



SORTA/Metro
Board Meeting
June 23, 2026
6:00 pm-7:00 pm Eastern Time

SORTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

SORTA BOARD ROOM 6th FLOOR

525 VINE STREET,

CINCINNATI, OHIO, 45202

General Items:

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Hearings from citizens

Chair Update

Action Item:

- 1 Approval of Board Minutes May 26th, 2026

Briefing Item:

- 2 Financial Results for May 31st, 2026 (Tim Walker)

Action Item:

- 3 Proposed Resolution: Community Responder MOU (Andy Aeillo)
 - 3.1 Action Item:
 - 3.2 Memorandum of Understanding:

Procurement Action Items:

- 4 Proposed Resolution: Contract Modification for 44-2025 Advertising Agency of Record (Dave Etienne)
 - 4.1 Action Item:
- 5 Proposed Resolution: Contract Award for 056-2026 Riverside Bridge Rehab (Jeff Mundstock)
 - 5.1 Action Item:

Briefing Items:

- 6 Good News (Executive Team)
- 7 Ridership and Service Quality Report as of May 31st , 2026 (/Bill Spraul)
- 8 MetroRapid Update (Sharyn Lacombe)
- 9 Government Square Update (Executive Team)
- 10 Progress and Priorities (Andy Aiello)
- 11 New Business

Other Items:

Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is scheduled for

Tuesday, July 28th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

SORTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SORTA/METRO AT HUNTINGTON CENTER
SORTA BOARD ROOM-6th FLOOR
525 VINE STREET, CINCINNATI OHIO 45202

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, May 26th 2026, 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tianay Amat, Dan Driehaus, Trent Emeneker Blake Ethridge, Pete Metz, Briana Moss, Sara Sheets, Greg Simpson, KZ Smith and Sonja Taylor

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Bedi, Tony Brice, Chelsea Clark, Kala Gibson, Neil Kelly and Rickell Smith

STAFF MEMBERS: Andy Aiello, Lisa Aulick, Adriene Hairston, Natalie Krusling, Bradley Mason, Mike Parsons, John Ravasio, Jason Roe, Tony Russo, Khaled Shammout, Bill Spraul, Latasha Underwood, Tim Walker and Mike Weil

LEGAL COUNSEL: Kim Schaefer (Vory's)

GUEST/PUBLIC
PRESENT: N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ethridge SORTA Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

N/A

CEO STAR

Access Operator Latasha Underwood was presented with a CEO Star Award. Latasha showed good judgement and compassion recently when she noticed a passenger had collapsed during an Access trip. Identifying the signs of a possible stroke, she acted quickly and communicated the situation to ensure the passenger received emergency medical care as soon as possible.

CHAIR UPDATE

Mr. Ethridge discussed great ridership numbers, staffing for drivers and that several board members recently attended APTA Mobility.

Dan, Sonja, and Briana attended the APTA Mobility Conference and gained valuable insights from the experience.

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Metz made a motion that the minutes of the April 28th, 2026, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Ms. Taylor seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF APRIL 30TH, 2026

Mr. Walker presented the April financial results. Total revenues were \$15.2 million, which was favorable to budget by \$639K. Total expenses were \$14.6 million, which is unfavorable to budget by \$349k. Operating Capital Contribution was \$0.6 million, which was favorable to budget by \$289k. Ridership was 1,283k, which was favorable to budget by 359k. Mr. Walker then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 75: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR 014-2026 GOVERNMENT SQUARE REDESIGN

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The contract will approve contract no. 014-2026 on behalf of Metro and MSA Design, with a not to exceed value of \$492,361.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 76: APPROVAL OF 022-2026 FOR HVAC MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SERVICES

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The contract will approve contract no. 022-2026 on behalf of Metro and Peck, Hannaford and Briggs, with a total not to exceed value of \$1,169,908.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 77: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR 025-2026 METRONOW! VEHICLES

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The contract will approve contract no. 025-2026 on behalf of Metro and Transportation Equipment Sales Corporation, with a not to exceed value of \$3,053,489.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 78: APPROVAL OF 037-2026 FOR MAINTENANCE UNIFORMS

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The contract will approve contract no. 037-2026 on behalf of Metro and Galls, LLC., with a total not to exceed value of \$276,900.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 79: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR 070-2026 ELECTRONIC FARE PAYMENT VALIDATORS

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The contract will approve contract no. 070-2026 on behalf of Metro and Masabi, LLC., with a not to exceed value of \$1,071,194.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 80: APPROVAL OF 045-2026 ARTICULATED BUSES

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Driehaus seconded the motion. The contract will approve contract no. 045-2026 on behalf of Metro and New Flyer-MCI, with a not to exceed value of \$15,000,000.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROGRESS AND PRIORITIES

Mr. Aiello presented the progress and priorities report and reviewed the Metro Wins Top National Safety Award, Metro Achieves Two Major Operational Milestones, City Council Update, Metro X UC Partnership Grows and Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for
June 23rd, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.
the SORTA/Metro Board Room, at 525 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

APPROVED:



Blake Ethridge
Chair, SORTA Board

ATTESTED:



Andy Aiello
CEO/General Manager/Secretary-
Treasurer



Financial Summary

June 16, 2026





Agenda – Financial Summary

- Statement of Operations for May '26
 - Key Drivers
 - Detail Profit & Loss Statement
 - County Sales Tax Trend
- Cashflow and Obligation Report
- Investment Balance Update

Profit & Loss – Summary / Key Drivers

Summary

- Total Revenue \$14.8M - unfavorable to Budget (\$173k) or (1.2%)
- Total Expense \$14.8M - unfavorable to Budget (\$612k) or (4.3%)
- Operating Capital Contribution \$0.0M - unfavorable to Budget (\$785k)
- Note: Ridership total is 1,232k – favorable to Budget 17k or 1.4%

Revenue

- Total Operating Revenue \$2.3M - favorable to Budget \$274k or 13.6%
- Non-Transportation \$0.7M – favorable to Budget \$99k or 7.5%
- County Sales Tax \$10.4M – unfavorable to budget (\$545k) due to receipt of March actuals
- Federal Grants \$1.5M - on Budget

Expense

- Wages & Benefits \$10.7M - unfavorable to budget (\$262k) or (2.5%)
- Fuel and Lubricants \$965k - unfavorable to budget (\$344k) or (55.3%)
- Parts & Supplies \$893k – favorable to Budget \$89k or 9.1%
- All Other \$2.2M – unfavorable to Budget (\$99k)

5 Mos Ending May 31, 2026
(\$ In Thousands)
Ridership

Regular

CPS

Subtotal Fixed Route

Access

MetroNow!

Total Ridership

Operating Revenue

Metro Fares

Access Fares

MetroNow! Fares

CPS Fares

Other Contract Revenue

Total Operating Revenue

Non-Operating Revenue

County Sales Tax

Federal Subsidies

Non Transportation

Total Non-Operating Revenue

Total Revenue

Expenses

Employee Wages & Benefits

Fuel & Lubricants

Parts & Supplies

Everybody Rides Metro Fund

Other

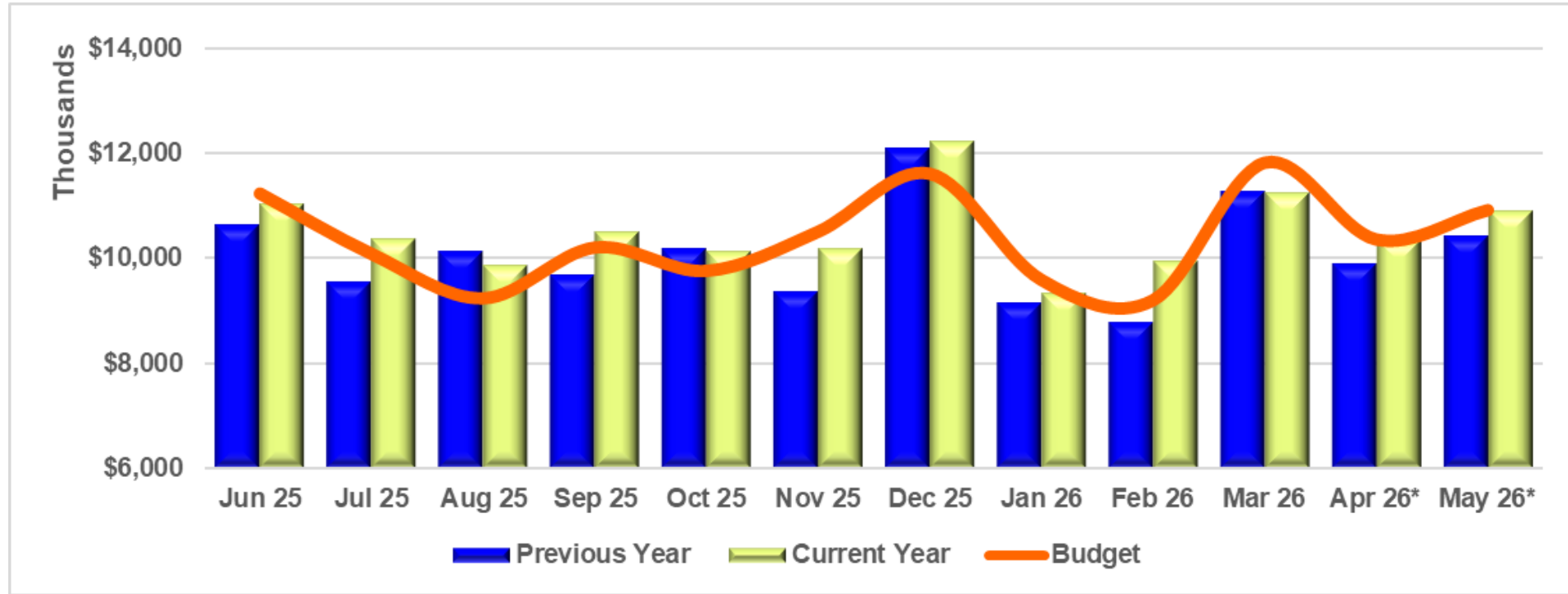
Total Expenses

Operating Capital Contribution

Month				
Actual	Budget	Fav(Unfav)		
1,058,854	1,035,380	23,474	2.3%	
142,408	145,000	(2,592)	(1.8%)	
1,201,262	1,180,380	20,882	1.8%	
14,936	15,282	(346)	(2.3%)	
15,649	18,700	(3,051)	(16.3%)	
1,231,847	1,214,362	17,485	1.4%	
\$ 1,459	\$ 1,256	\$ 202	16.1%	
60	57	3	4.6%	
39	35	4	11.8%	
504	458	46	10.0%	
217	198	18	9.2%	
2,279	2,005	274	13.6%	
10,368	10,913	(545)	(5.0%)	
1,476	1,476	-	-	
663	564	99	17.5%	
12,507	12,953	(446)	(3.4%)	
14,785	14,958	(173)	(1.2%)	
10,711	10,450	(262)	(2.5%)	
965	622	(344)	(55.3%)	
893	982	89	9.1%	
32	35	3	8.9%	
2,181	2,082	(99)	(4.7%)	
14,782	14,170	(612)	(4.3%)	
\$ 4	\$ 788	\$ (785)		

