



AGENDA
REGIONAL TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 16, 2025
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

253 Elks Lane, Cerro Conference Room
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Chair: Omar McPherson (South County Transit Committee)

Vice-Chair: Alex Fuchs (SLO Transit)

Other RTAC Members:

Darcy Price (City of Atascadero)

Anna Montgomery (County of SLO)

Janeen Burlingame (City of Morro Bay)

Mark Dariz (Runabout/DAR)

Todd Katz (Fixed-Route Transit alternative)

Marlene Cramer (Cal Poly)

Jack DePuy (Cuesta College)

Ryan Cornell (City of Paso Robles)

Eric Greening (Fixed-Route Transit)

Lance Okuno (SLOCOG)

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** This portion of the agenda is set aside for any members of the public to directly address the Regional Transit Advisory Committee on any items not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. The Committee will listen to all communication, but in compliance with the Brown Act, will not take any action on items that are not on the agenda.

3. A. INFORMATION AGENDA ITEMS:

A-1 Executive Director's Report (Verbal)

A-2 Member Comments / Reports from Jurisdictions (Verbal)

A-3 Discuss Service & Fare Changes (Verbal)

B. ACTION AGENDA ITEMS:

B-1 Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating and Capital Budget Amendment #1
(Recommend)

C. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The following item is considered routine and non-controversial by staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the RTAC or the public wishes the item be removed. If discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately. Questions of clarification may be made by RTAC members, without the removal of the item from the Consent Agenda. Staff recommendations for each item are noted following the item.

C-1 RTAC Minutes of April 10, 2025 (Approve)

D. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting: January 15, 2026

Future Regular Meeting Dates: April 9, 2026, July 16, 2026, and October 15, 2026

**SAN LUIS OBISPO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
REGIONAL TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 16, 2025
STAFF REPORT**

AGENDA ITEM: B-1

TOPIC: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating and Capital Budget Amendment #1

PRESENTED BY: Tania Arnold, Deputy Director/CFO

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Budget Amendment #1 as Presented

RTAC RECOMMENDATION: Bring the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Amendment #1 as Presented to the Board for Approval

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Fiscal Year 2025-26 RTA operating and capital budget was adopted on May 7, 2025 and was based on a range of assumptions, including pending delivery dates for FY24-25 capital projects. Staff is now bringing back capital items that are being carried over from FY24-25 to FY25-26. Staff is also making one adjustment to operating revenue, but this adjustment nets to no overall revenue impact. Please note, none of these adjustments require additional/new funds.

Additionally, as noted at the October 1, 2025 San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) meeting, a reduction to the State Transit Assistance (STA) allocated to the region totaling approximately \$17,000 resulted in a slight reduction in funding available for the RTA and the services the RTA operates. The total change for RTA core service is just over \$11,000. Given this small amount, the STA change is not included in this budget adjustment. For the services the RTA operates on behalf of jurisdictions, the incremental change is less than \$1,000 per jurisdiction, and did not merit a budget adjustment either.

The proposed changes in this budget amendment are highlighted in yellow in the ensuing pages.

Similar to prior years, as part of the reconciliation process to determine fund balances at the start of FY25-26, the amounts have been adjusted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 68, which is used to improve the accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. This adjustment is completed with the assistance of our annual financial and compliance auditor as part of the financial statements but does not impact the current level of funding for the agency and is noted in the changes included below. One additional adjustment was related to GASB 68: in the RTA financial statements the operating expenses used to calculate the farebox recovery ratio is now also net of the GASB 68 adjustment, in addition to depreciation. One final adjustment that began with the FY23-24 financial statements was to the farebox

recovery ratio related to the addition of “Other Local Support – Federal Grants” to the net operating revenue in accordance with CA Public Utility Code § 99268.19.

