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City of Waukesha Cover Sheet

Committee: Transit Commission Meeting	Transit Commission Meeting Date: 7/23/26
ID Number: #26-04024	Ordinance/Resolution Number (if applicable): N/A
Department Submitting: Public Works - Transit	Submission Date: NA
Agenda Item Title: Mid Year 2026 Ridership Report	

Issue Before the Council:

This item is to report to the Transit Commission the Mid Year (January 1-June 30) 2026 Ridership Report. Fixed Route Ridership decreased 8.5%, however service hours in 2026 were 22% less than the same period in 2025. Despite these factors, ridership efficiency measured in passengers per revenue hour increased 17.5% to 9.4 from 8.0. Average daily ridership through June 30, 2026 was the following:

Weekday: 1473

Saturday: 849

Sunday: 512 (Only 4 of the 8 routes operate)

Metrolift ridership increased 15% in the first quarter 2026 and is projected to be the highest ridership since 2012.

Options & Alternatives:

NA

What is the Strategic Plan Priority this item relates to:

NA

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

NA

Financial Remarks:

NA

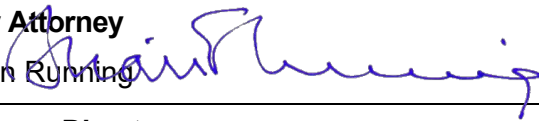
Executive Recommendation:

NA

Reviewed By:

City Attorney

Brian Running



Date Reviewed

15 July 2026

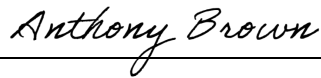
Finance Director

Joseph P. Ciarro

Date Reviewed

City Administrator

Anthony W. Brown

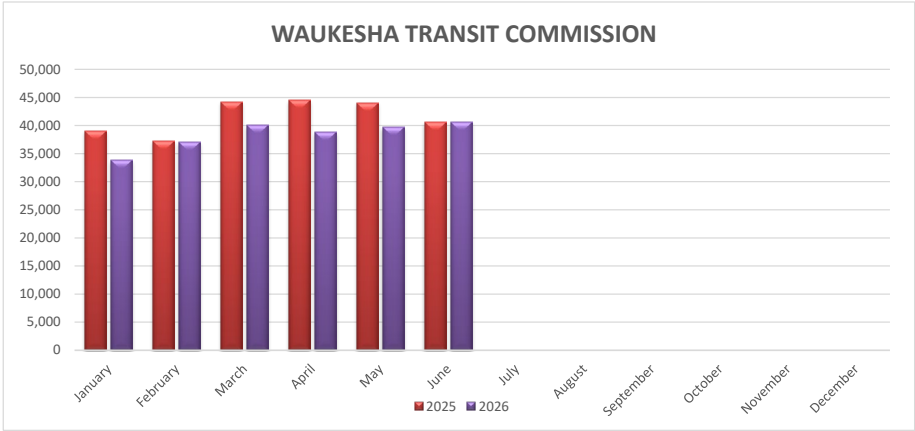


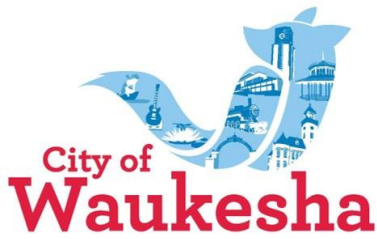
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WAUKESHA TRANSIT COMMISSION
Total Passengers by Month: 2025 - 2026

Waukesha METRO Transit				Waukesha METROLIFT			Combined Total			
Month	2025	2026	% Change	2025	2026	% Change	2025	2026	% Change	
January	38,039	32,706	-14.0%	1,043	1090	4.5%	January	39,082	33,796	-13.5%
February	36,345	35,817	-1.5%	970	1196	23.3%	February	37,315	37,013	-0.8%
March	43,267	38,867	-10.2%	1,009	1196	18.5%	March	44,276	40,063	-9.5%
April	43,433	37,682	-13.2%	1,065	1197	12.4%	April	44,498	38,879	-12.6%
May	43,076	38,533	-10.5%	1,004	1199	19.4%	May	44,080	39,732	-9.9%
June	39,511	39,408	-0.3%	1,036	1263	21.9%	June	40,547	40,671	0.3%
July							July			
August							August			
September							September			
October							October			
November							November			
December							December			
Year-to-date	243,671	223,013	-8.48%	6,127	7,141	16.55%		249,798	230,154	-7.86%





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Waukesha Metro Transit

2026 Mid Year Ridership Summary

Fixed Route Ridership

1. 2026 Fixed Route Ridership has decreased 8.5% from 2025 through June 30th, however there were 22% less service hours provides in 2026 over the same period.
2. 2026 Passengers per Revenue Hour through June 30th increased to 9.4 from 8.0, 17.5% increase, over the same period in 2025.
3. Average daily ridership through June 30th was the following
Weekday Average: 1473
Saturday Average: 849
Sunday Average: 512

Metrolift Ridership

4. Metrolift ridership increased 16.5% from January-June 2026 over the same period last year and is projected to be the highest since 2012.