

LEGISLATIVE REPORT ON TRANSIT OPERATING RESERVES

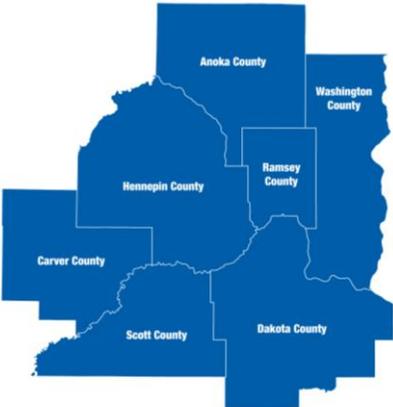


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The Council’s mission is to foster efficient and economic growth for a prosperous metropolitan region

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The Metropolitan Council is the regional planning organization for the seven-county Twin Cities area. The Council operates the regional bus and rail system, collects, and treats wastewater, coordinates regional water resources, plans, and helps fund regional parks, and administers federal funds that provide housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals and families. The 17-member Council board is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the governor.

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Purpose

This is a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation finance and policy on the total operating expenses and reserves of the Replacement Service Providers and Metropolitan Council as required by Minnesota Statutes 473.452.

Introduction

As required, each replacement service provider as defined by Minnesota Statutes 473.388 has provided to the Council the total operating expenses projected for 2025 and the estimated operating reserve balance as of December 31, 2024. The Metropolitan Council is providing the total operating expenses budgeted in the Council's 2025 Unified Budget, adopted December 11, 2024, and the (unaudited) projected operating reserve fund balance as of December 31, 2024.

As of February 14, 2025 (\$ in 000s)

	Projected (unaudited) Operating Reserves Fund Balance 12/31/2024	Projected 2025 Operating Expenditures
Replacement Service Providers		
Maple Grove	\$9,310	\$5,335
MVTA	\$9,849	\$34,367
Plymouth	\$15,554	\$7,229
Southwest Transit	\$16,421	\$17,504
Metropolitan Council		
Metro Mobility	\$13,782	\$129,134
Contracted Services	\$8,264	\$45,545
Transportation Planning	\$9,023	\$10,527
Bus Operations	\$254,796	\$493,715
Light Rail	\$22,105	\$107,418
Commuter Rail	\$10,591	\$16,239
MVST (Motor Vehicle Sales Tax)	\$33,581	
Sales Tax	\$142,578	



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