Year to Date				
Actual	Budget	Fav(Unfav)		Prior Year
4,773,370	4,810,356	(36,986)	(0.8%)	4,621,641
823,286	855,000	(31,714)	(3.7%)	840,324
5,596,656	5,665,356	(68,700)	(1.2%)	5,461,965
74,621	74,508	113	0.2%	72,597
72,992	82,500	(9,508)	(11.5%)	51,829
5,744,269	5,822,364	(78,095)	(1.3%)	5,586,391
\$ 5,725	\$ 5,893	\$ (168)	(2.9%)	\$ 5,309
310	284	25	8.9%	258
187	175	12	7.0%	104
2,286	2,437	(151)	(6.2%)	2,222
1,059	963	96	10.0%	959
9,567	9,753	(186)	(1.9%)	8,852
51,822	51,861	(39)	(0.1%)	48,773
7,381	7,381	-	-	7,565
2,746	2,805	(59)	(2.1%)	3,342
61,949	62,047	(98)	(0.2%)	59,680
71,516	71,800	(284)	(0.4%)	68,532
53,094	52,048	(1,046)	(2.0%)	49,258
3,459	3,188	(271)	(8.5%)	3,243
4,825	4,956	132	2.7%	4,750
140	175	35	19.8%	107
9,773	10,727	954	8.9%	9,800
71,291	71,095	(196)	(0.3%)	67,158
\$ 225	\$ 705	\$ (481)		\$ 1,374

County Sales Tax – Year to Date



(\$000's)	Jun 25	Jul 25	Aug 25	Sep 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26 *	May 26 *
Current Year	\$11,042	\$10,384	\$9,891	\$10,526	\$10,151	\$10,201	\$12,230	\$9,341	\$9,945	\$11,270	\$10,354	\$10,913
Budget	\$11,227	\$10,081	\$9,234	\$10,201	\$9,756	\$10,501	\$11,605	\$9,584	\$9,196	\$11,815	\$10,354	\$10,913
Previous Year	\$10,636	\$9,551	\$10,149	\$9,696	\$10,205	\$9,380	\$12,116	\$9,159	\$8,788	\$11,291	\$9,895	\$10,429

* April through May of 2026 are recorded at estimates based on current year trends due to the delay in reporting from State Office

Cashflow and Obligation Report

Overnight Investments	\$20,234,505
Securities & CD's	\$97,255,093

Total All Securities (5/31/2026)	\$117,489,598
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Current Capital Reserve Obligations

<i>BRT Project Development (Hamilton & Reading Corridors) - Amts Pd</i>	\$26,697,631
<i>Future BRT Capital Match (Fed 70% & Local 30%)</i>	\$40,500,000
Total BRT	\$67,197,631
Local Match - FTA and ODOT Grants	\$5,652,053
100% Local Projects (Prior Years Open + Current Year)	\$20,834,954
2 Months of Operating Expenses	\$26,000,000
All Other Obligations	\$3,500,000
Total Current Capital Reserve Obligations	\$123,184,638

Net Unrestricted Securities Available	(\$5,695,040)
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2026 Remaining Operating Budget Surplus (Deficit) Jun-Dec	\$6,165,000
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Net Unrestricted Securities + '26 Operating Budget Surplus	\$469,960
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MOVED BY:	Neil Kelly	SECOND BY:	Chelsea Clark
VOTE Aye:	Ms. Amat, Mr. Brice, Ms. Clark, Mr. Driehaus, Mr. Ethridge, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Moss, Ms. Sheets, Mr. Smith and Ms. Smith		
Nay:	None		
Abstain:	None		
ABSENT AT THE TIME:	Mr. Metz and Ms. Taylor		
PRESENT NON-VOTING MEMBERS:	N/A		
ABSENT NON-VOTING MEMBERS AT THE TIME:	Jay Bedi, Trent Emeneker and Greg Simpson		
APPROVED:	June 23, 2026		



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION ITEM

DATE: June 16, 2026

FROM: John Ravasio, Chief of Staff
Andy Aiello, General Manager/CEO

PROJECT NO.:

STRATEGIC: Connect the Region
Highly Effective Organization

REQUEST: FY27 MOU with City of Cincinnati for Community Service Officers

BACKGROUND

The City of Cincinnati has developed an Alternative Response Team as part of its non-emergency customer service program. The team deploys Community Service Officers (“CSOs”) to serve as ambassadors and respond to incidents that primarily require mental health expertise or connection to community resources.

SORTA (Metro) seeks to continue utilizing CSOs to respond to issues in and around the transit system, and the City has agreed to provide these services. The FY27 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes the framework for this partnership, including annual service planning, pricing coordination, and defined service levels.

BUSINESS PURPOSE

Approve the FY27 MOU between SORTA and the City of Cincinnati to continue deployment of CSOs within the transit system.

This agreement supports improved safety, customer experience, and access to appropriate non-emergency response services across Metro facilities, while aligning service planning and costs with the City's fiscal year.

PROJECT FINANCING

Costs for CSO services are included in the Metro operating budget. Under the MOU, Metro will pay only for services provided and may adjust service levels based on operational needs.

Estimated annual costs are approximately \$250,000–\$300,000, with final costs dependent on agreed-upon service levels and usage.

PROJECT PROCUREMENT

No procurement action is required as this is an intergovernmental agreement for public services.

SMALL BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

N/A



RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Staff recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the General Manager/CEO to execute the FY27 Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Cincinnati for the provision of Community Service Officers.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
CITY OF CINCINNATI AND SORTA FOR COMMUNITY RESPONDERS**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into by and between the City of Cincinnati, Ohio (the "City"), an Ohio municipal corporation with offices located at 801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202, and Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority ("SORTA"), an Ohio regional transit authority with principal offices located at 525 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45220.

WHEREAS, SORTA operates Southwest Ohio's fixed-route bus service ("Metro"), which serves Cincinnati residents in addition to providing commuter routes in the region; and

WHEREAS, the City has developed an Alternative Response Team as part of the City's non-emergency customer service program which will be included in the City's budget for each fiscal year which runs July 1- June 30 ("City Fiscal Year"); and

WHEREAS, the Alternative Response Team deploys Community Service Officers ("CSO") to serve as ambassadors to the community and respond to issues that primarily require mental health expertise or community resource connections; and

WHEREAS, SORTA desires to use the CSOs to respond to issues in and around the transit system and the City is agreeable to SORTA utilizing the CSOs to better address the needs of the citizens of Cincinnati.

1. **SORTA TASKS.** By April 1st of each City Fiscal Year, SORTA will inform the City of the number of CSOs SORTA will utilize in the coming City Fiscal Year by completing the Scope of Services included in Appendix A, the general form of which is in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, and providing a copy to the City. SORTA will pay monthly invoices for the service provided in accordance with Appendix A.
2. **CITY TASKS.** By August 1st of each City Fiscal Year, the City will inform SORTA of the cost to provide the CSOs as detailed in the Scope of Services by completing the Pricing Schedule in Appendix A and providing a copy to SORTA. Both SORTA and the City may cooperate to adjust Appendix A until the service levels and pricing structure are acceptable (and signed) by both parties.

The Alternative Response Team and the number of CSOs will be limited by and is subject to appropriation of funding by City Council based on each City Fiscal Year. In the event City Council does not appropriate adequate funding to support the service levels as agreed upon in Appendix A, both SORTA and the City may cooperate to adjust Appendix A until the service levels and pricing structure are acceptable (and signed) by both parties.

The City will develop the Alternative Response Team. The City will hire, train, manage, and provide the employment resources necessary for the CSOs. The City will maintain minimum CSO staffing levels in accordance with Appendix A.

3. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS.** Nothing herein shall be construed as creating a partnership or joint venture between the City and SORTA. Each CSO shall be considered an officer, agent, servant, or employee of the City. The CSOs shall not be considered an officer, agent, servant, or employee of SORTA nor shall any such person be entitled to any benefits available or granted to employees of SORTA.
4. **TERM.** This MOU will expire if City Council does not appropriate funding for the CSOs. SORTA may terminate this MOU prior to each City Fiscal Year. The City may terminate this MOU at the end of each City Fiscal Year by providing at least 90 days prior written notice to SORTA.
- S. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEES.** Each party to this MOU agrees to be responsible for the negligent acts or negligent omissions by or through itself, its employees, agents and subcontractors. Each party further agrees to defend itself and themselves and pay any judgments and costs arising out of such negligent acts or omissions, and nothing in this MOU shall impute or transfer any such liability from one to the other. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as conferring any legal rights, privileges, or immunities, or imposing any legal duties or obligations, on any person or persons other than the parties named in this MOU, whether such rights, privileges, immunities, duties, or obligations be regarded as contractual, equitable, or beneficial in nature as to such other person or persons.
6. **AMENDMENT.** This MOU and the Exhibits attached hereto contain the entire understanding between the parties as to the matters contained herein. Upon the occurrence of any issues not contemplated in this MOU, the parties will meet to discuss possible amendment. This MOU may be modified or amended only by a written document duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

This MOU has been executed by the parties on the dates set forth below, effective as of the later of such dates.

