

METRO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

# Culture & Planning Committee

**AUGUST 21, 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, AUGUST 21, 2025**

**ITEM 1:     CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

**Planning Report | Jim Meduri**

- KPIs (Pages 6 & 7)
- Frequency Increase (Pages 8-10)

**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, JULY 17, 2025**

**Trustees Present:** Mark Derrig, Dana LaGarde, Robert DeJournett, Renee Greene, Bob Konstand, John Valle, Gary Spring, Christine Marshall and Chuck Rector

**Trustees Excused:** Dave Prentice, Nicole Squire and Donald Christian

**Trustees Absent:**

**METRO Team Members Present:** Dawn Distler, Tatia Harris, Angie Neeley, Gert Wilms, Jarrod Hampshire, Eric Scott, Shawn Metcalf, Jay Hunter, Molly Becker, Grace Doyle, DeHavilland McCall, Marshall Preston, Laura Adkins, Nathan Leppo, Quentin Wyatt, Kyle Moeglin, Kyle Stewart, Alja Austin, Jake Haddad, Jodi Barnard, Brynn Overly-Nguyen, and Leslie Rashid

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE MEETING**

Ms. Dana LaGarde made a motion to approve minutes from the June meeting. Mr. John Valle 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Planning Report | Nathan Leppo**

KPIs were reviewed.

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Resolution 2025-13 | Nathan Leppo**

A resolution recognizing the Title VI Service Monitoring Requirement and Major Service Change Policy and resolving to fulfill its provisions as required by the Federal Transit Administration.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. Mark Derrig made a motion to the committee to recommend the resolution to the Board on July 29, 2025. Ms. Renee Greene 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted aye.

**Resolution 2025-14 | Nathan Leppo**

A resolution recognizing the METRO RTA Service and Fare Equity Analysis Policy and authorizing submittal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. Mark Derrig made a motion to the committee to recommend the resolution to the Board on July 29, 2025. Ms. Renee Greene 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted aye.

**Resolution 2025-15 | Nathan Leppo**

A resolution recognizing the METRO RTA Public Engagement Policy and authorizing submittal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. Mark Derrig made a motion to the committee to recommend the resolution to the Board on July 29, 2025. Ms. Renee Greene 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted aye.

**Resolution 2025-16 | Nathan Leppo**

A resolution adopting and authorizing the submittal of the METRO RTA Title VI Report to the Federal Transit Administration for 2025.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. Mark Derrig made a motion to the committee to recommend the resolution to the Board on July 29, 2025. Ms. Renee Greene 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted aye.

**Resolution 2025-17 | Nathan Leppo**

A resolution approving the Service Equity Analysis for major service changes resulting from increased service frequency on Route 29, from 60-minute to 30-minute headways, and on Route 8, from 30-minute to 15-minute headways.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. Mark Derrig made a motion to the committee to recommend the resolution to the Board on July 29, 2025. Ms. Renee Greene 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted aye.

## **Resolution 2025-18 | Nathan Leppo**

A resolution authorizing a contract with HG Railroad Services to furnish and replace 500 track spikes and ties, install ballast and surface four miles of rail on the Sandyville Line (MP 38.4 Hazel Street and MP 34.7 Exeter Road).

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. John Valle made a motion to the committee to recommend the resolution to the Board on July 29, 2025. Ms. Renee Greene 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted aye.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Renee Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourned at 10:09 am

