

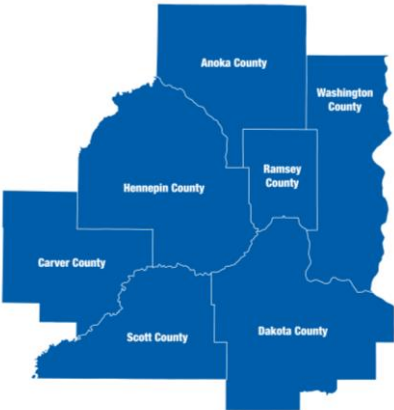
TRANSIT SERVICE INTERVENTION PROJECT MAY 2024 STATUS REPORT



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Overview

Minnesota Session Law 2023 Chapter 68 established the Transit Service Intervention Project to “provide coordinated, high-visibility interventions on light rail transit lines that provide for enhanced social services outreach and engagement, code of conduct regulation, and law enforcement.”

The law requires the Metropolitan Council (Council) to submit a status report to the chairs and ranking members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance by the 15th of each month.

The report must include:

1. A summary of activities under the intervention project.
2. A fiscal review of expenditures; and
3. Analysis of impacts and outcomes related to social services outreach, violations under Minnesota Statutes, sections 473.4065 and 609.855, and rider experience.

1. Summary of activities under the intervention project

Below is a summary of work conducted between April 15 and May 15, 2024.

Project coordination

- Metro Transit is currently working with a consultant developing the project evaluation plan, define timelines, collect data, etc. that will help us assess the impact of the project.
- TSIP Vendors are beginning to plan two events in June offering METRO Blue and Green lines riders in need a 'one-stop-shop' for services and resources related to housing/shelter, substance use and treatment, and mental health.
- TSIP Project Coordinator and Vendors presented at the monthly 'Hennepin County's Unsheltered Needs and Updates' on Tuesday May 14.

Phase 1: Social services outreach and engagement

- During this reporting time, Metro Transit's Homeless Action Team (HAT) completed 6 additional outreach operations and activities. There is more information about these outreach operations in the “Analysis of Impacts and Outcomes” section below.

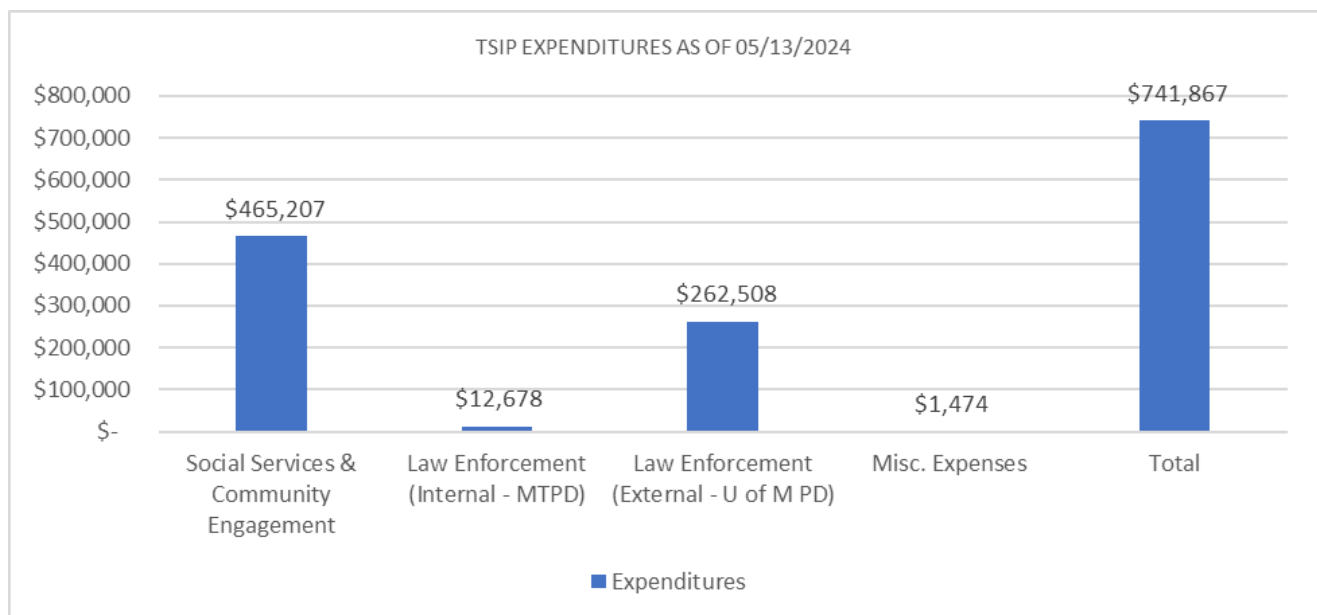
Phase 2: Adding law enforcement and code of conduct enforcement.