Changes in Operating Revenue for FY25-26 for RTA:

- Update Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311 to revised from \$927,000 to \$800,000
- Corresponding update in Rural Transit Fund/5311 exchange to the revised amount of \$800,000

Changes in Capital Revenue for FY25-26:

- The beginning capital projects reserves line-item has been increased from \$1,379,960 to \$1,766,690, which is as a result of STA from FY24-25 that was allocated to projects not completed of \$386,730
- Changes in Non-TDA Sources for the RTA includes:
 - Rural Transit Fund:
 - Nipomo Dial-A-Ride cutaway vehicle increased by \$8,030, from an original \$2,417,660 to an amended \$2,425,690.
 - Carryover FTA Section 5307 funds for:
 - Nipomo Dial-A-Ride cutaway vehicle of \$195,310 (from \$451,500 to \$646,810),
 - Support vehicles of \$242,820 (from \$37,300 to \$280,120),
 - Full cost of a Trolley vehicle (\$200,920) carried forward,
 - Bus stop improvement of \$36,730 (\$86,500 to \$123,230),
 - Dispatch software replacement/upgrade of \$200,000 carried forward, and
 - Maintenance equipment of \$111,200 (\$39,700 to \$150,900).
 - Carryover FTA Section 5339 funds for:
 - Engine replacements for heavy duty fixed route vehicles of \$169,460 (from \$300,000 to \$469,460).
 - Other revenue (from \$1,242,000 to \$1,271,570) for:
 - VW Mitigation funds for balance on e-bus order of 2301 and 2302 of \$26,660, and
 - Credits from purchase of electric support vehicles of \$2,910.

Changes in Capital Expenditures:

- Carryover balance of computer system maintenance/upgrades of \$392,470 (from \$111,570 to \$504,040),
- Carryover balance of maintenance equipment of \$139,050 (from \$49,600 to \$188,650),
- Carryover balance of bus stop improvements of \$39,000 (from \$108,000 to \$147,000),
- Carryover balance of large capital repairs of \$211,820 (from \$375,000 to \$586,820),
- Carryover balance for support vehicles of \$306,410 (from \$46,600 to \$353,010),
- Carryover balance for Avila Trolley replacement of \$251,150 (entire amount carried forward),

- Carryover balance for cutaway and Dial-A-Ride vehicles of \$239,120 (from \$347,850 to \$586,970), and
- Adjust balance for Morro Bay Short Range Transit Plan of \$1,750 (from \$65,350 to \$67,100).

These amendments do **not** require any additional LTF funds for FY25-26.

Staff Recommendation to RTAC on October 16th:

Recommend staff provide Budget Amendment #1 to the Board for approval at the November 5, 2025 Board meeting.

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt Budget Amendment #1 as presented.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
OPERATING REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2025/2026