City of Cincinnati

Southwest Ohio Regional Transit

Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Andrew Aiello, CEO

Date: _____, 2026

Date: _____, 2026

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Assistant City Solicitor

NO CERTIFICATION REQUIRED:

Steve Webb, Finance Director

APPENDIX A

to

MOU between the City of Cincinnati and SORTA for Community Responders dated _____

For the period: July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Task 1: Baseline Support Services

Minimum Number of CSOs in Active Support of Public Transit on CPS School Days Only

	2:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Government Square	4 (2 teams)
Northside Transit Center	2 (1 team)
Oakley Transit Center	2 (1 team)
Glenway Transit Center / Hughes/ Other	2 (1 team)

It is understood that the CSOs typically work in teams of two CSOs. It is also understood that the location of the CSOs will generally follow the matrix above, but SORTA and the City can coordinate to direct the CSOs above to other locations within the transit system as needed at no additional charge. SORTA understands that CSOs will not work outside of the City limits.

Task 2: Additional Support

SORTA may request additional support above and beyond the level of staffing detailed in Task 1. If CSOs are available to provide the requested additional support, the CSOs will provide the support and bill SORTA for the additional support provided. The additional support will be billed to SORTA at the rate listed in the Pricing Schedule below.

PRICING SCHEDULE

Task 1: Baseline Support Services

\$257,500 annually, billable monthly

Task 2: Additional Support/Expenses

Additional support above and beyond the staffing levels/plan associated with Task 1 will be billed to SORTA monthly at the following rate: **\$97.27** per hour for a two-person CSO support team.

Any additional expenses resulting from SORTA's use of the CSO that are above and beyond the regular use of the CSO (including but not limited to special equipment costs, integration with SORTA's systems, or other costs and expenses specific to SORTA), **the City will obtain pre-approval from SORTA for these expenses and invoice SORTA accordingly.**

[Signatures on following page.]

City of Cincinnati

Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Date: _____, 2026

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Assistant City Solicitor

NO CERTIFICATION REQUIRED:

Steve Webb, Finance Director

Southwest Ohio Regional Transit

Andrew Aiello, CEO

Date: _____, 2026

Project	Method	Vendor	Award	Term	Funding
044-2025 Advertising Agency of Record Highly Effective Organization**	Sole Source Award / Contract Modification	Gatesman Inc.	\$10,000,000 (O) \$355,246 (M)	5 years Jan 2026 – Dec 2030	Budgeted Local Operating
056-2026 Riverside Bridge Rehab Highly Effective Organization**	Invitation for Bid (IFB)	Prus Construction Company	\$570,025 \$158,364	1 year June 2026 – May 2027	Budgeted Local Capital

*denotes non-competitive or non-negotiable award
**denotes the strategic priority the contract supports

Metro MAX Spend Summary
(Maximizing Access for XBE’s)

Total Awards for Month	\$873,451
Total MAX Spend for Month	\$513,610
2026 Total Spend	\$45,351,501
2026 MAX Spend	\$1,110,298
2026 MAX Participation Rate	2.45%



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION ITEM

DATE: June 16, 2026
FROM: Jason Roe, Director of Procurement
Dave Etienne, Director of Marketing
PROJECT NO.: 44-2025 Advertising Agency of Record
STRATEGIC: Highly Effective Organization
REQUEST: Contract Modification

BACKGROUND

Metro required a strategic partnership with an advertising agency to lead the creation, management, media buying, and execution of comprehensive annual marketing plans that drive and support key organizational priorities. The plans include strategies, tactics, campaigns, and programs designed to advance Metro's strategic priorities.

BUSINESS PURPOSE

The purpose of this contract modification is to increase the contract value and expand the scope of services to support the Human Resources Department in media buying and associated analytics for recruitment efforts.

PROJECT FINANCING

The budget for this modification is \$355,246 and will be financed using local funding and is approved in the FY2026 budget.

The final cost of the modification is flat to budget.

PROJECT PROCUREMENT

As this is a sole source contract modification, vendor outreach and competitive processes were not required.

The cost of services has been determined to be fair and reasonable based on the rates established through contract negotiations.

SMALL BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

The contracted vendor is an XBE firm, the contract modification will be awarded with 100% XBE participation.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Staff recommends the Board of Trustees approve a resolution authorizing the CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer or the Director of Procurement to execute a modification to Contract No. 44-2025, on behalf of Metro with Gatesman Inc., Increasing the total not to exceed value from \$10,000,000 to \$10,355,246, an increase of \$355,246.

ABSENT NON-
VOTING
MEMBERS AT
THE TIME: Jay Bedi, Trent Emeneker and Greg Simpson
APPROVED: June 23, 2026



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION ITEM

DATE: June 16, 2026
FROM: Jason Roe, Director of Procurement
 Jeff Mundstock, Director of Fleet & Facilities
PROJECT NO.: 056-2026 Riverside Bridge Rehabilitation
STRATEGIC: Highly Effective Organization
REQUEST: Contract Award

BACKGROUND

The Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) owns multiple rail rights-of-way (ROW) and is responsible for their maintenance in accordance with requirements established by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Indiana & Ohio Railway Company (IORY).

During a roadway inspection, ODOT identified deficiencies in Bridge 3105733, which spans Riverside Drive. In response, SORTA retained HDR, Inc. as a technical bridge consultant to conduct a structural rail assessment and develop specifications and plans for the bridge's rehabilitation.

BUSINESS PURPOSE

SORTA is procuring the services of a qualified contractor to perform the required rehabilitation. These repairs will enhance the safety of pedestrian and vehicular traffic on Riverside Drive passing beneath the rail bridge.

PROJECT FINANCING

The contract budget is \$570,900 and is included in the approved FY2026 Capital Budget. The project will be financed using local capital funds.

The project was originally budgeted at \$500,000 in FY2026. The final projected cost exceeds the budget by \$70,025.

PROJECT PROCUREMENT

Based on the scope of work, fully defined specifications and plans, this procurement was determined to be an Invitation for Bid. Complete specifications were provided and award is determined by lowest price. SORTA received a total of three (3) bids from the 37 vendors who downloaded the solicitation. Based on pricing, the recommended vendor for award is Prus Construction.

Staff targeted 90 contractors for this project. 52 contractors solicited were known to have the capabilities required to fulfill the bridge repair requirements from an ODOT list of bridge contractors. 37 contractors downloaded solicitation materials and 3 submitted responses. Several contractors replied that the project was out of their service area and/or they did not have the capacity to take on the additional work at this time.



Based on pricing, the recommended vendor for award is Prus Construction.

#1 Prus Construction Company	#2 Buckeye Construction and Restoration, Ltd.	#3 Sunesis Construction Co
\$518,205.00	\$826,647.00	\$928,005.74

Prus Construction Company is determined to have submitted a bid acceptable to SORTA; it has the capacity to fulfil this contract and is recommended for award.

The pricing was determined to be fair and reasonable based on the independent cost estimate, and the additional bids received.

SMALL BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

After reviewing the available SBE firms, it was determined that a goal of 13% would be set for this project. 48 potential SBE firms that were included in the vendor outreach. Prus Construction will be utilizing subcontractor, The W.M. Lang & Sons Company, for this project. The W.M. Lang & Sons Company is a certified SBE and will be performing approximately 30% of the work for this project (\$158,634).

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Staff recommends the Board of Trustees approve a resolution authorizing the CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer or the Director of Procurement to execute Contract No. 056-2026, on behalf of Metro with Prus Construction Company, with a not to exceed value of \$570,025.



Planning & Operations: Good News

June 16, 2026





April Silver Wheel Award Recipients



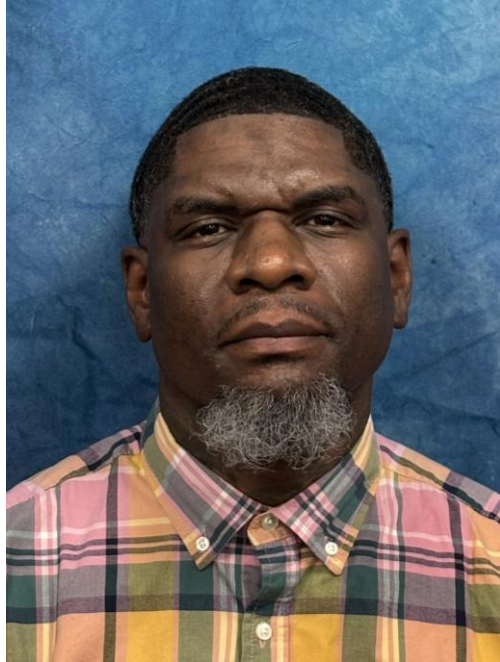
Leadership
Employee of the Month
Bret Isaac



Administrative & Support
Employee of the Month
Maria Jones



April Silver Wheel Award Recipients



Queensgate
Operator of the Month
Carlton Cannedy



Queensgate Maintenance
Employee of the Month
Gregory Daniels



April Silver Wheel Award Recipients



Bond Hill
Operator of the Month
Deanna Longmire



Bond Hill Maintenance
Employee of the Month
Brendon Smith



Access
Employee of the Month
Antonie Montgomery

Metro Career Fair A Success!

On June 13, Metro held a Career Fair for fixed-route and Access operators and maintenance team members. The Career Fair included on-site interviews, an opportunity to learn more about the role and perks of working with Metro, as well as a DJ, food and much more.

If you are interested in beginning a rewarding career at Metro apply today at [go-metro/careers](https://go-metro.com/careers).



Metro Wins APTA Gold Safety & Security Award

Safety isn't just a word at Metro. It's intentional efforts to keep our customers, team members and the community at large safe and secure each and every day.

Those efforts were recognized on a national level, during the American Public Transit Association's (APTA) 2026 Bus Safety & Security Excellence Awards where Metro received the top honor, the Gold Award, for our innovative and proactive efforts to enhance safety, strengthen security, and improve emergency preparedness. Congrats to **Bill Spraul** and the Safety Department for their dedication and commitment to fostering a safe organization.



Congratulations & Farewell, Mike!

