

**MAPLE GROVE TRANSIT COMMISSION****6:30 P.M****March 7, 2023****Mayors Conference Room****Maple Grove Government Center**

- A. Call to Order** - The transit commission chair will call the meeting to order.
- B. Oath of Office** - The transit commission members up for reappointment will take the oath of office for a term to expire December 31, 2024.
- C. Approval of Minutes** - The commission will review and consider adoption of the meeting minutes from December 6, 2022 per Exhibit A.
- D. Data, Ethics, and Open Meeting Law Training** - The City Attorney will lead this training.
- E. Ridership Report** - The 2022 ridership report per Exhibit B will be reviewed. The most recent daily reports will be provided and reviewed at the meeting.
- F. Express Bus Service Updates** - The Transit Administrator will update the Commission on topics related to the Express service including:
- Metro Transit bus garage change
  - Future service changes and adjustments
- G. MY RIDE Service Updates** - The Transit Administrator will update the Commission on topics related to the MY RIDE service including:
- Contracted bus service provider change
  - Vehicles updates
  - Service expansion goals
- H. Miscellaneous Updates** - The Transit Administrator will review upcoming projects, events and issues from for 2023, including:
- Drain pipe replacements project at the Transit Station
  - Five-Year Inspection for transit stations.
  - Highway 169 corridor study.
  - Blue Line Extension light rail discussion with Metropolitan Council.
- I. Commissioner Reports** - The commission members will present their individual reports, questions, or comments.
- J. Other Business** - Other transit business items not on the agenda will be considered for discussion.
- K. Adjournment** - A motion for adjournment will be considered.

# **Exhibit A**

## **Meeting Minutes**

# MEETING MINUTES

## MAPLE GROVE TRANSIT COMMISSION

December 6, 2022

**Members Present:** Teri Anderson, Claudia Hames Newman, Yolanda Brantley, and Mary St. Mari

**Members Absent:** none

**Also Present:** Mike Opatz, Transit Administrator - City of Maple Grove

- L. Call to Order** - The Transit Commission Chair Teri Anderson called the meeting to order.
- M. Oath of Office** - Mike Opatz stated the 2023 Oath of Office will be conducted at the first Transit Commission meeting in 2023.
- N. Approval of Minutes** – After a motion and second, the Transit Commission voted approval of the meeting minutes from January 25, 2022.
- O. Ridership Report** - Opatz reviewed various ridership statistics from 2021 and 2022. Opatz distributed the daily ridership report from October 2023 and reviewed it with the Transit Commission.
- P. 2022 Review and 2023 Outlook** – Opatz and the Transit Commission members reviewed the following topics from the past year and as well as looking forward to 2023:
- COVID Impacts on ridership, service, and budget.
  - Metro Transit driver hiring outreach.
  - I-94 road construction impacts and detours.
  - Blue Line Extension light rail discussion with Metropolitan Council.
  - Route 730 local bus service between Brooklyn Park and Maple Grove
  - Express bus service plans for 2023.
  - MY Ride reservations and service expansion
  - New Route 784
  - Storage room, LED light fixture, camera projects, and 2023 capital projects
  - Ridership and marketing campaign
  - New bus garage at Metro Transit
- Q. Commissioner Reports** – Commissioner Teri Anderson asked that the evergreen trees on Main Street on the backside of Whole Foods be trimmed. The trees block the view of on-coming traffic for motorists turning on to Main Street. Commissioner Newman stated the new Route 784 bus stop at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Portland needs to be added to the snow removal list.
- R. Other Business** - Opatz stated that Maple Grove Transit is participating in a Metropolitan Council study looking at the feasibility, challenges, and costs of converting the bus fleet to electric buses.
- S. Adjournment** - A motion for adjournment was adopted at 7:53 PM.

# Exhibit B

## Ridership Summary

Maple Grove Transit - 2022 Ridership at a Glance													
2022 Ridership	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	TOTAL
Route 781	5,418	7,755	11,794	11,299	11,798	11,602	8,723	9,311	8,711	8,500	7,911	6,469	109,291
Route 784	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	408	1,183	1,075	1,117	1,102	4,885
Route 785	-	-	-	-	-	1,080	1,756	2,110	2,184	2,479	2,060	1,693	13,362
Route 789	1,142	1,687	1,778	1,778	650	581	600	669	2,482	2,504	2,189	1,287	17,347
Dial-A-Ride	2,305	2,493	2,802	2,700	2,896	2,755	2,823	3,436	3,384	3,243	3,190	3,075	35,102
<b>Total Rides</b>	<b>8,865</b>	<b>11,935</b>	<b>16,374</b>	<b>15,777</b>	<b>15,344</b>	<b>16,018</b>	<b>13,902</b>	<b>15,934</b>	<b>17,944</b>	<b>17,801</b>	<b>16,467</b>	<b>13,626</b>	<b>179,987</b>
Service Days	25	24	27	26	25	26	25	27	25	26	25	24	305
Average Daily	355	497	606	607	614	616	556	590	718	685	659	568	590
<b>Ridership</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>'22 vs '21</b>	<b>'22 vs '19</b>							
EXPRESS	775,077	192,828	74,494	144,885	94%	-81%							
MY RIDE	35,797	19,850	24,303	35,322	45%	-1%							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>812,893</b>	<b>214,698</b>	<b>100,818</b>	<b>182,229</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>-78%</b>							