

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION FINANCIAL REVIEW

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COUNCIL

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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, and to the Commissioner of Management and Budget, due by August 15, 2026, as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 473.13, subd. 6(b).

Introduction

As required, the Council is providing the budgeted and actual financial information for the most recently completed fiscal year for the transportation components under the Council's operating budget. The attached Table A is the final amended operating budget for 2025. The attached Table B are the audited actual amounts for 2025.

The State of Minnesota's financial support for the Council's transportation programs, through the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (MVST) funding, the regional transportation sales and use tax proceeds, and appropriations for transit operations and Special Transportation Services, continues to provide the Council the financial stability for these programs to operate efficiently and plan effectively.

In 2025, the transportation sales and use tax funds were used to support the operations of our Bus Operations, Light Rail, Planning, and Contracted Services programs. The funds also supported critical investments in capital projects and services such as the Bronze Line, the Gold Line, the G Line, and needed technology infrastructures such as 9-1-1 system technology enhancements. It also allowed the Council to collaborate and plan projects with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to more efficiently deliver transit and highway construction projects.

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
SUMMARY BUDGET
TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
FY25**

Table C-1

(\$ in 000s)

	Metro Mobility	Transit Link	Fixed Route	Transportation Planning	Total Metropolitan Transportation Services	Bus	Light Rail	Commuter Rail	Transit Capital Funded	Total Metro Transit	Total Operating	Debt Service	Pass-Through	Highway Right of Way Pass-Through	Memo Total	MVST/Sales Tax Reserves
Revenues:																
Motor Vehicle Sales Tax	-	5,562	27,438	550	33,550	304,482	-	-	-	304,482	338,032	-	50,758	-	388,790	21,950
Regional Sales Tax	-	6,702	-	550	7,252	39,718	102,862	7,638	4,130	154,348	161,600	-	38,127	-	199,727	236,323
State Appropriations	74,248	-	-	-	74,248	-	39,224	3,430	-	42,654	116,902	-	-	-	116,902	-
Other State Revenues	6,341	-	-	-	6,341	-	-	1,440	-	1,440	7,781	-	-	-	7,781	-
Total State Revenues	80,589	12,264	27,438	1,100	121,391	344,200	142,086	12,508	4,130	502,924	624,315	-	88,885	-	713,200	258,273
Net Property Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,300	-	-	55,300	-
Federal Revenues	28,841	1,100	2,575	6,792	39,308	5,400	-	-	28,032	33,432	72,740	-	3,076	-	75,816	-
Local Revenues	-	-	-	175	175	-	-	1,440	-	1,440	1,615	-	-	-	1,615	-