We gave a warm farewell to Director of Safety & Security **Mike Weil** after 32 years of excellence. Mike has transformed our safety and security initiatives making Metro a leader in this space. We wish him well on his retirement!

Bret Isaac will now serve as the Interim Safety & Security Director/Chief Safety Officer.



Congrats, Tony & Milton!

Congratulations and all the best to Operators **Tony Henson** (32 years) and **Milton Willison** (23 years) on their retirement from Metro. Both Tony and Milton represent the last of a Metro family legacy here at Metro, with eight relatives between them having worked at Metro, reflecting a combined 185 years of service.



Access Achieved “0” Preventable Accidents!

Congratulations to the Access/MetroNow! team on achieving “0” preventable accidents during the entire month of May!

This accomplishment is testament to our safety-first approach. Well done!



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Metro Honored with Cincinnatus Award

Metro was honored to be recognized with the Donald and Marian Spencer “Spirit of America Award” during the annual Cincinnatus Association's Award dinner.

Metro was recognized for its commitment towards advancing opportunity, inclusion, equity and community impact across the region.



Metro Receives Adopt-A-Class Award

Metro was recognized as the “Best Overall Partner” by Adopt-A-Class during their annual celebration breakfast.

The event celebrated the accomplishments of mentor teams, educators and community partners dedicated to empowering the next generation of leaders. Kudos to our Metro volunteers who make our partnership with Adopt-A-Class a success. Special thanks to **Natalie Krusling** who serves as the Metro lead for our Adopt-A-Class partnership.



Metro's Partnership with DAAP Wins Big Award



Metro in partnership with the University of Cincinnati's DAAP program was recently awarded the "2026 Great Places Award" in the Research and Planning category by The Environmental Design Research Association for our bus stop design project. The award entry was titled, "From Pole to Place: Research through Design for Inclusive Transit Wayfinding and Placemaking."

The judges remarked that *"This project stands as a model practice of people-centered place planning in the field of public transportation."*

Attend a Public Meeting for the New Route 70

Metro will hold two public meetings to collect public feedback on the proposed new Rt. 70, which will connect the University of Cincinnati and the UC Blue Ash Campus.

Public meetings will be held on June 24:

- 10 a.m. – Noon (Virtual)
- 5-7 p.m. – Downtown Public Library



Art & Transit at the Anderson Township Transit Center

To celebrate the opening of the newly envisioned Anderson Township Park & Ride, Metro partnered with the Anderson Art Collaborative to produce a community led art design in the new space. 125 Anderson residents made their mark and helped paint a mural in the transit center celebrating how Transit unites communities.



Metro In the Community

Summer is off to a roaring start and Metro is out and about showing future riders just how easy it is to go Metro. Be sure to stop by the Metro booth at these upcoming events.



June 20 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
3CDC Touch a Truck
@ Court Street Plaza

June 21 | 6:30 - 9 p.m.
West End Brady Block Party
@ Ezzard Charles Park

June 24 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Metro 101 Session
@ Virtual

June 27 | 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Cincy Pride Parade & Festival
@ Sawyer Point & Yeatman's Cove

...And That's the News!



Metro's annual Safety & Wellness picnics were a blast. We hope to see you at our Safety Awards Banquet on June 25.