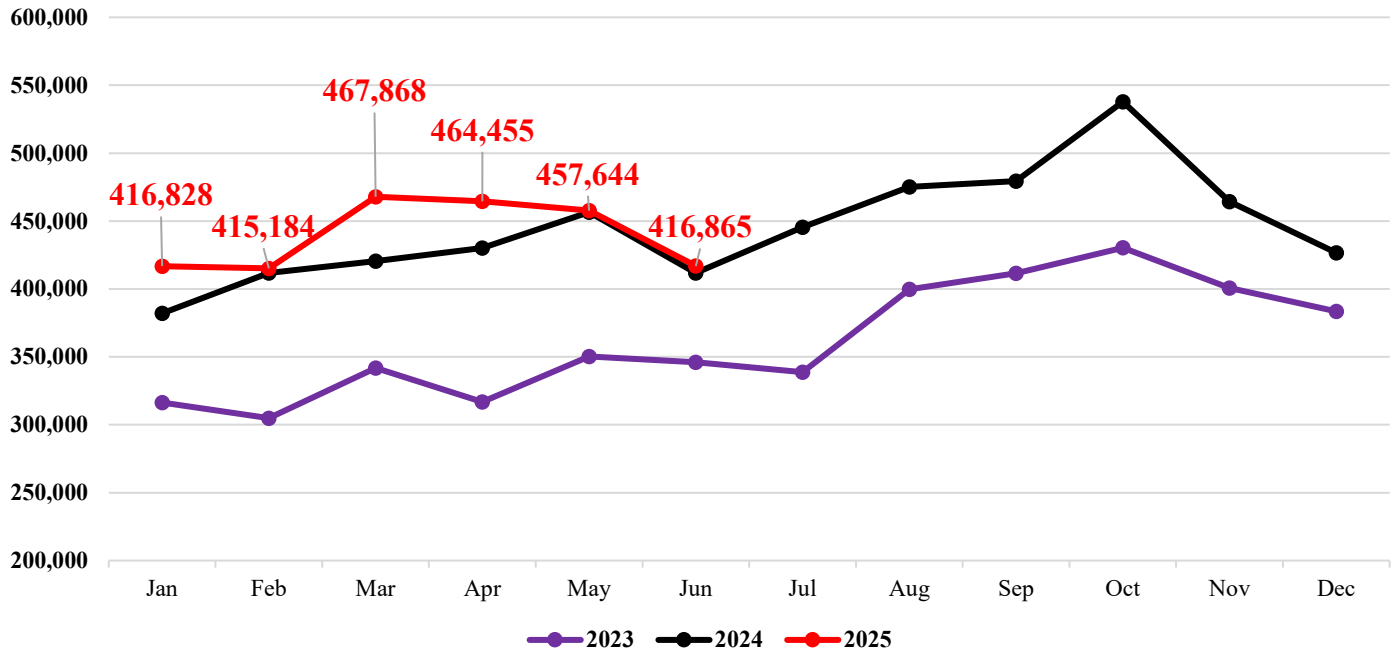
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**DAWN S. DISTLER,  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/  
SECRETARY-TREASURER**

