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City of Waukesha Cover Sheet

Committee: Transit Commission	Transit Commission Meeting Date: 12/04/25NA
ID Number: 25-02594	Ordinance/Resolution Number (if applicable): N/A
Department Submitting: Department Public Works-Transit	Common Council Submission Date: N/A
Agenda Item Title: Report on Service Levels and Funding Update	

Issue Before the Council:

This item is to provide the Transit Commission with an update on service levels and funding outlook for Waukesha Metro Transit. This update was provided to the Finance Committee at the 2026 Operating Budget Review on October 18, 2025. In summary, Fixed Route service hours in the City of Waukesha in January 2026 will have decreased 27.4% from 2020 levels. In contrast, Metrolift ridership has increased 47% since 2022 and is projected to be the highest total since 2013.

In addition, the 2026 City contribution to Transit funding, \$1.27 million, will be the lowest contribution since 2010. Federal Relief Funds are being used to keep the lower City Contribution through 2029 but when those funds run out, Transit is estimating an additional \$300,000 per year in the City Contribution starting in 2030 to maintain the 2026 service levels.

Options & Alternatives:

NA

Additional Details:

What is the Strategic Plan Priority this item relates to:

People Centered Development & Financial Sustainability

What impact will this item have on the Strategic Plan Priority?

The report outlines the competing Strategic Plan Priorities of fiscal sustainability and people centered development. The key for the future is to find the correct balance of these goals.

Financial Remarks:

N/A

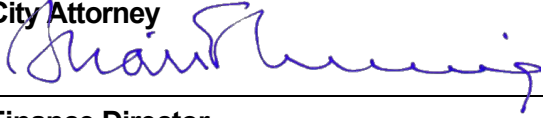
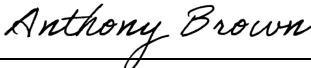
Executive Recommendation:

N/A

Recommended Motion:

N/A

Reviewed By:

City Attorney 	Date Reviewed 24 Nov 2025
Finance Director Joseph P. Ciarro	Date Reviewed
City Administrator Anthony W. Brown 	Date Reviewed 11/25/2025