ave, Barberton, OH 44203

Wed, May 21 | 6–6:45 PM



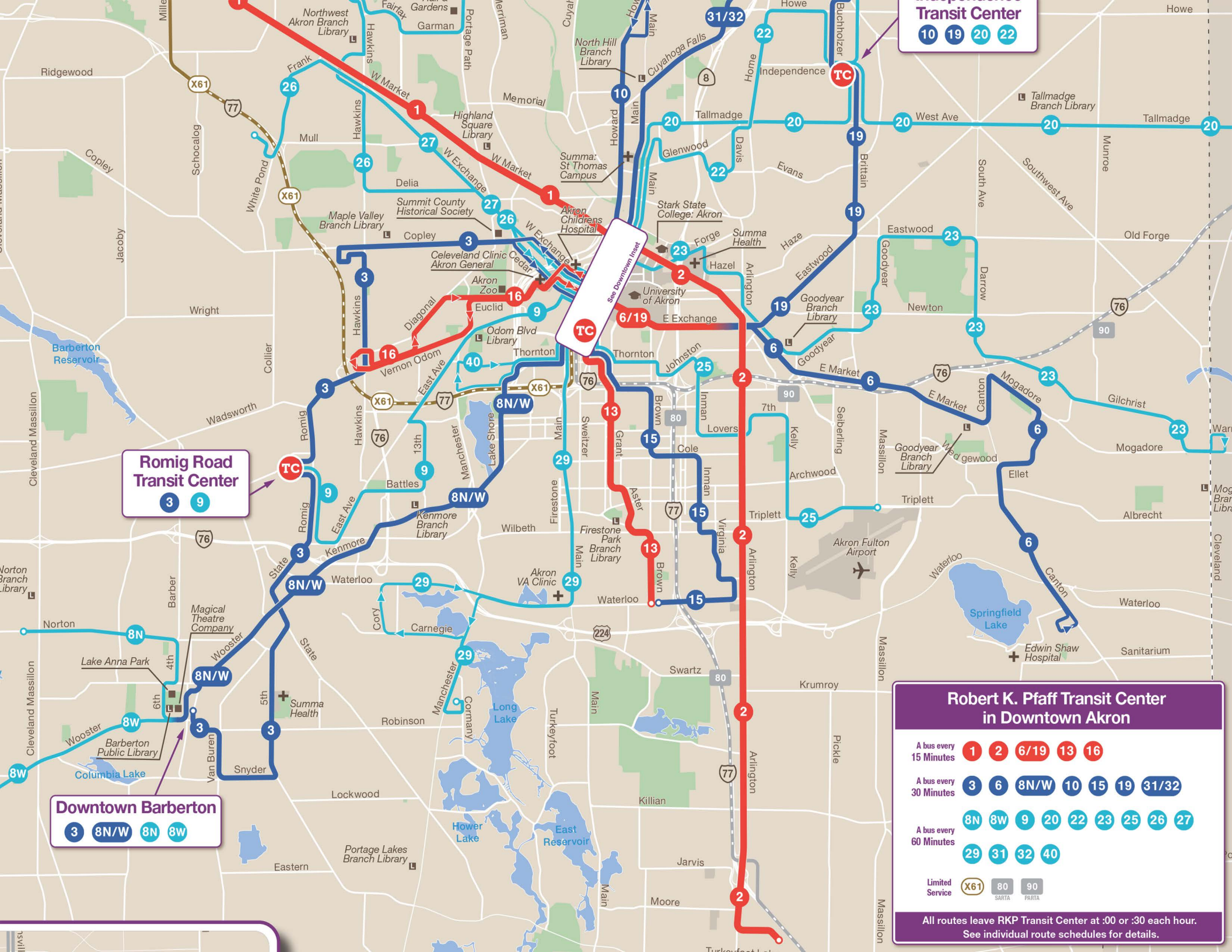
Kenmore Library, Akron (*Routes 8 & 29*)
969 Kenmore Boulevard, Akron, OH 44314

Tues, June 3 | 11 AM–2 PM



Robert K. Pfaff Transit Center
(*Routes 8, 29, & Sundays Start*)
631 S Broadway St, Akron, OH 44311

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Robert K. Pfaff Transit Center
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Romig Road Transit Center
3 9

Downtown Barberton
3 8N/W 8N 8W

Robert K. Pfaff Transit Center in Downtown Akron

A bus every 15 Minutes: 1 2 6/19 13 16

A bus every 30 Minutes: 3 6 8N/W 10 15 19 31/32

A bus every 60 Minutes: 8N 8W 9 20 22 23 25 26 27

Limited Service: X61 80 90

All routes leave RKP Transit Center at :00 or :30 each hour. See individual route schedules for details.