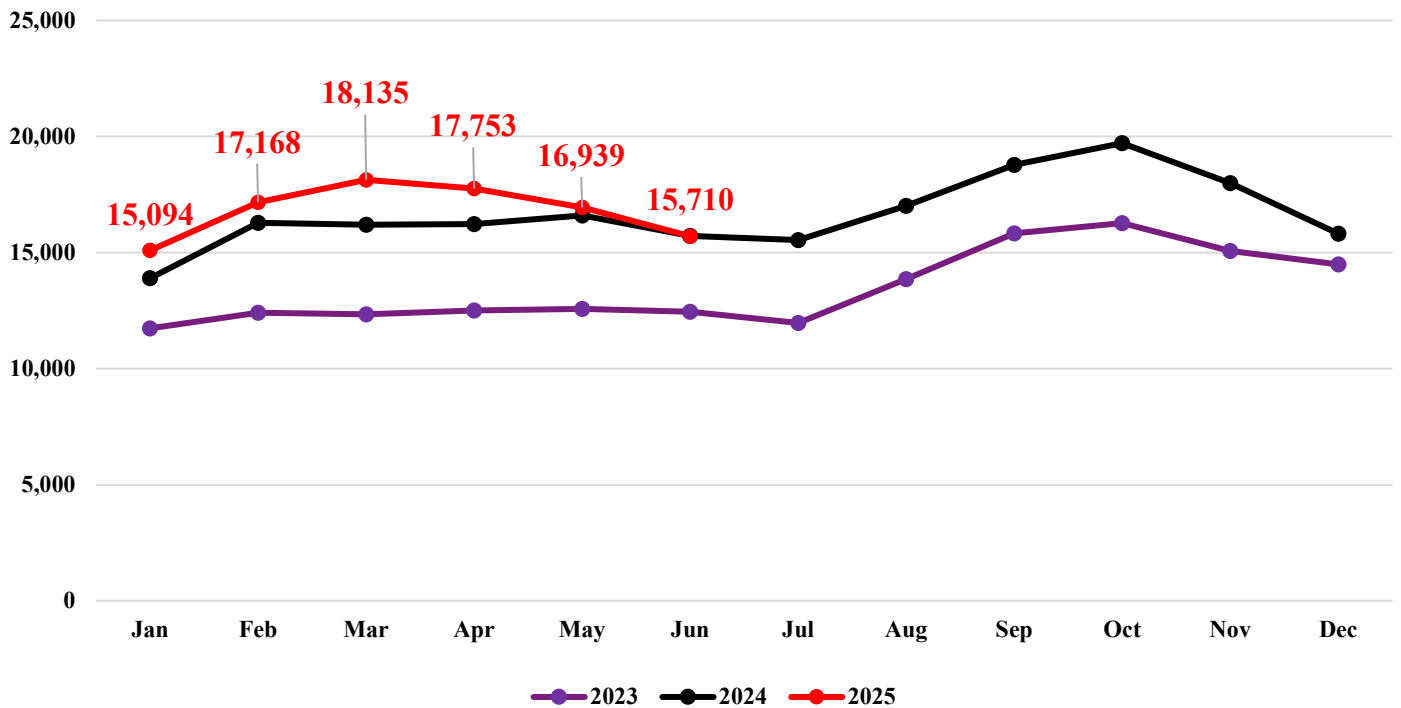
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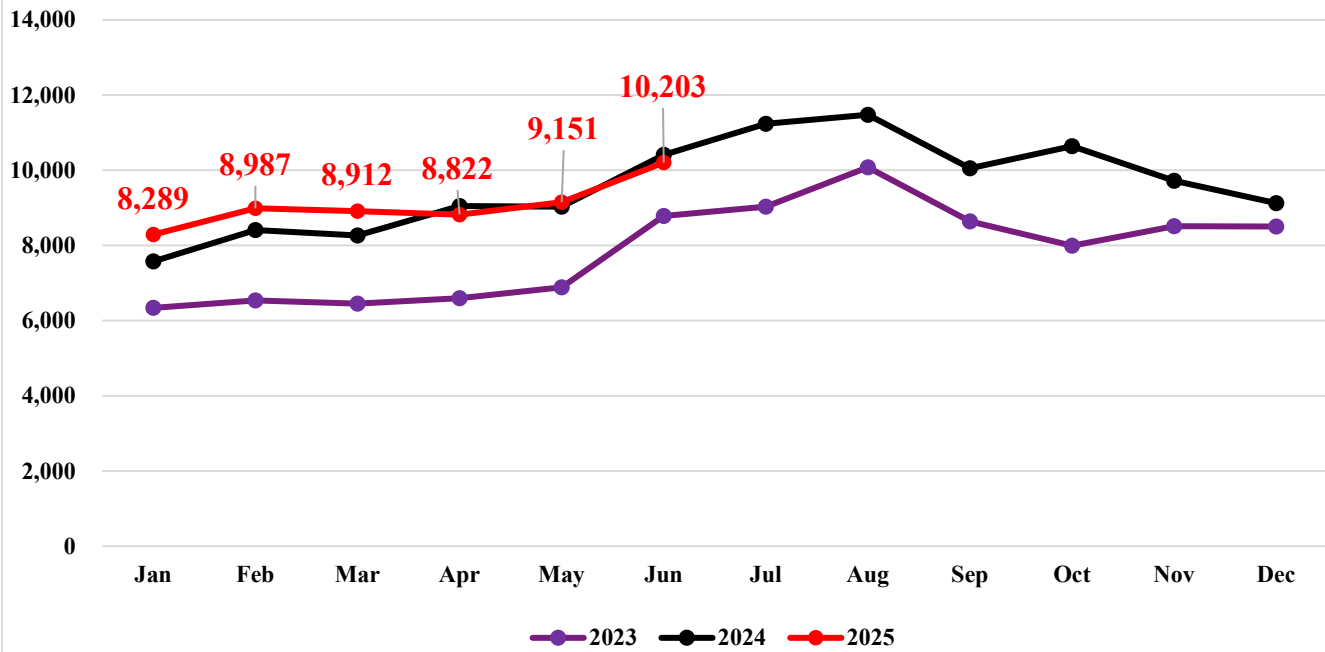