Passenger Fares	7,553	565	1,092	-	9,210	29,423	14,687	341	-	44,451	53,661	-	-	-	53,661	-
Contract & Special Event Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	1,179	-	-	-	1,179	1,179	-	-	-	1,179	-
Investment Earnings	-	-	-	-	-	8,000	500	100	-	8,600	8,600	180	-	-	8,780	-
Other Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	1,237	-	-	3,237	3,237	-	-	-	3,237	-
Total Other Revenues	36,394	1,665	3,667	6,967	48,693	46,002	16,424	1,881	28,032	92,339	141,032	55,480	3,076	-	199,588	-
Total Revenues	116,983	13,929	31,105	8,067	170,084	390,202	158,510	14,389	32,162	595,263	765,347	55,480	91,961	-	912,788	258,273
Expenses:																
Salaries & Benefits	4,240	313	804	6,001	11,358	398,092	82,410	6,589	23,598	510,689	522,047	-	-	-	522,047	-
Consulting & Contractual Services	2,408	430	391	4,264	7,493	27,242	6,069	4,411	3,054	40,776	48,269	-	-	-	48,269	-
Materials & Supplies	560	337	55	25	977	30,227	9,368	792	-	40,387	41,364	-	-	-	41,364	-
Fuel	13,823	-	-	-	13,823	19,783	89	1,168	-	21,040	34,863	-	-	-	34,863	-
Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent & Utilities	153	35	51	158	397	7,471	8,646	336	-	16,453	16,850	-	-	-	16,850	-
Printing	35	5	-	7	47	428	-	-	-	428	475	-	-	-	475	-
Travel	32	5	8	65	110	939	78	19	15	1,051	1,161	-	-	-	1,161	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	4,310	635	2,709	-	7,654	7,654	-	-	-	7,654	-
Transit Programs	107,652	16,315	29,607	-	153,574	-	-	-	-	-	153,574	-	-	-	153,574	-
Operating Capital	157	-	133	34	324	-	-	-	-	-	324	-	-	-	324	-
Governmental Grants	-	-	-	-	-	2,457	10,000	-	-	12,457	12,457	-	-	-	12,457	-
Other Expenses	87	10	56	75	228	18,859	123	215	-	19,197	19,425	-	-	-	19,425	-
Passthrough Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91,446	-	91,446	-
Debt Service Obligations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,037	-	-	31,037	-
Total Expenses	129,147	17,450	31,105	10,629	188,331	509,808	117,418	16,239	26,667	670,132	858,463	31,037	91,446	-	980,946	-
Other Sources and (Uses):																
Interdivisional Cost Allocation	(3,874)	(503)	(865)	(3,292)	(8,534)	(76,869)	(10,607)	(1,171)	-	(88,647)	(97,181)	-	-	-	(97,181)	-
Modal Allocation	-	-	-	-	-	21,957	(21,088)	(869)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A-87 Cost Allocation	-	-	-	-	-	19,565	(13,591)	(479)	(5,495)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MVST Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	16,520	-	-	-	16,520	16,520	-	100	-	16,620	(16,620)
Transfers To HRA	-	-	-	-	-	(75)	-	-	-	(75)	(75)	-	-	-	(75)	-
Transfer to Capital	-	-	(1,121)	-	(1,121)	(24,079)	-	-	-	(24,079)	(25,200)	-	-	-	(25,200)	(219,549)
Transfers To From Other Funds	-	-	-	615	615	-	-	-	-	-	615	-	(615)	-	-	-
Net Other Sources and (Uses)	(3,874)	(503)	(1,986)	(2,677)	(9,040)	(42,981)	(45,286)	(2,519)	(5,495)	(96,281)	(105,321)	-	(515)	-	(105,836)	(236,169)
Change in Fund Balance	(16,038)	(4,024)	(1,986)	(5,239)	(27,287)	(162,587)	(4,194)	(4,369)	-	(171,150)	(198,437)	24,443	-	-	(173,994)	22,104