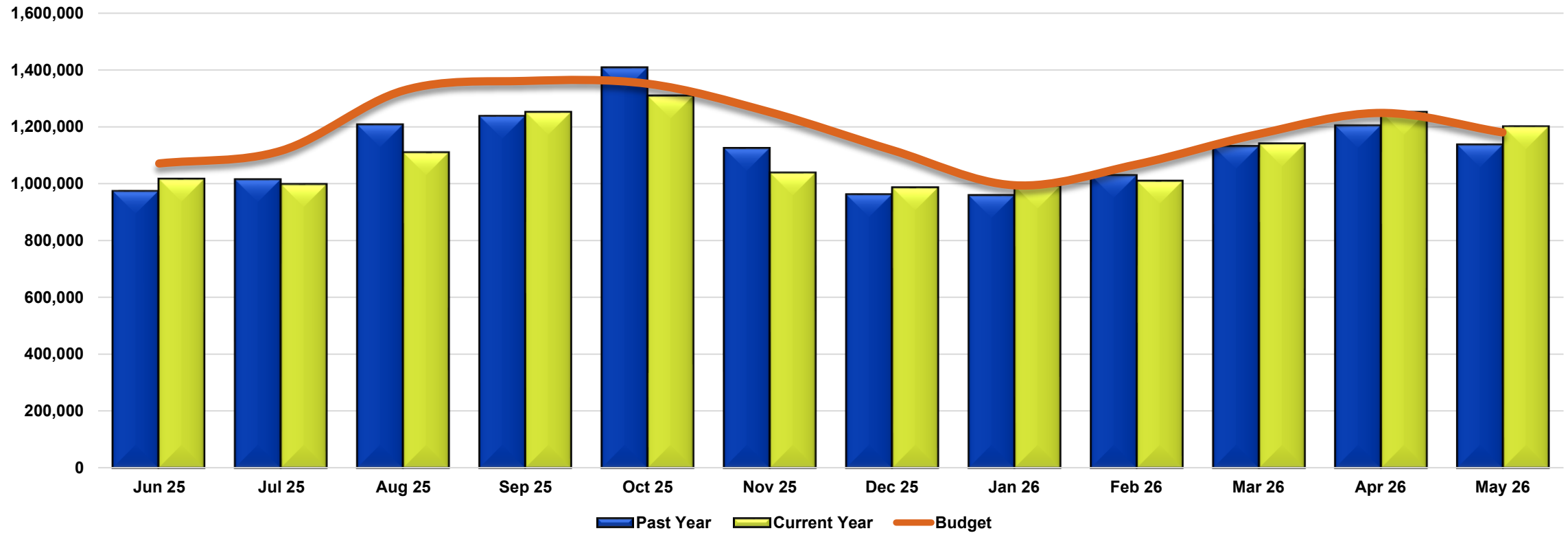


May 2026 Ridership and Service Quality Report

June 16th, 2026 | SPDI

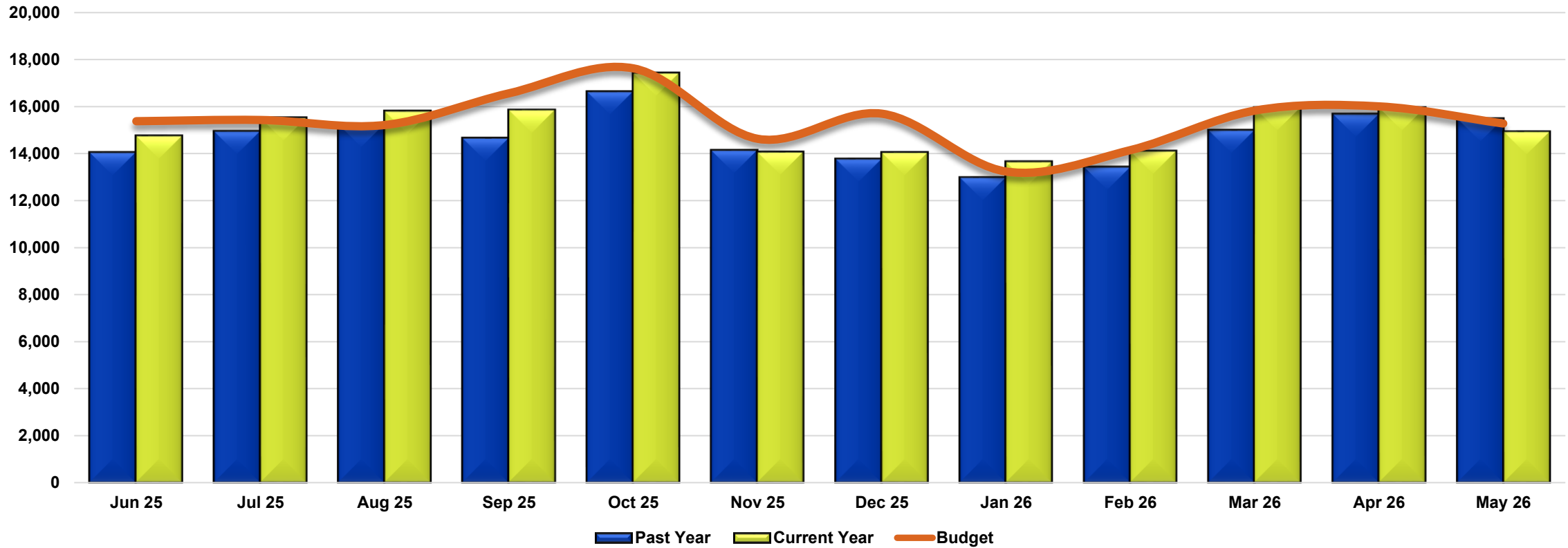


Total Fixed Route Ridership YoY & Budget by Month



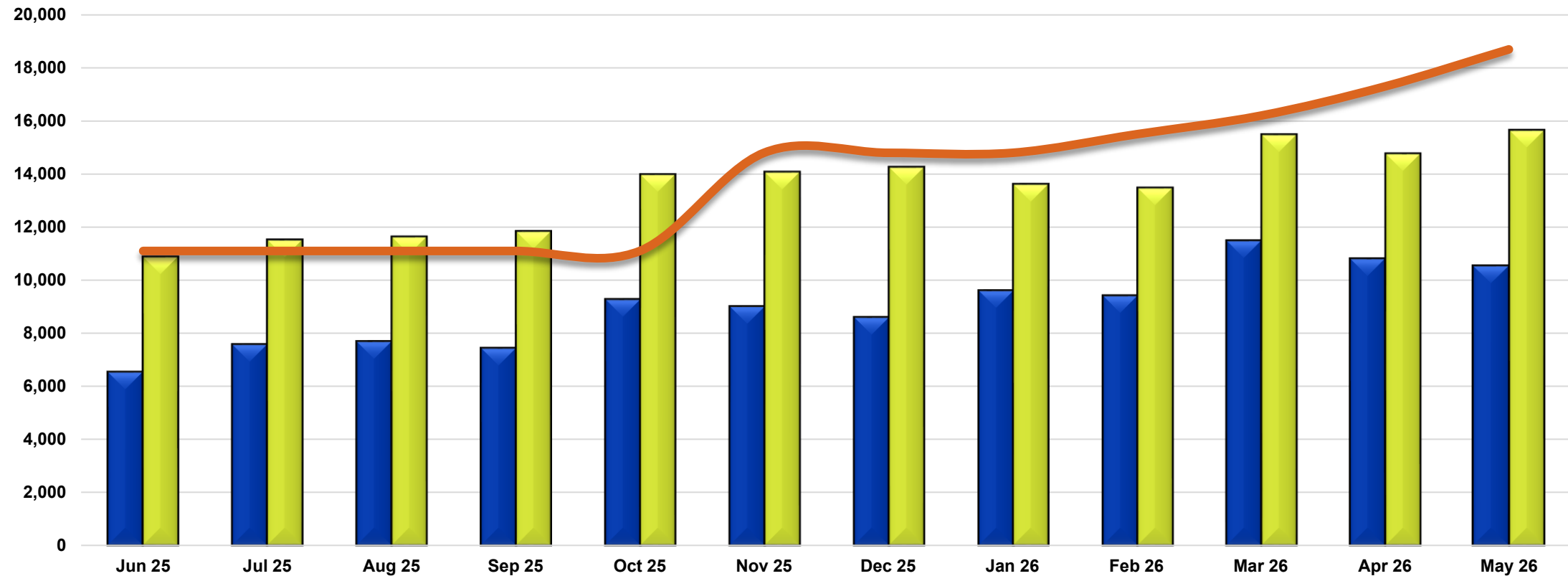
Service	May 26 Ridership	May 26 Budget	% Budget Variance	May 25 Ridership	May 26 vs. 25 % Variance
Fixed-Route	1,201,268	1,180,380	1.8%	1,137,454	5.6%
Total (YTD)	5,596,662	5,665,356	-1.2%	5,461,965	2.5%

Total Access Ridership



Access	May 26 Ridership	May 26 Budget	% Budget Variance	May 25 Ridership	May 26 vs. 25 % Variance
Total	14,938	15,282	-2.3%	15,491	-3.6%
Total (YTD)	74,623	74,508	0.2%	72,597	2.8%

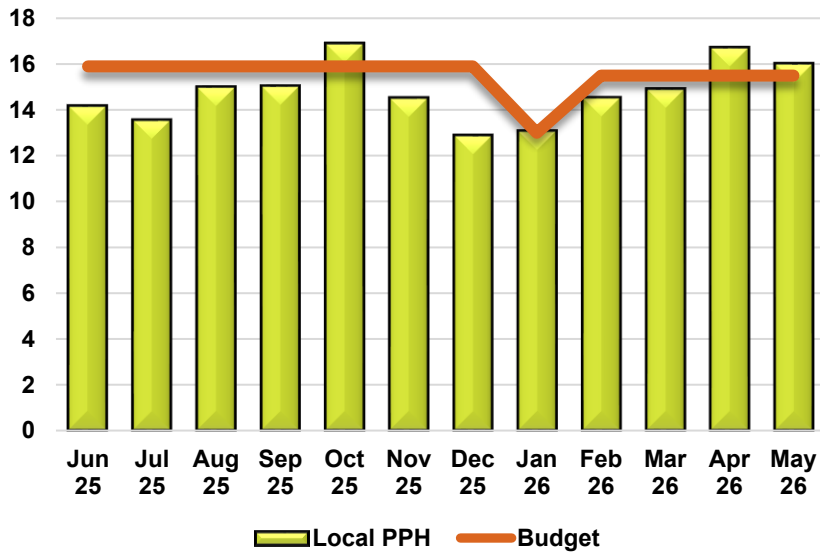
Total MetroNow Ridership



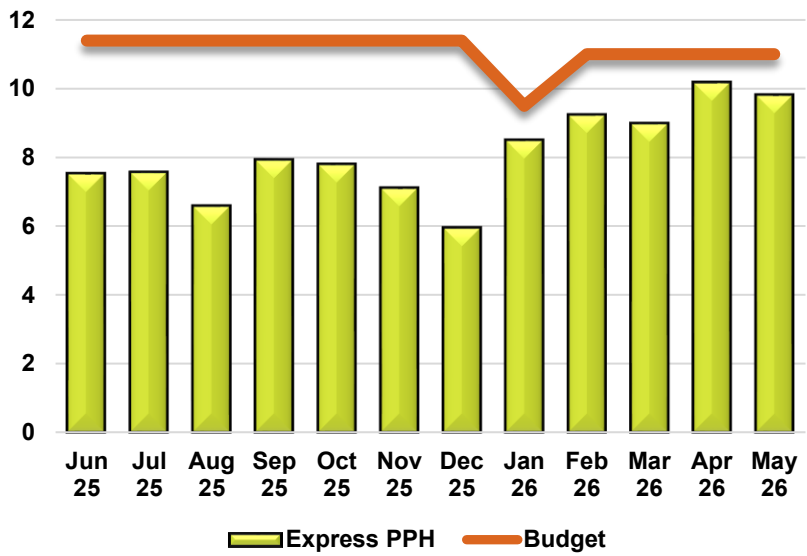
■ Past Year ■ Current Year — Budget

MetroNow	May 26 Ridership	May 26 Budget	% Budget Variance	May 25 Ridership	May 26 vs. 25 % Variance
Total	15,649	18,700	-16.3%	10,544	48.4%
Total (YTD)	72,992	83,900	-13.0%	51,829	40.8%

Local Service Productivity



Express Service Productivity



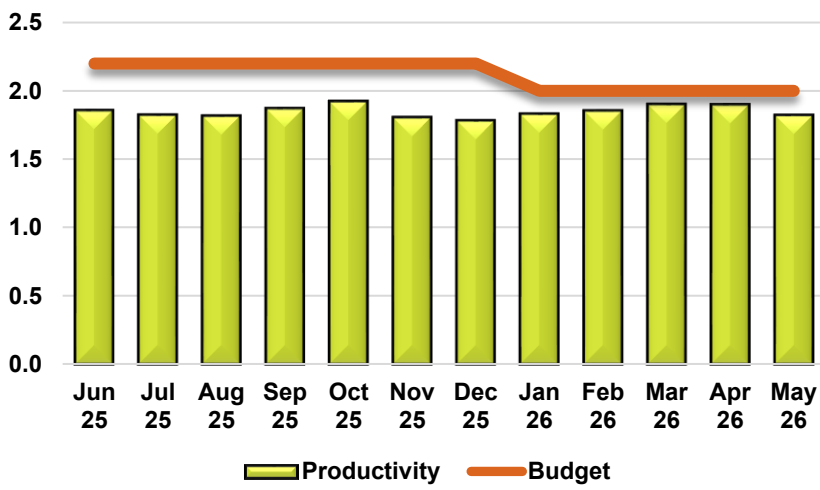
Productivity by Service Type

Service Type	May 26 Actual	May 26 Budget	Variance
Local Pass/Hour	16.0	15.5	0.5
Express Pass/Hour	9.8	11.0	-1.2
Access Pass/Hour	1.82	2	-0.2
MetroNow Pass/Hour	3.4 *	3.8	-0.4