- Current collaborative efforts with local law enforcement agencies include:
 - Joint beat details with Minneapolis Police Department, St. Paul Police Department at Union Depot, the Airport Police Department and DHS Air Marshals where officers ride the Blue Line between the airport terminals.

- Metro Transit Police provide an enhanced increased presence at all major home sporting events served by Metro Transit Bus and Light Rail.
- Metro Transit Police TRIP Contracted Agents are conducting fare inspections on the METRO Blue and Green lines on a daily basis. Teams of three-to-four agents board trains and check fares as well as connect those to resources and social services.
- Ongoing support to Allied Security at Franklin Avenue Blue Line Station and Lake Street/Midtown Blue Line Stations.
- MTPD leadership has reapproached the St. Paul Police Department and the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office to support joint operation details on the Metro Green Line for 2024.
- MTPD and TSIP Vendors will be collaborating with the 2024 Minneapolis Summer Safe Initiative, in downtown Minneapolis.

2. Fiscal review of expenditures

Below are the charts including summary of expenditures for this project as of May 13, 2024.



TSIP EXPENDITURES AS OF 05/13/2024		
Description	Expenditures	%
Social Services & Community Engagement	\$ 465,207	63%
Law Enforcement (Internal - MTPD)	\$ 12,678	2%
Law Enforcement (External - U of M PD)	\$ 262,508	35%

Misc. Expenses	\$ 1,474	0%
Total	\$ 741,867	100%

Additionally, the Council is contributing existing resources to this project, namely staff time for coordination and operations.

3. Analysis of impacts and outcomes

For April 2024, the Council can provide counts relating to the social services outreach operations, light rail customer complaints received by the Metro Transit Customer Relations Department, and police data relating to light rail.

Social service outreach and engagement activity

The following table includes information on the Homeless Action Team's outreach operations that have been completed.

Date and location	Organizations joining HAT at the event	Number of contacts	Number and type of referrals
April 10: MOA LRT	Hennepin Co Housing and Stability Roots Wellness	5	Mental Crisis=1 Shelter=1 Benefits=1 Resource Info=2
April 17: MOA LRT	Hennepin Co Housing and Stability	10	Benefits=3 Housing= 1 Resource Info=5 Shelter=1
April 24: MOA LRT	Hennepin County Housing and Stability	5	Housing= 1 Shelter=4
May 1: MOA LRT	Hennepin County Housing and Stability	6	Housing= 2

Date and location	Organizations joining HAT at the event	Number of contacts	Number and type of referrals
			Benefits=2 Shelter=2 Mental Health Resouces=1
May 2: UD	COAST	14	Chemical Dependency= 1 Mental Health=1 Narcen=10 Shelter=2
May 8: MOA	Hennepin County Housing and Stability	4	Housing=2 Shelter=2