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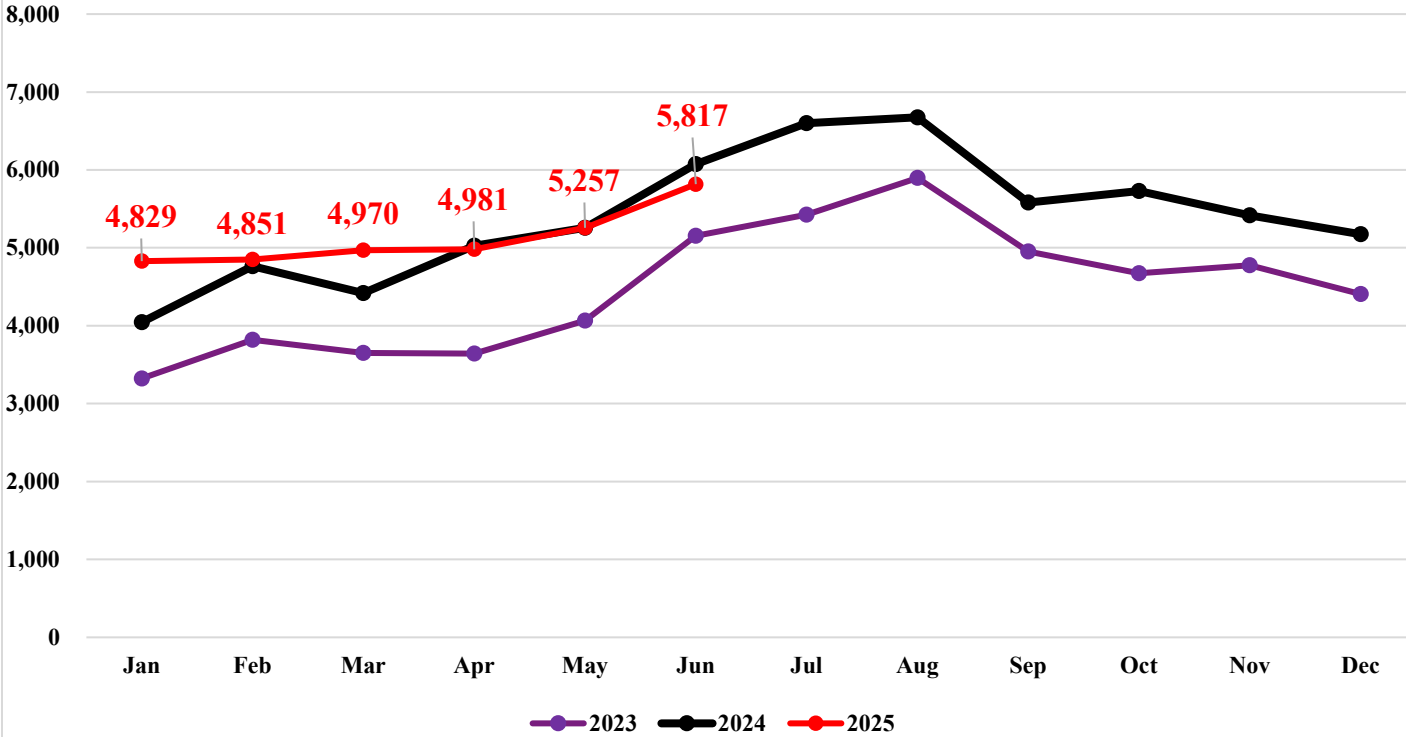