		2024/25 Actual Combined	2025/26 Amended Combined Budget	2025/26 Adopted RTA Core Budget	2025/26 Amendment #1 RTA Core Budget	2026/27 Projected Combined Budget	2026/27 Projected RTA Core Budget
FUNDING SOURCES:							
	GENERAL RESERVES	5,268,920	5,781,220	3,501,760	3,501,760	3,662,130	2,337,610
1.	ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE	5,268,920	5,781,220	3,501,760	3,501,760	3,662,130	2,337,610
2.	LESS REQUIRED RESERVES FOR FISCAL YEAR						
	CASH FLOW REQUIREMENTS PER TDA	3,241,530	3,462,130	2,337,610	2,337,610	3,783,700	2,616,360
	OFFSET RESERVE TO CARRYOVER TO FUTURE FISCAL YEARS	2,670,558	200,000	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	5,912,088	3,662,130	2,337,610	2,337,610	3,783,700	2,616,360
3.	FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE	(643,168)	2,119,090	1,164,150	1,164,150	7,445,830	(278,750)
NON TDA SOURCES							
	FARES	1,119,585	1,148,820	849,760	849,760	1,206,260	892,250
	MANAGEMENT CONTRACT	321,860	-	-	-	-	-
	INTEREST	219,108	135,000	135,000	135,000	135,000	135,000
	STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) INCLUDING SB1	1,448,590	1,561,990	494,440	494,440	1,725,730	637,120
	RURAL TRANSIT FUND (Administration)	30,000	285,410	285,410	285,410	280,000	280,000
	FEDERAL TRANSIT ADM (FTA) (Section 5307) - San Luis Obispo	840,000	850,500	850,500	850,500	867,600	867,600
	FEDERAL TRANSIT ADM (FTA) (Section 5311) - Operating	783,423	800,000	927,000	800,000	945,600	945,600
	FTA (Section 5311) - Operating CARES/CRRSAA/ARPA	-	-	-	-	-	-
	FEDERAL TRANSIT ADM (FTA) (Section 5307-N. County) - Operating	1,489,500	1,742,500	1,155,700	1,155,700	1,777,300	1,178,800
	FEDERAL TRANSIT ADM (FTA) (Section 5307-SM) - Operating	-	-	-	-	-	-
	FEDERAL TRANSIT ADM (FTA) (Section 5307) - S. County Operating	1,930,000	2,006,500	969,600	969,600	1,893,700	989,000
	CUESTA CONTRIBUTION FOR ROUTE 12 AND 14	236,517	113,670	113,670	113,670	123,860	123,860
	CUESTA CONTRIBUTION NORTH COUNTY	40,580	40,580	-	-	40,580	-
	SPECIAL EVENTS REVENUE/OTHER	111,710	454,990	377,390	377,390	454,990	377,390
4.	SUB TOTAL	8,570,873	9,139,960	6,158,470	6,031,470	9,450,620	6,426,620
5.	TOTAL FUND BALANCE & NON TDA FUNDING	7,927,705	11,259,050	7,322,620	7,195,620	16,896,450	6,147,870
TDA REQUIRED							
	CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE	643,532	774,778	361,707	361,707	1,053,491	483,260
	CITY OF ATASCADERO	655,562	754,623	610,453	610,453	1,005,147	815,597
	CITY OF GROVER BEACH	447,657	538,989	251,629	251,629	732,881	336,189
	CITY OF MORRO BAY	222,999	469,201	206,871	206,871	539,161	276,391
	CITY OF PASO ROBLES	880,099	1,020,544	623,114	623,114	1,406,292	832,512
	CITY OF PISMO BEACH	282,412	338,828	158,183	158,183	460,715	211,340
	CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO	1,295,399	1,206,522	1,206,522	1,206,522	1,611,976	1,611,976
	COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO	3,968,350	3,506,354	3,284,421	3,284,421	5,092,287	4,388,156
	TDA REQUIREMENTS BEFORE 5311 EXCHANGE	8,396,010	8,609,840	6,702,900	6,702,900	11,901,950	8,955,420
	LESS: RURAL TRANSIT FUND/5311 EXCHANGE	(792,910)	(800,000)	(927,000)	(800,000)	(945,600)	(945,600)
6.	NET TDA REQUIREMENTS	7,603,100	7,809,840	5,775,900	5,902,900	10,956,350	8,009,820
7.	TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	15,530,805	19,068,890	13,098,520	13,098,520	27,852,800	14,157,690
8.	FUNDING USES:						
	ADMINISTRATION	2,298,774	3,060,070	2,085,030	2,085,030	3,084,400	2,140,200
	PERS BUYOUT	178,308	178,310	178,310	178,310	-	-
	BUILDING DECOMMISSIONING	-	-	-	-	-	-
	MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS	321,860	-	-	-	-	-
	SERVICE DELIVERY	12,731,863	15,606,510	10,691,260	10,691,260	16,960,460	11,858,930
	CONTINGENCY	-	224,000	143,920	143,920	240,540	158,560
9.	TOTAL FUNDING USES	15,530,805	19,068,890	13,098,520	13,098,520	20,285,400	14,157,690
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SAN LUIS OBISPO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
CAPITAL AND PLANNING REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2025/2026