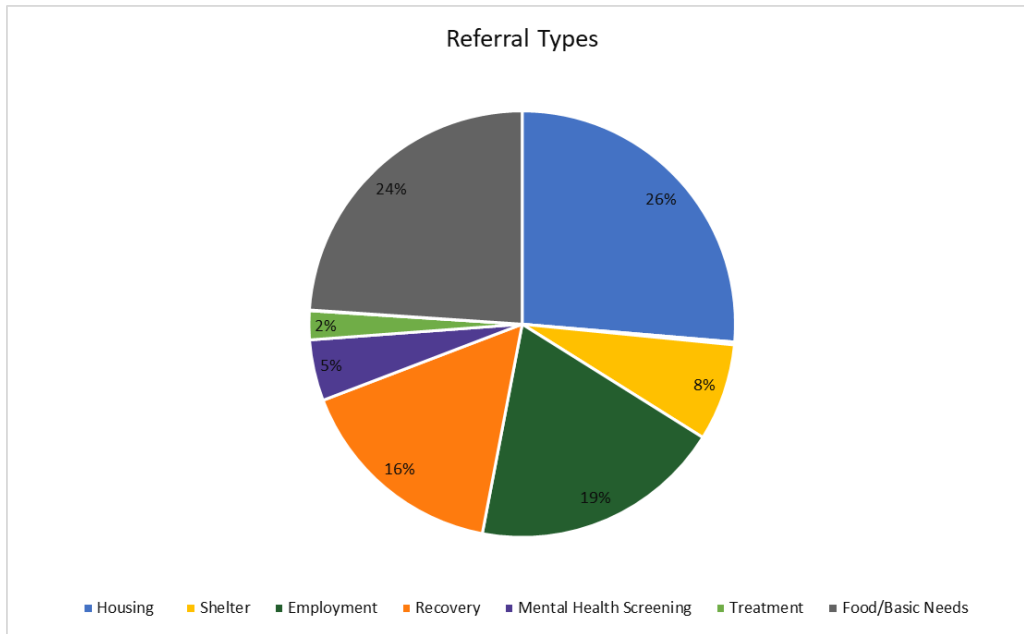
TSIP Community Organizations Engagement and Activities

Organizations actively providing outreach and intervention services in the last months include: All Our Boys, Brothers Empowered, Roots Wellness, The Family Partnership, The Link, Truce Center, and We Push for Peace, and Mental Health MN

Total Number of Contacts
3143

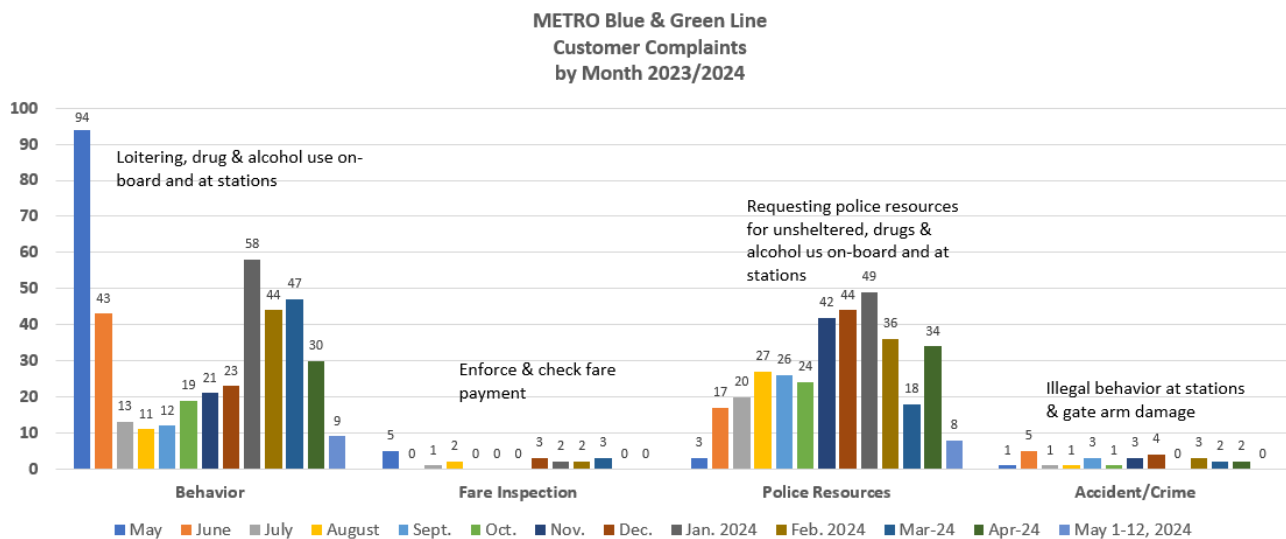
Total Number of Referrals
1834

Percentage of Contacts to Referrals
58.35%



Complaints received by Metro Transit Customer Relations Department regarding METRO Blue Line or METRO Green Line