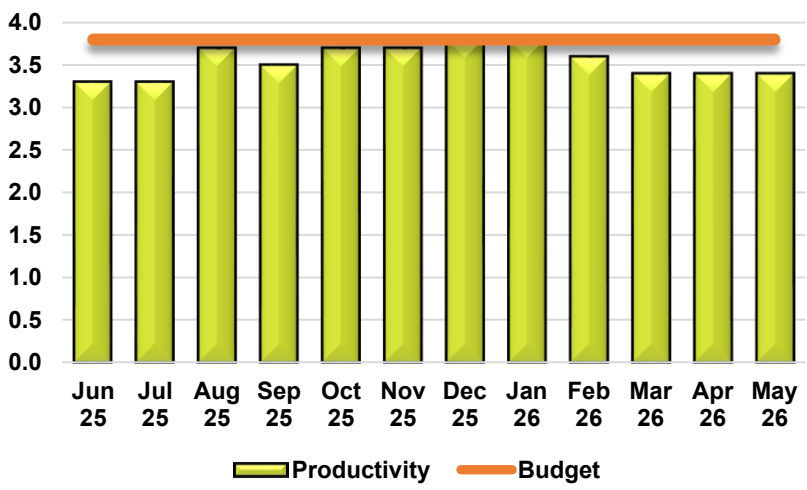
*Mature zones reported

**As of Jan 2026, Express productivity will be expressed as passengers/hour like the other modes

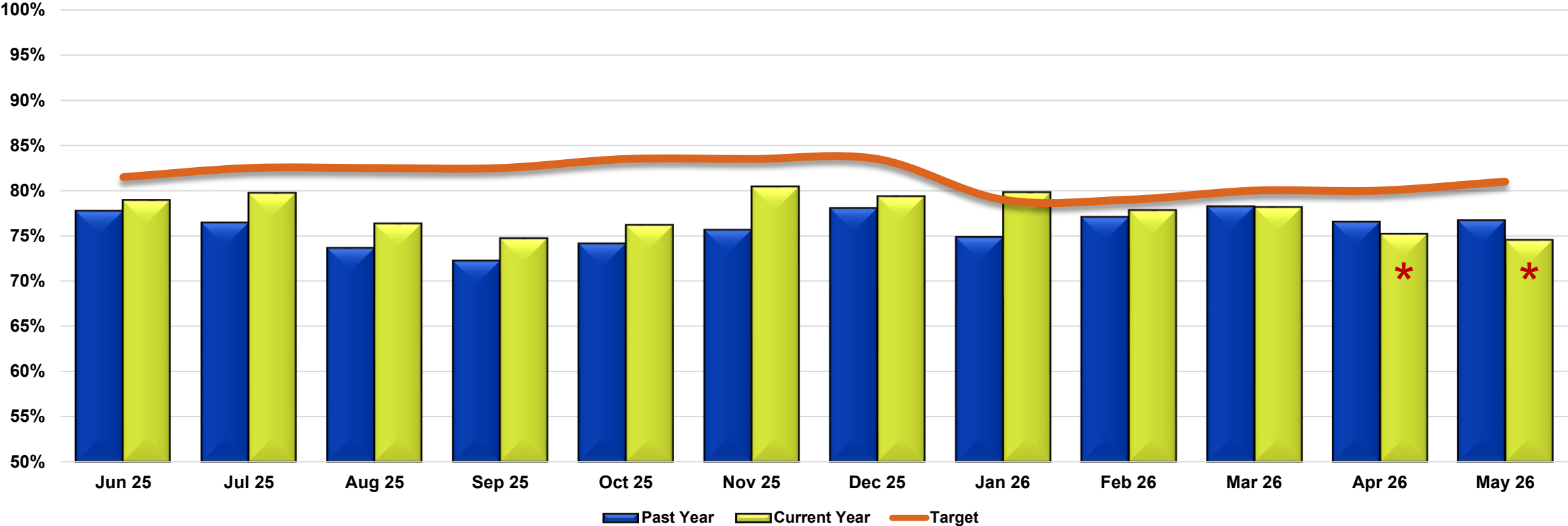
Access Service Productivity



MetroNow Service Productivity



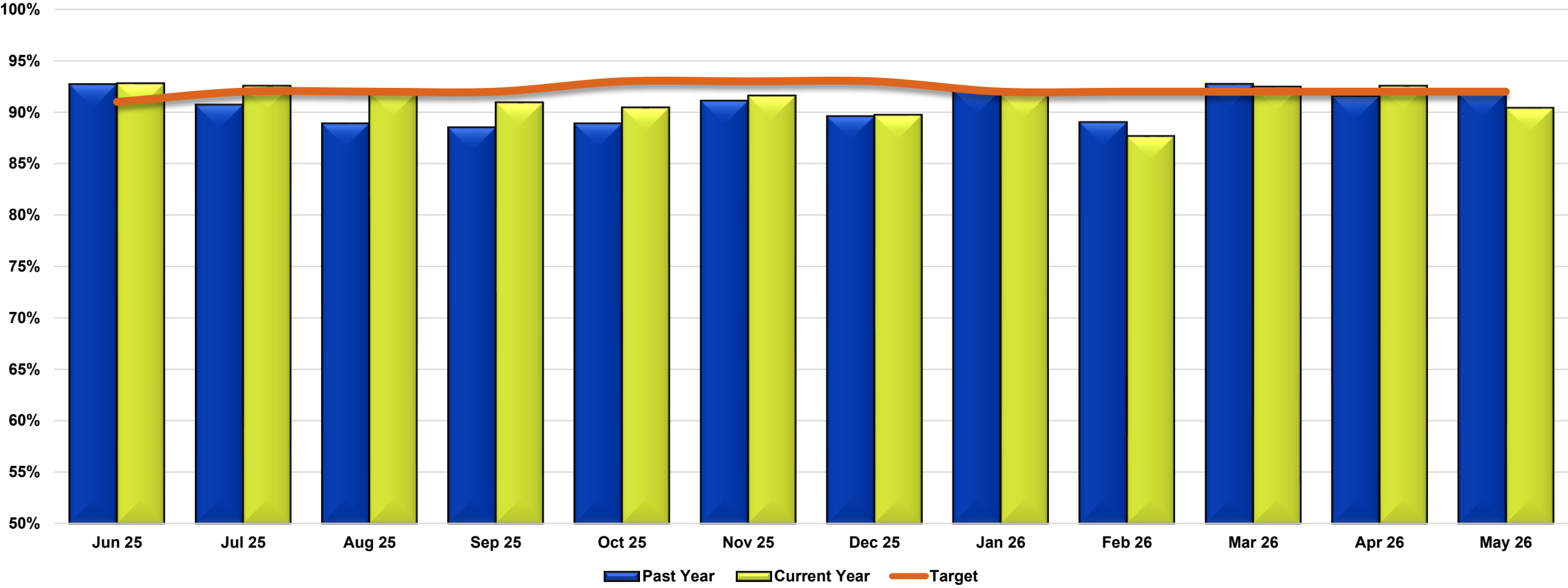
Fixed-Route On-Time Performance



Fixed-Route Service	May 26 Actual	May 26 KPI Target	Target Variance
On-Time Performance	74.5%	81.0%	-6.5%

**percentage points*

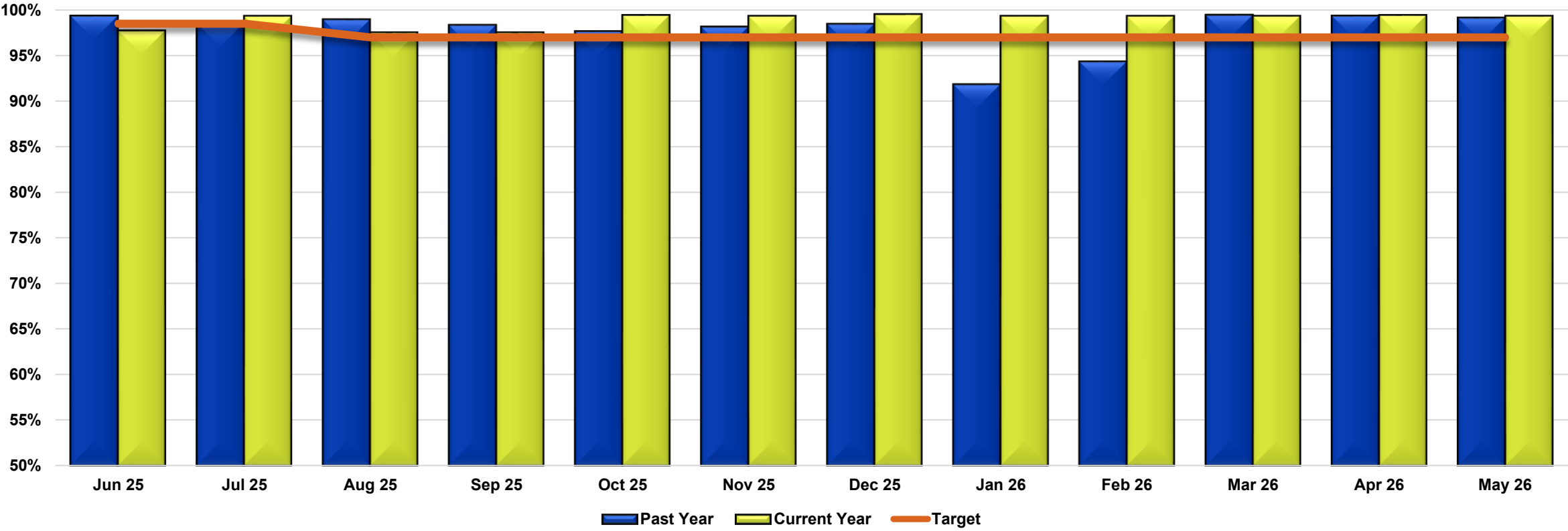
Access On-Time Performance



Access Service	May 26 Actual	May 26 KPI Target	Target Variance
On-Time Performance	90.4%	92.0%	-1.6%

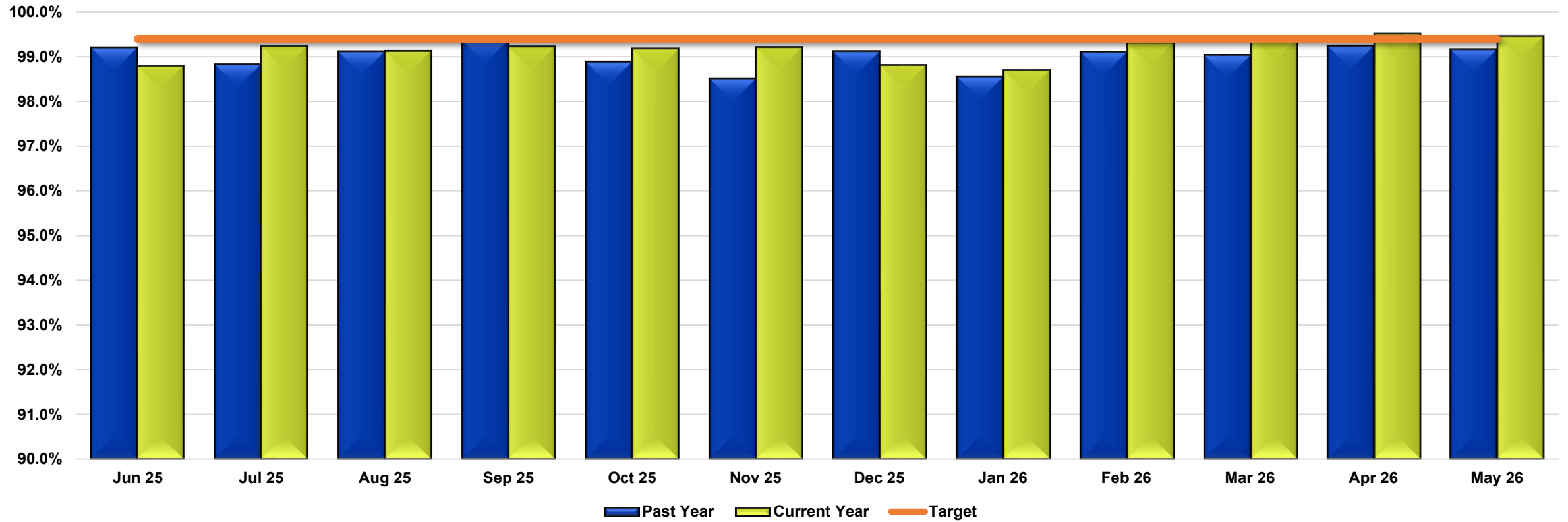
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MetroNow On-Time Performance