		2024/25 Combined Actual Capital Budget	2025/26 Adopted Combined Capital Budget	2025/26 Amendment #1 Combined Capital Budget	2026/27 Projected Combined Capital Budget
FUNDING SOURCES:					
BEGINNING CAPITAL PROJECTS RESERVE		1,239,550	1,379,960	1,766,690	1,561,430
1.	ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE	1,239,550	1,379,960	1,766,690	1,561,430
2.	LESS REQUIRED RESERVES FOR FISCAL YEAR				
CAPITAL PROJECTS RESERVE		1,556,815	1,561,430	1,561,430	1,334,480
TOTAL		1,556,815	1,561,430	1,561,430	1,334,480
3.	FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE	(317,265)	(181,470)	205,260	226,950
NON TDA SOURCES					
STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) WITH SB1 AUGMENTATION		818,670	442,280	442,280	278,540
LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)		-	-	-	-
STATE OF GOOD REPAIR		1,558	618,280	618,280	-
SB125					-
Infrastructure (including fare program)		639	8,654,010	8,654,010	-
Fixed Route Electric		-	1,220,000	1,220,000	5,552,000
RURAL TRANSIT FUND (Capital)		9,488	2,417,660	2,425,690	202,360
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADM (FTA) (Section 5307)		377,872			
Fixed Route Electric			2,280,400	2,280,400	4,042,200
Fixed Route Non-Electric			-	-	-
Demand Response Electric			-	-	223,800
Demand Response Non-Electric			451,500	646,810	140,400
ADA Minivans			517,700	517,700	148,200
Support Vehicles			37,300	280,120	61,600
Trolley			-	200,920	-
Bus Stop Improvements			86,500	123,230	87,800
Dispatch Software Upgrade			-	200,000	-
Vehicle Maintenance Equipment			39,700	150,900	40,400
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADM (FTA) (Section 5339)		27,089			
Vehicle Engine Rehab			300,000	469,460	-
Fixed Route Electric			6,615,210	6,615,210	-
Dial-A-Ride Vehicle Replacement			-	-	-
OTHER		125,890	1,242,000	1,271,570	-
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5.	TOTAL FUND BALANCE & NON TDA FUNDING	1,235,315	24,922,540	26,116,580	10,777,300
		918,050	24,741,070	26,321,840	11,004,250
TDA REQUIRED					
CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE		24,938	24,718	24,718	24,718
CITY OF ATASCADERO		42,378	41,717	41,717	41,717
CITY OF GROVER BEACH		18,631	17,196	17,196	17,196
CITY OF MORRO BAY		14,364	14,137	14,137	14,137
CITY OF PASO ROBLES		44,020	42,582	42,582	42,582
CITY OF PISMO BEACH		11,475	10,810	10,810	10,810
CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO		84,985	82,451	82,451	82,451
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO		231,349	224,449	224,449	224,449
TDA REQUIREMENTS FOR TIFIA LOAN REPAYMENT		472,140	458,060	458,060	458,060
6.	FINANCING FOR BUS MAINTNEANCE FACILITY	-	-	-	-
7.	TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	1,390,190	25,199,130	26,779,900	11,462,310
8.	FUNDING USES:				
CAPITAL		852,887	16,021,710	17,600,740	11,004,250
LOAN PAYMENTS		444,635	458,060	458,060	458,060
SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN		92,029	65,350	67,100	-
REGIONAL CONTACTLESS FARE PAYMENT SYSTEM			388,000	388,000	-
REGIONAL CONTACTLESS CHARGING			2,266,000	2,266,000	-
REGIONAL BUS CHARGING PROJECTS		639	4,000,020	4,000,000	-
MASTER PLANNING & IMPLEMENTION- OFFSITE FAST CHARGING		-	1,999,990	2,000,000	-
9.	TOTAL FUNDING USES	1,390,190	25,199,130	26,779,900	11,462,310