Table B



**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
SUMMARY BUDGET
TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
FY25**

Table C-1 - Actuals 2025

(\$ in 000s)

	Metro Mobility	Transit Link	Fixed Route	Transportation Planning	Total Metropolitan Transportation Services	Bus	Light Rail	Commuter Rail	Transit Capital Funded	Total Metro Transit	Total Operating	Debt Service	Pass-Through	Highway Right of Way Pass-Through	Memo Total	MVST/Sales Tax Reserves
Revenues:																
Motor Vehicle Sales Tax	-	5,561	27,439	550	33,550	280,403	-	-	-	280,403	313,953	-	46,638	-	360,591	(7,279)
Regional Sales Tax	-	6,702	-	550	7,252	39,718	106,593	8,037	-	154,348	161,600	-	37,917	-	199,517	234,116
State Appropriations	88,703	-	-	-	88,703	-	15,295	1,809	-	17,104	105,807	-	-	-	105,807	-
Other State Revenues	5,767	-	-	-	5,767	274	-	1,491	-	1,765	7,532	-	-	-	7,532	-
Total State Revenues	94,470	12,263	27,439	1,100	135,272	320,395	121,888	11,337	-	453,620	588,892	-	84,555	-	673,447	226,837
Net Property Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56,360	-	-	56,360	-
Federal Revenues	22,500	878	2,544	6,676	32,598	4,358	-	-	24,149	28,507	61,105	-	402	-	61,507	-
Local Revenues	-	-	-	112	112	234	-	-	-	234	346	-	-	-	346	-
Passenger Fares	4,568	760	879	-	6,207	27,744	9,408	393	-	37,545	43,752	-	-	-	43,752	-
Contract & Special Event Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	4,374	1,563	-	-	5,937	5,937	-	-	-	5,937	-
Investment Earnings	864	184	342	331	1,721	10,150	989	368	-	11,507	13,228	4,408	1,310	1,512	20,458	23,127
Other Revenues	4	-	-	-	-	849	188	1	-	1,038	1,038	-	-	82	1,120	23,127
Total Other Revenues	27,936	1,822	3,765	7,119	40,638	47,709	12,148	762	24,149	84,768	125,406	60,768	1,712	1,594	189,480	46,254
Total Revenues	122,406	14,085	31,204	8,219	175,910	368,104	134,036	12,099	24,149	538,388	714,298	60,768	86,267	1,594	862,927	273,091
Expenses:																
Salaries & Benefits	3,817	531	670	5,031	10,049	359,073	58,039	5,082	19,105	441,299	451,348	-	-	-	451,348	-
Consulting & Contractual Services	2,771	327	434	2,757	6,289	26,300	4,256	6,553	2,692	39,801	46,090	379	-	18	46,487	-
Materials & Supplies	388	44	15	32	479	26,372	1,682	698	-	28,752	29,231	-	-	-	29,231	-
Fuel	6,325	-	-	-	6,325	14,787	4,114	802	-	19,703	26,028	-	-	-	26,028	-
Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent & Utilities	136	-	31	157	324	5,281	2,448	621	-	8,350	8,674	-	-	-	8,674	-
Printing	16	5	-	22	43	322	-	-	-	322	365	-	-	-	365	-
Travel	21	2	-	58	81	643	112	31	-	786	867	-	-	-	867	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	4,914	650	3,382	-	8,946	8,946	-	-	-	8,946	-
Transit Programs	106,188	17,295	29,220	-	152,703	-	-	-	-	-	152,703	-	-	-	152,703	-
Operating Capital	144	-	123	32	299	-	-	-	-	-	299	-	-	-	299	-
Governmental Grants	-	-	-	39	39	-	-	-	-	-	39	-	-	-	39	-
Other Expenses	49	-	2	42	93	1,245	210	43	-	1,498	1,591	-	-	-	1,591	-
Passthrough Grants	-	-	-	-	-	1,611	-	-	-	1,611	1,611	-	63,830	-	65,441	-
Debt Service Obligations	-	-	-	-	-	114	9	-	-	123	123	34,495	-	-	34,618	-
Total Expenses	119,855	18,204	30,495	8,170	176,724	440,662	71,520	17,212	21,797	551,191	727,915	34,874	63,830	18	826,637	-
Other Sources and (Uses):																
Interdivisional Cost Allocation	(3,983)	(514)	(889)	(3,375)	(8,761)	(67,541)	(10,063)	(1,064)	-	(78,668)	(87,429)	-	-	-	(87,429)	-
Modal Allocation	-	-	-	-	-	19,668	(19,302)	(366)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A-87 Cost Allocation	-	-	-	-	-	7,451	(4,937)	(162)	(2,352)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MVST Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	16,520	-	-	-	16,520	16,520	-	53	-	16,573	-
Transfers To HRA	-	-	-	-	-	(75)	-	-	-	(75)	(75)	-	-	-	(75)	-
Transfer to Capital	-	-	(1,121)	-	(1,121)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,121)	-	-	-	(1,121)	46,254
Transfers To From Other Funds	-	-	-	615	615	-	-	-	-	-	615	-	(615)	-	-	-
Net Other Sources and (Uses)	(3,983)	(514)	(2,010)	(2,760)	(9,267)	(23,977)	(34,302)	(1,592)	(2,352)	(62,223)	(71,490)	-	(562)	-	(72,052)	46,254
Change in Fund Balance	(1,432)	(4,633)	(1,301)	(2,711)	(10,081)	(96,535)	28,214	(6,705)	-	(75,026)	(85,107)	25,894	21,875	1,576	(35,762)	319,345



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