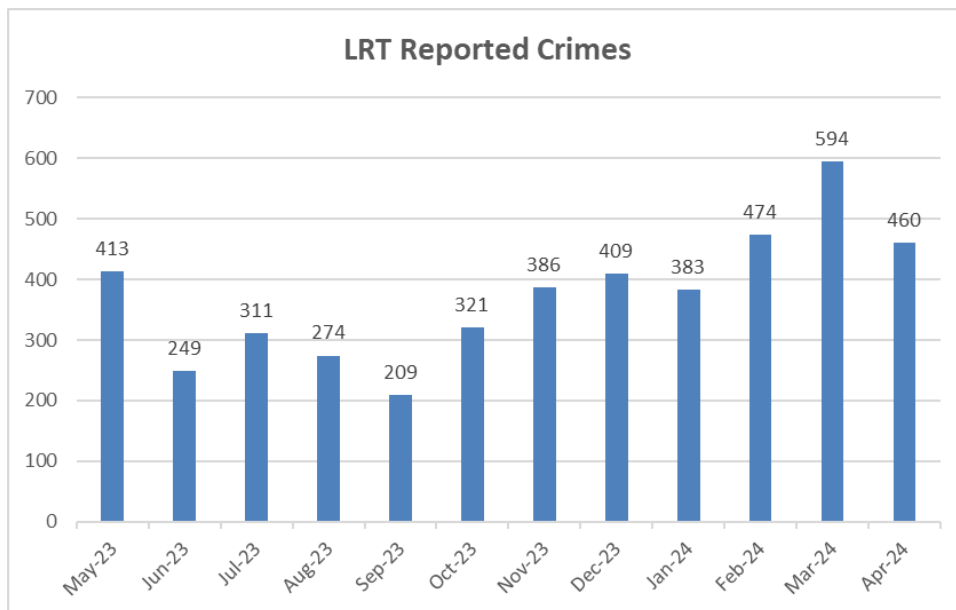
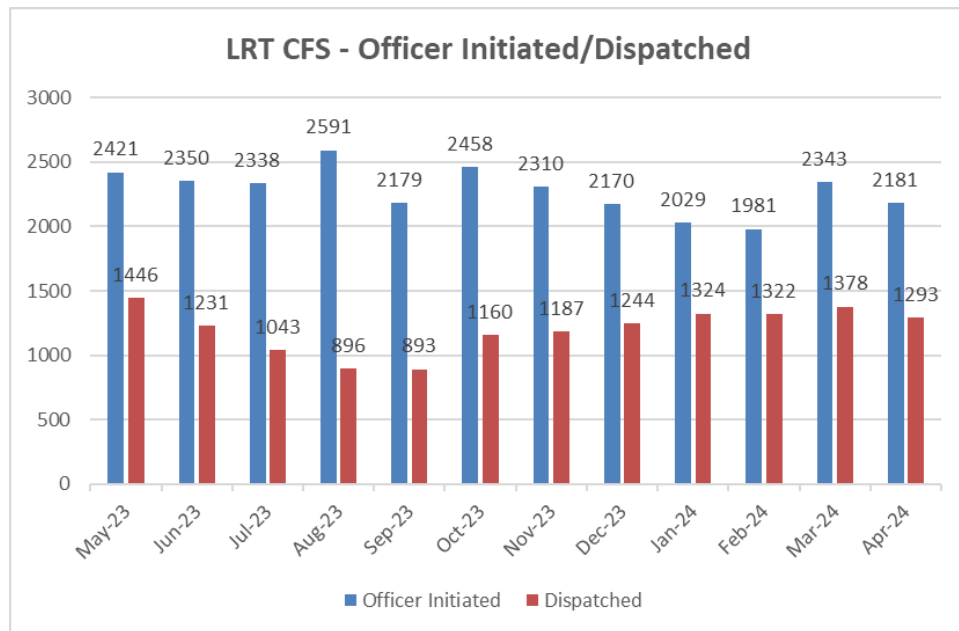
The following chart shows the counts of customer complaints relating to light rail made to the Metro Transit Customer Relations Department. The counts are the total complaints for the given month.



MTPD data on calls for service and reported crimes – LRT Locations

The following two charts show Metro Transit Police Department data for police calls for service and crime on light rail. The data are queried by address location - not mode of transportation. This means

data includes incidents that occurred on light rail trains, platforms, and buses at shared rail/bus locations.



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