	Actual Capital Budget FY 2023-24	Amendment #1 Capital Budget FY 2024-25	Adopted Capital Budget FY 2025-26	Amendment #1 Capital Budget FY 2025-26	Projected Capital Budget FY 2026-27	Projected Capital Budget FY 2027-28	Projected Capital Budget FY 2028-29	Projected Capital Budget FY 2029-30
Capital and Planning Expenditures								
Capital/Studies:								
Computer System Maintenance/Upgrades	84,216	393,260	111,570	504,040	117,150	123,010	129,160	135,620
Miscellaneous Capital								
Maintenance Equipment	27,325	218,760	49,600	188,650	50,400	51,200	51,970	52,750
Vehicle ITS/Camera System	126,013	18,030	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bus Stop Improvements	114,838	324,930	108,000	147,000	109,700	111,400	113,070	114,770
Large Capital Repairs	842,038	402,760	375,000	586,820	-	-	-	-
Vehicles								
Support Vehicles	259,206	45,600	46,600	353,010	76,900	37,800	80,750	-
Fixed Route Vehicles	2,916,879	320,650	13,843,000	13,843,000	10,036,600	3,930,800	4,091,900	3,390,600
Trolley replacement vehicles	-	293,200	-	251,150	-	700,000	-	-
Cutaway and Dial A Ride Vehicles	-	154,810	347,850	586,970	165,100	466,200	-	180,409
Runabout Vehicles	-	1,125,260	1,140,100	1,140,100	448,400	-	294,720	-
Total Capital Outlay	4,370,515	3,297,260	16,021,720	17,600,740	11,004,250	5,420,410	4,761,570	3,874,149
Loan Repayments	444,905	472,140	458,060	458,060	458,060	458,060	458,060	458,060
Short Range Transit Plan	158,686	92,030	65,350	67,100	-	-	-	300,000
Regional Contactless Fare Payment System	-	-	388,000	388,000	-	-	-	-
Regional Contactless Charging	-	-	2,266,000	2,266,000	-	-	-	-
Regional Bus Charging Projects	51,753	2,379,560	4,000,000	4,000,000	-	-	-	-
Master Planning & Implementation - Offsite fast charging	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING USES	5,025,859	6,240,990	25,199,130	26,779,900	11,462,310	5,878,470	5,219,630	4,632,209

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SAN LUIS OBISPO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
REGIONAL TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 17, 2025
DRAFT MINUTES
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Members Present:

Janeen Burlingame	City of Morro Bay
Eric Greening	Fixed Route User,
Alex Fuchs (<i>Vice Chair</i>)	City of San Luis Obispo
Omar McPherson (<i>Chair</i>)	Fixed Route Service in South County
Christopher Mutshnick	Cuesta College
Lance Okuno	SLOCOG
Collin Pollington	Cal Poly (arrived at 2:06 p.m.)
Darcy Price	City of Atascadero

Members Absent:

Ryan Cornell	City of Paso Robles
Mark Dariz	Paratransit User
Anna Montgomery	County of San Luis Obispo

Staff Present:

Geoff Straw	RTA
Tania Arnold	RTA
Anthony Kalvans	RTA

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:** Chair Omar McPherson called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
There were no public comments given for items not on the agenda.
3. A. INFORMATION AGENDA ITEMS:

A-1 Executive Director's Report (Verbal, Receive)

Mr. Geoff Straw introduced his report and gave an overview of the upcoming projects that are designed to support the RTA's transition to an electric fleet. It was noted that the RTA will soon have nine light duty vehicles and seven buses in its electric fleet.

Mr. Straw mentioned that the RTA will be starting union negotiations in late August. **Mr. Eric Greening** said that both the RTA's unionized and nonunionized employees are amazing.

Mr. Straw touched on the consolidation with both the Atascadero Dial-A-Ride and Morro Bay Transit completed in June. **Mr. McPherson** added that initial feedback has been mostly positive but there have been some complaints about the Morro Bay bus stops themselves.