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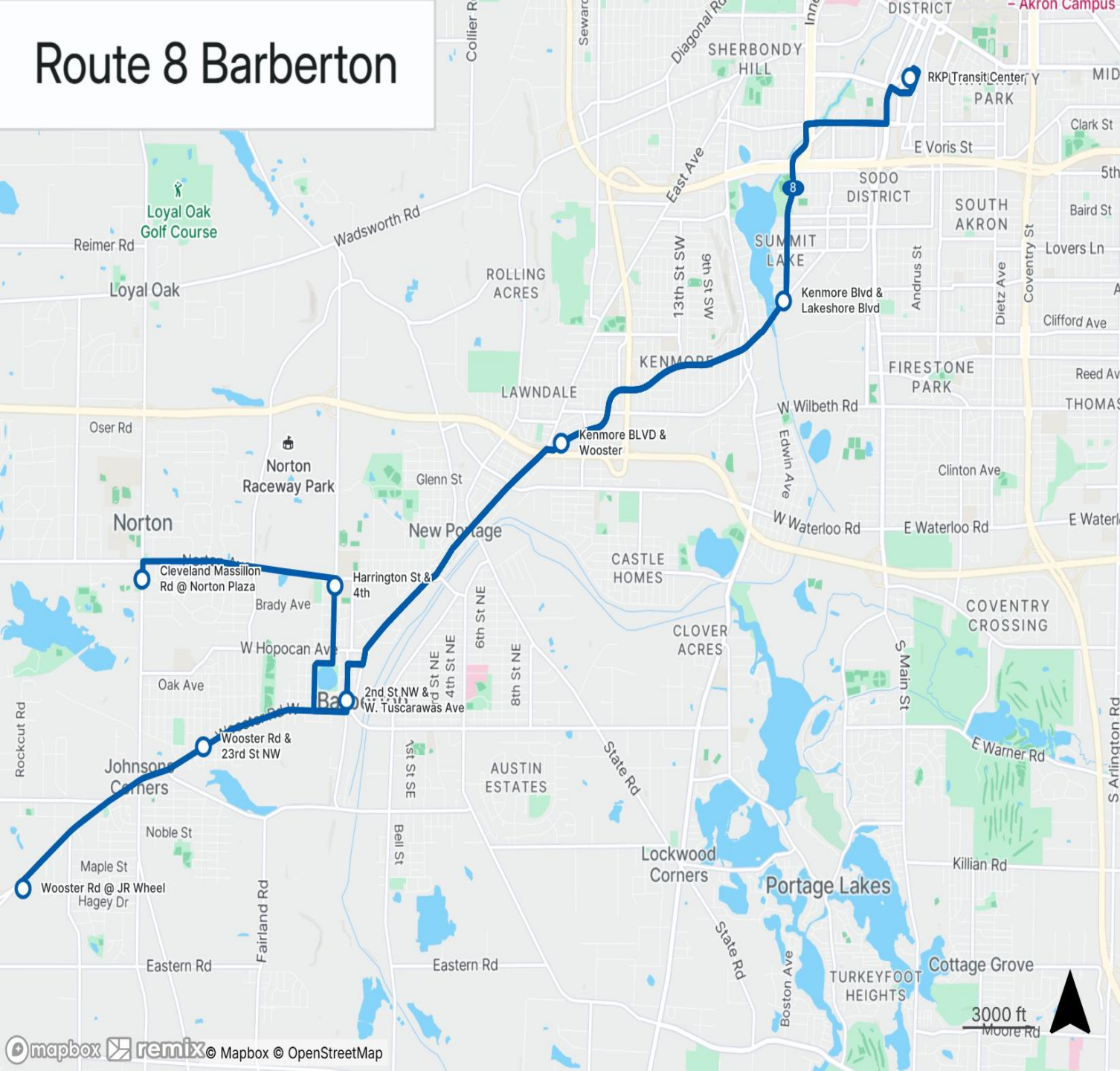
**Average Saturday Ridership - METRO Direct**