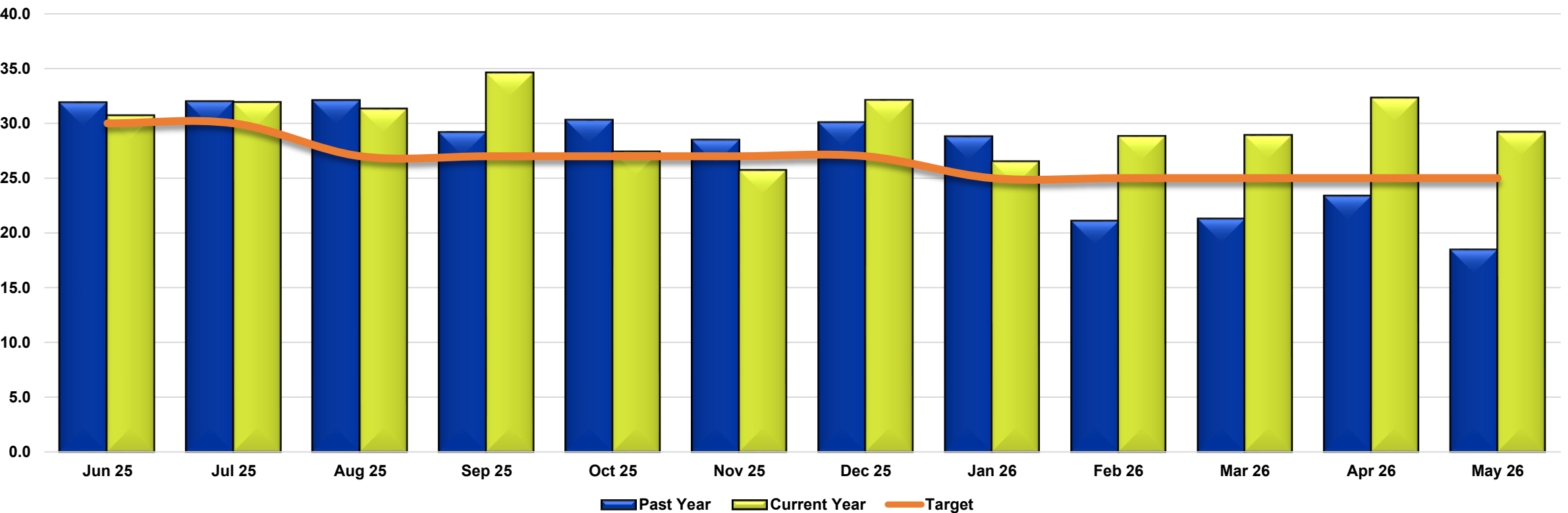
MetroNow Service	May 26 Actual	May 26 KPI Target	Target Variance
On-Time Performance	99.3%	97.0%	2.3%

Fixed-Route Service Reliability



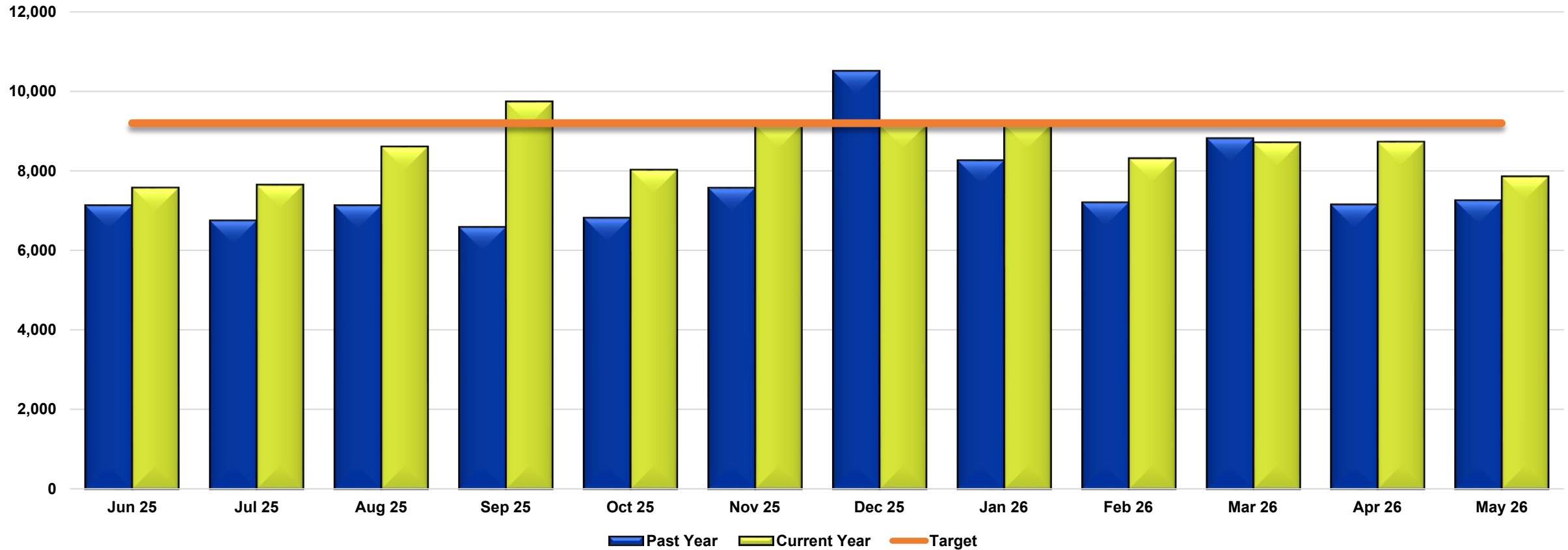
Fixed-Route Service	May 26 Actual Missed Trips	May 26 Trips Scheduled	% of Trips Operated	Monthly Target
Missed Trips	410	74,268	99.4%	99.4%

Customer Service Reports per 100k Rides



Fixed-Route Service	May 26 Reports Per 100k Rides Made	May 26 Reports Per 100k Rides Target	May 26 Target Per 100k Rides Variance	May 25 Reports Per 100k Rides Made	May 26 vs 25 Reports Per 100k Rides Variance
Customer Service Reports	29.2	25.0	4.2	18.5	10.7

Fixed-Route Miles between Mechanical Service Interruptions



Fixed-Route Service	May 26 MSI Actual	May 26 MSI Target	May 26 Target Variance	May 25 MSI Actual	May 26 vs. 25 MSI Variance
Miles Between Mechanical Service Interruptions (MSI)	7,860	9,200	-1,340	7,256	604



MetroRapid Update

Metro Planning & Operations Committee | June 2026





PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

UPCOMING COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

- **Corryville Community Council**
 - June 9
 - Corryville Recreational Center
- **CUF Neighborhood Association**
 - June 16
 - University of Cincinnati's Teachers College
- **Paddock Hills Assembly**
 - June 22
 - Avon Woods Nature Center



UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- **Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Pride Block Party**
 - June 4
 - Andrew J Brady Music Center
- **Findlay Market**
 - June 5 & 6
 - 1801 Race Street
- **Mount Healthy Porch Fest**
 - June 7
- **UC Tangeman Student Center**
 - June 8
 - 2600 Clifton Ave
- **Northside Farmers' Market**
 - June 17
 - Hoffner Park (Northside)
- **UC Medical Center Café**
 - June 18 (tentative)
 - 3188 Bellevue Ave
- **Juneteenth Jam!**
 - June 19
 - 1535 Galbraith Rd