A-2 Member Comments / Reports from Jurisdictions (Receive)

Mr. Greening attended the ribbon cutting for the El Camino Real improvement projects but expressed his concerns about the Route 9 bus making it through the improved corridor. **Mr. Greening** also highlighted a report about LA Metro seeing a decrease in ridership in the wake of federal immigration activity. **Mr. Straw** said that he was aware of the report, and the RTA is always monitoring ridership data and trends.

Ms. Darcy Price said that the El Camino Real improvement project is two-thirds complete. A discussion ensued about the turning radius of buses and the ability to make it to the Atascadero Transit Center. **Mr. McPherson** said that once the improvement project is complete, the RTA will be testing buses down the corridor before restoring service. **Mr. Straw** thanked **Ms. Price** for her frequent communication with RTA regarding road closures and impacts.

Mr. Colin Pollington said that the California Blvd roadway closure will be in effect until August 8th and there will be a separate, shorter closure of North Perimeter Road during the night for underground work. A brief discussion ensued regarding the impacts the night closure will have on bus service.

Ms. Janeen Burlingame said that the consolidation has gone smoothly, and onboard surveying is happening for the Short-Range Transit Plan.

Mr. Lance Okuno mentioned that Santa Maria Regional Transit is still working on its new commuter route to SLO. He also mentioned that the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) is working on several efforts including a mobility wallet, discounted fares on Pacific Surfliner service in SLO County, and finding solutions in the wake of the sudden closure of Wilshire Community Services. **Mr. Straw** raised concerns that without a viable alternative, as some of Wilshire's volunteer driver clients will likely shift to Runabout services.

Mr. Christopher Mutshnick said that he was promoted, and Aaron Borgeson will be taking over as Cuesta College's representative to the RTAC Committee. He also mentioned that construction of the new administration building will not be finished until October. Concerns were raised at how this would impact the grand opening of the RTA's new bus stop at Cuesta College, and if it was possible to have the stop open before the admin building.

Mr. Alex Fuchs reported that while there is some talk about future budget cuts, there are no expected cuts to SLO Transit's operations. He also mentioned that SLO Transit will be expanding its electric bus fleet from two to eight vehicles. Finally, **Mr. Fuchs** talked about the MOU among SLO City, Santa Maria Regional Transit and SLOCOG. He mentioned that their goal is to have the service start in September with a pilot route between Orcutt and Downtown San Luis Obispo, and no direct stops to Cal Poly. He also noted that the pilot route will be part of the Regional Pass system for all fixed-route operators who operate within our County.

A-3 Discuss Planned Service & Fare Changes (Verbal)

Mr. McPherson introduced the item and went over a list of all the planned changes to the RTA services. **Mr. Straw** distributed a summary sheet to the RTAC Committee.

Mr. Greening asked about the proposed fare changes and when those will be implemented. **Ms. Tania Arnold** said that the RTA will be going from its intercity zone system to a flat \$2 per ride. She noted that this is in line with the current average fare of \$2.04 per rider. However, **Ms. Arnold** also noted that the

proposed fare changes will not go into effect until the contactless payment system is ready to go. **Ms. Arnold** also said that the price of the bus passes will not increase, except for the stored value card which will go to \$16 instead of the current \$15.

A discussion ensued about the upcoming new verification system for discounted fares.

Mr. Okuno asked if local service will be having a fare increase to the flat \$2. **Ms. Arnold** said that the local routes would stay at their current \$1.50 level.

Mr. Straw mentioned that MST is going to a cashless system by the end of 2026. A discussion ensued about cash, coins, and unbanked riders.

B. ACTION AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no action items for the RTAC to consider.

C. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

C-1 RTAC Minutes of April 10, 2025 (Approve)

Mr. Greening made a motion to approve the minutes; **Ms. Burlingame** seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent of those present.

D. ADJOURNMENT AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. McPherson adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: October 16, 2025

Future Regular Meeting Dates: January 15, 2026, April 9, 2026, and July 16, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

Acknowledged by,

Anthony Kalvans
Administrative Assistant

Omar McPherson
RTAC Chairperson 2025

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