**Average Sunday Ridership - METRO Direct**



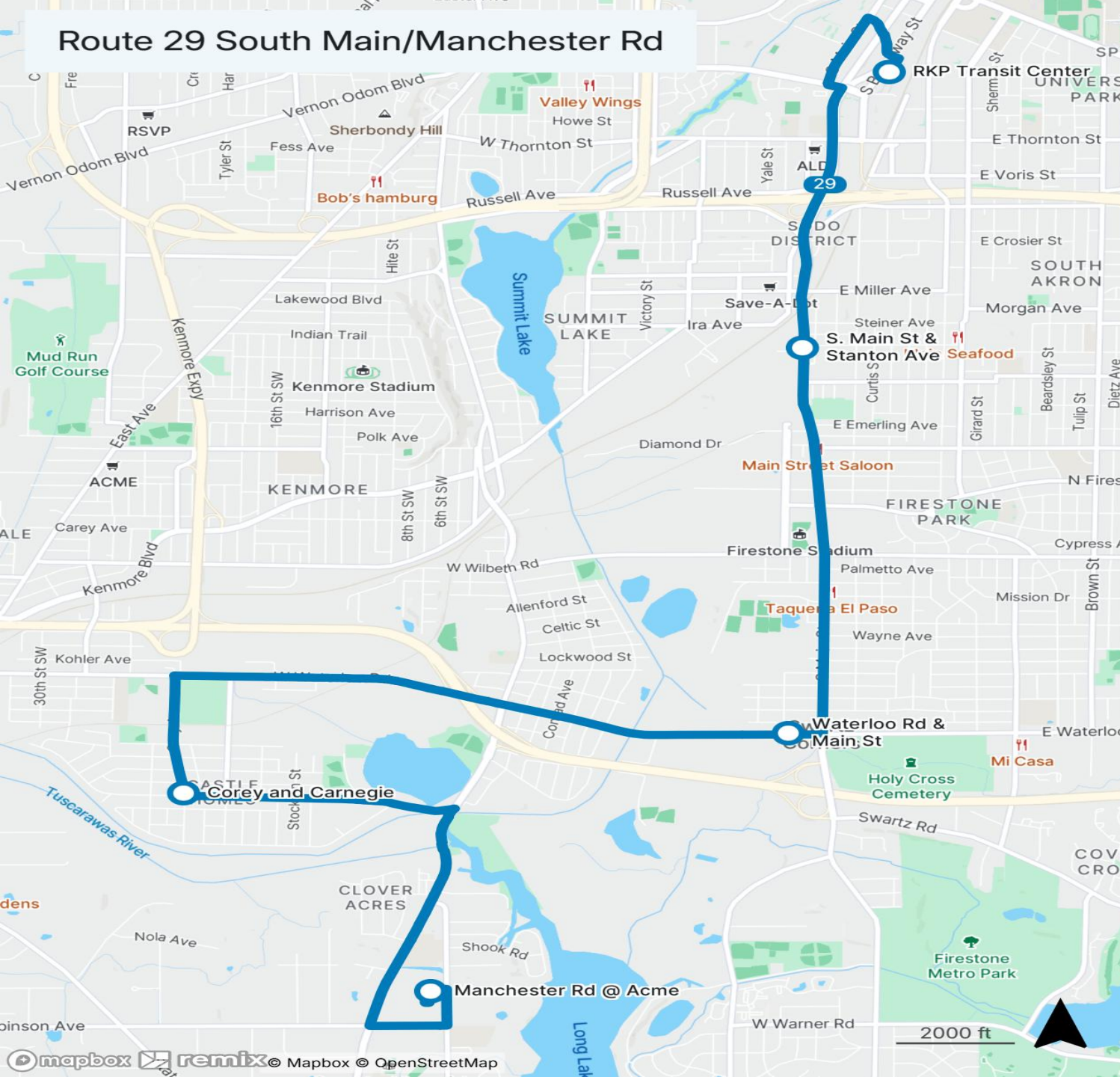
# Route 8 Barberton



Frequency Increased on Weekdays to 15mins RKP to Downtown Barberton




## Route 29 South Main/Manchester Rd



Frequency Increased on  
Weekdays to 30mins  
Corey & Carnegie now serviced  
in both directions on all trips





**Sunday Service will  
start at 8am  
August 17<sup>th</sup>**