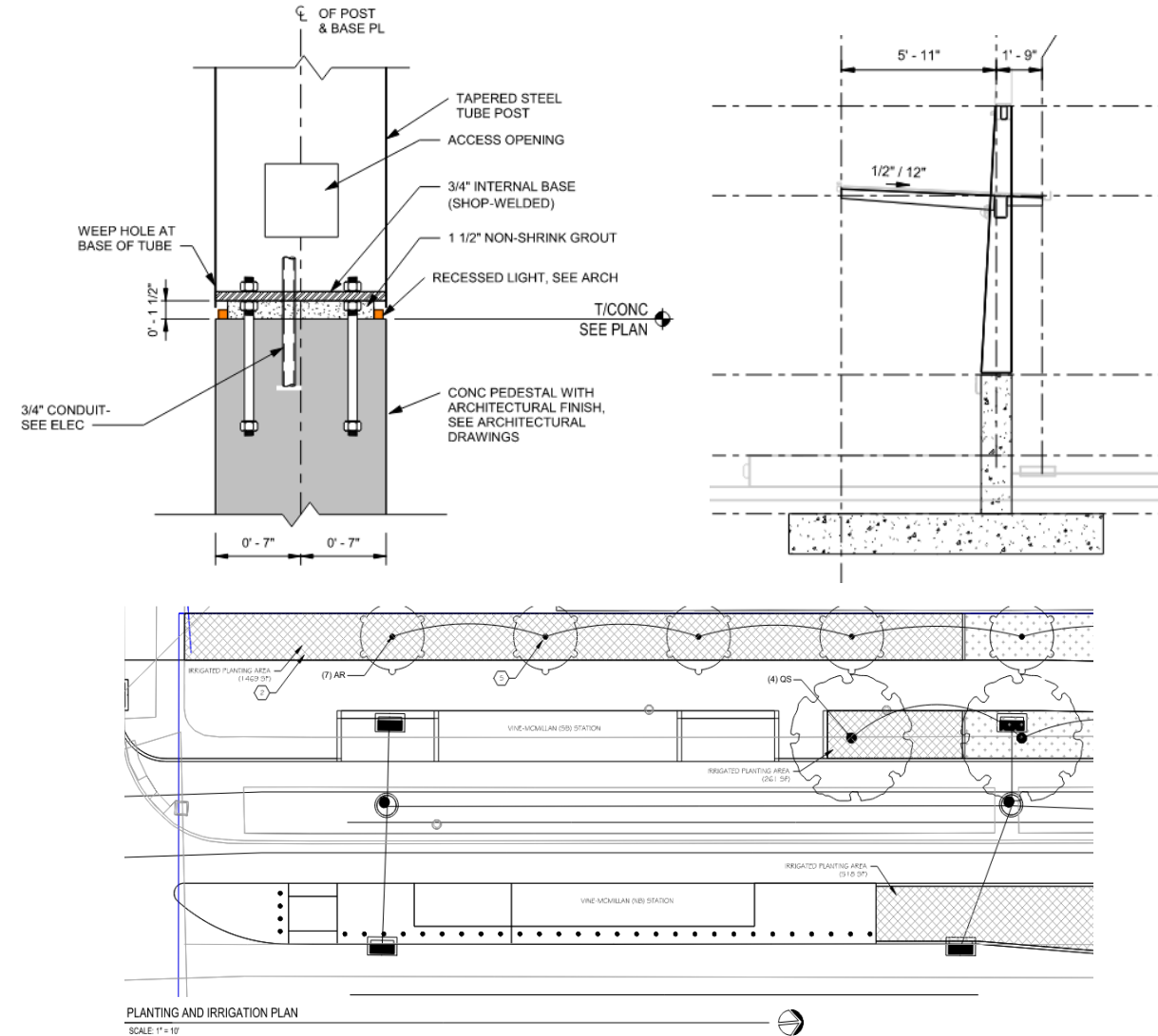




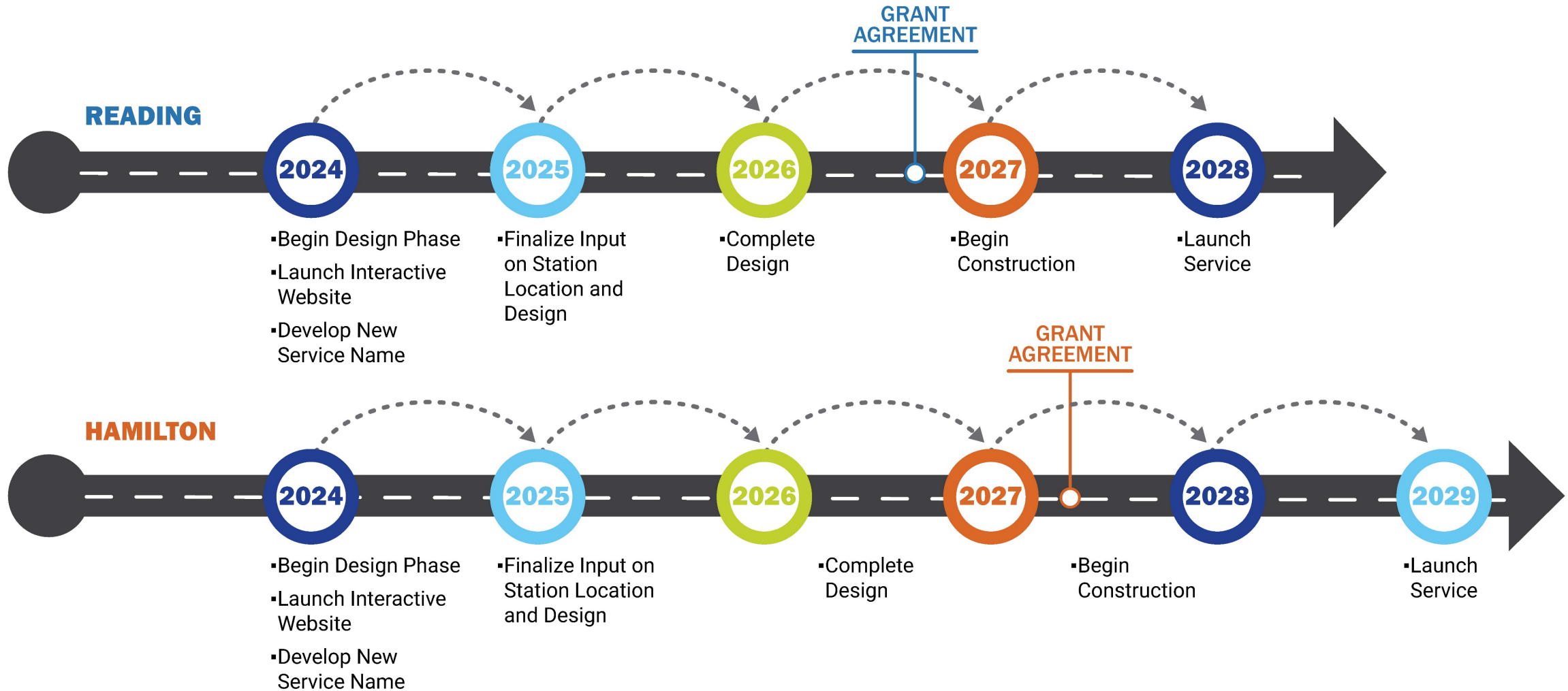
PROJECT ENGINEERING UPDATE

PROJECT ENGINEERING - READING

- Field Investigations Continue for Property Surveys, Roadbed Condition, Geotechnical
- DRAFT 60% Agency Review Plans for Reading are in Final Production for review with the City of Cincinnati
- CMAR to review for constructability
- Internal Value Engineering Workshop with Subject Matter Experts will be conducted



PROJECT TIMELINES



FTA PROJECT MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT

Starting June 9, 2026

Evaluate a Project Sponsors ability to:

- Deliver a project on time and within budget;
- Comply with project design and quality criteria;
- Meet all federal requirements and comply with local permit requirements; and,
- Prove the stated benefits can be delivered safely, efficiently, and effectively.

Review results in the amount of financial risk of the project and is added to the project as contingency (Current is 30% Allocated contingency and 10% Unallocated).

Oversight Procedure (OP)
Administrative Conditions and Requirements (OP01)
Implementation / Transition Plans & Monthly Task Order Cost Status Reports (OP02)
Special Tasks (OP03)
Project Management Plan Review (OP20)
Management Capacity & Capability Review (OP21)
Safety & Security Management Review (OP22)
Real Estate Acquisition & Management Plan Review (OP23)
Quality Assurance/Quality Control Review (OP24)
Recurring Oversight & Related Reports (OP25)
Lessons Learned (OP26)
Value Engineering & Constructability Review (OP30)
Annual New Starts Review (OP31)
Project Transit Capacity Review (OP32A)
NEPA and Design Document Comparison (OP32B)
Project Scope Review (OP32C)
Project Delivery Method Review (OP32D)
Capital Cost Estimate Review (OP33)
Project Schedule Review (OP34)
ADA Review (OP35)
Buy America Compliance Review (OP36)
Fleet Management Plan Review (OP37)
Bus and Rail Vehicle Technical Review (OP38)
Third Party Agreements (OP39)
Risk and Contingency Review (OP40)
Readiness to Enter Engineering (OP51)
Readiness to Execute Grant Agreements (OP52)
Readiness to Procure Construction Work (OP53)
Readiness for Service (OP54)

PROJECT ENGINEERING - HAMILTON

Continue working on 30% DRAFT design review with stakeholders

- Coordination meetings have been with Project Partners
- Design team will continue to coordinate as design progresses



TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)

Ongoing Work:

- Draft Framework
 - Includes policy, zoning, and transportation strategy recommendations
- Supporting the City with TOD opportunities at Roselawn & Bond Hill
- Supporting the City with TOD grant application – FTA TOD Pilot Program

Upcoming Milestone

- Final Framework
 - Final Transit-Oriented Development Framework delivery



A framework translates policy into parcel-level opportunity



Guides policy *implementation* - what happens where, when, and with what support



Energizes and equips staff, developers, and communities with shared expectations



THANK YOU!

Progress & Priorities

Spotlight on the top five

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From **Andrew C. Aiello**, Metro CEO &
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



June 2026

This monthly report provides a high-level overview of several key initiatives currently being advanced by the Metro leadership team. The updates below reflect continued momentum and progress aligned with Metro's long-term priorities.

1. **Metro Legislative Updates:** I had the opportunity to join the Cincinnati Chamber on its annual business leader fly-in to Washington, D.C. this month to hear directly from federal legislators. It was a valuable opportunity to learn what is top of mind for our policy leaders, ask questions about issues impacting our region, and gain insight into current political priorities from those closest to the decision-making process.

We are currently monitoring the Surface Transportation Infrastructure Bill, which is set to expire at the end of September. Our Government Affairs team has been actively advocating for Metro's priorities with members of Congress to ensure our voice is represented in these discussions. We will continue to keep you informed as updates become available.

2. **Safety isn't Just a Month at Metro:** We have been celebrating our safety accomplishments throughout the month, including the honor of receiving the Gold Award for Safety Excellence from the American Public Transportation Association. In 2025, Metro achieved record-setting safety performance, significantly surpassing our goal for reducing preventable accidents systemwide and that momentum has continued in 2026. We are currently at 0.88 accidents per 100,000 miles traveled, outperforming our goal of 1.00 or fewer. Additionally, the Access/MetroNow! team operated with zero preventable accidents in May!

To cap off the month, we will hold our annual **Safety Awards Celebration on June 25**. The event will recognize safety milestone award recipients and honor National Safety Council's "Two Million Mile Award" inductee, Metro Operator Clausell Marshall, who has driven more than two million miles over the past 30 years without a single preventable accident!

3. **Making Progress in Maintenance:** Over the past year, we have made significant investments in restructuring and re-aligning our maintenance team for success. I'm proud to report that these efforts are already producing measurable results. Among our accomplishments, we have reduced the number of days buses are out of service by 58%, improved preventive maintenance processes and results, achieved budget performance, and miles between service interruptions have improved by 15% and are moving in the right direction with more process improvements coming soon. These improvements directly enhance service reliability for our customers.

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4. **National Attention for Regional Transit Collaboration:** A group of national consultants recently met with Metro and another regional transit provider to learn how our region's six transit agencies collaborate to sub-allocate federal transit formula funds. During the meeting, we reviewed the interagency agreements that support this work and discussed how our regional collaboration creates predictability, accountability and transparency in the management of federal transit funding. This collaboration is key in maintaining compliance with Federal Transit Administration requirements while maximizing resources for the communities we serve.
5. **Safe and Secure:** Every team member and customer deserves to feel safe and secure while riding our buses and utilizing our transit centers. Last week, we met with Prosecutor Connie Pillich alongside ATU Local 627 leader James Henderson to discuss opportunities for Metro to advocate for stronger penalties for individuals who commit criminal acts on our system. We appreciate Prosecutor Pillich's insights and continued support as we work to ensure that public transit remains a safe and welcoming environment for all.

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aiello".

Andy Aiello