



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Of Middle Tennessee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.

GNRC – Greater Nashville Regional Council
44 Vantage Way, Ste. 450
Nashville, TN 37228

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of February 18, 2026, Minutes**
3. **Public Comments**
4. **Finance Committee Report – Mayor Ken Moore, Chair**
 - Monthly Financial Report Compared to Budget – Amanda Vandegrift, Deputy CEO of Finance & Administration **R-D-26-009 Pg. 5**
5. **Operations Committee Report – Mayor Rick Bell, Chair**
 - RTA Monthly Operating Statistics – Andy Burke, COO **R-D-26-010 Pg. 11**
 - Nashville Electric Service Utility Relocation at Donelson Station – Debbie Frank, DCEO of Growth and Development **R-A-26-006 Pg. 26**
 - Murfreesboro Park-and-Ride Construction Contract Award – Debbie Frank, DCEO of Growth & Development **R-A-26-007 Pg. 28**
 - Murfreesboro Park and Ride Memorandum of Understanding – Vince Malone, Chief Administrative Officer **R-A-26-008 Pg. 30**
 - Agency Safety Plan Update – Nick Oldham, Chief Safety and Security Officer **R-A-26-009 Pg. 32**
6. **CEO’s Report – Stephen G. Bland, CEO**
7. **Chair’s Report – Mayor Randall Hutto, Chair**
8. **Other Business**
9. **Adjournment**



MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

February 18, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) of Middle Tennessee was convened on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at the Greater Nashville Regional Council, located at 44 Vantage Way, Suite 450, Nashville, TN 37228. The Executive Committee meeting was officially called to order by Board Chair, Mayor Randall Hutto, at 9:30 a.m.

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Mayor Randall Hutto – Wilson County, Chair
Mayor Paige Brown – City of Gallatin, Vice Chair
Mayor Ken Moore – City of Franklin
Mayor Rick Bell – City of Lebanon
Mayor Freddie O’Connell – Davidson County
Mayor Billy Vogle – Robertson County
Ed Cole – Davidson County (Gov. Appt.)
Kelly Dannenfelser – Williamson County (Gov. Appt.)
Ken Davis – Wilson County (Gov. Appt.)
Nicole Rowan – Sumner County (Gov Appt.)

Others Present:

Mayor Nelson Andrews – City of Brentwood
Jason Gage – City of Brentwood (Alt.)
Gerald Herman – City of White House (Alt.)
Mayor Jamie Clary – City of Hendersonville
Ed Elam – Rutherford County (Gov. Appt.)
Ray Render - Congressman John Rose Office - 6th District, TN
Howard Bradley – Robertson County (Gov. Appt.)
Jim Kerr – City of Murfreesboro (Alt.)
Denise Geminden – City of Murfreesboro

2. **Approval of Minutes:** A. Approval of Minutes: Ken Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026, Executive Committee meeting. Mayor Ken Moore seconded the motion, and the Executive Committee unanimously approved the minutes.
3. **Public Comments:** NO members of the public requested time to speak.
4. **Audit Committee Report:** Mayor Ken Moore introduced the following items for discussion and action:
 - **Annual Audit Report (R-A-003):** Mayor Ken Moore introduced Mark England and Jennifer Manternach from Crosslin to review the Annual Audit Report. Mayor Moore indicated that the Audit Committee had earlier reviewed the report and said that it is a clean report from the auditors. Jennifer Manternach said that it is their opinion that based on our audit we did have a clean audit. Mark England said that the auditors encountered no problems dealing in conducting the audit and had disagreements with management regarding any accounting policies or adoption of accounting policies. The auditors reviewed the required audit communications to the Board and reviewed the overall financial position of the Authority.

The auditors asked if there were any questions. None were asked. Mayor Moore thanked the auditors for the report, and concluded the Audit Committee report. Mayor Hutto asked for a motion to approve the Annual Audit Report under item R-A-003 of the agenda. Ed Cole made the motion, Mayor Rick Bell seconded, and the Executive Committee unanimously approved the report.

Ed Cole made the comment that when we approved the motion on the community audit I would just like for the minutes to reflect thanks to Amanda's team. To have the kind of audit findings that we talked about earlier in the agenda with no findings that doesn't happen automatically that is great staff work.

5. Finance Committee Report: Mayor Ken Moore introduced the following items for discussion and action:

- **Monthly Financial Report Compared to Budget (R-D-26-006)** Mayor Ken Moore presented the Statement of Operations for December 2025. Ms. Vandegrift was present and available to answer questions, but there were none.
- **Donelson Transit Center Design Contract (R-A-004):** Debbie Frank DCEO of Growth and Development reported on this proposed action item. She said that the RTA has been working on improvements to Donaldson Station for several years, and that sufficient funding has been obtained to advance the project. Today we are asking Executive Committee to approve a Phase 2 design contract award. In the earlier design phase, work was completed to develop designs for associated infrastructure improvements including a new signalized intersection on Donelson Pike and quiet zone improvements where the Nashville and Eastern Railroad tracks cross Donelson Pike and Old Lebanon Pike. In phase 2, on-site surface level transit infrastructure will be designed to accommodate a 6-bay bus transit center adjacent to the rail station. The Wendel Architectural firm, who is part of RTA's on call consultant team, will continue with Phase 2 to reach 100% design completion this summer. Later this spring, staff will issue an RFQ to select a design firm to complete the design and construction drawings as well as permitting for the transit center building itself. Executive Committee approval is being requested to authorize the Phase II design contract award.

Staff recommends Board action to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter a Task Order agreement with the consultant, Wendel Architecture, PC, for a total project expense not to exceed \$427,300 (including a 15% contingency), for design services for the Donelson Transit Center Infrastructure Phase II. To date, RTA has secured local, state. And federal funding of \$25.5 million to advance the public infrastructure improvements. State IMPROVE funds with a 20% local match will be used for this portion of the work.

Mayor Bell made a motion to approve R-A-004, Nicole Rowan seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved for Action Item R-A-004 by the Executive Committee.

6. Operations Committee Report: Mayor Rick Bell introduced the following items for discussion and action:

- **RTA Monthly Operating Statistics (R-D-26-007):** Nick Pecenka, Director of Operations said that December reflected some expected seasonal softness in ridership levels but metrics remained strong. December ridership was up 7.2% year over year and that was driven by the WeGo Star whose ridership was up 16.9% year over year for the month of December and an impressive 23.1% for the fiscal year to date. Bus ridership remains a little bit more of a challenge and was slightly down at 3.5%.

Safety performance remains strong in December for both our vendors Anchor and TSG operating injury free and accident free. MTA operated routes experienced 2 minor accidents with fixed objects and no injuries. Reliability and service quality was also strong, with a trip completion rate of 99.93% for bus and 100% for rail. On time performance was 82.7% for bus and 98.5% for rail. The RTA operated WeGo Star service to the New Year's Eve festivities in Downtown Nashville. For this service, the WeGo Star carried 481 riders..

With respect to Winter Storm Fern, impacts on RTA Services were significant, as Star service was cancelled on both Monday and Tuesday as TSG needed to clear more than 30 trees before they could operate the train. Bus service was not able to resume until later in the week.

Mayor Freddie O'Connell asked if we were examining additional special events services at the regional level as traditional commuter work trips were still depressed. CEO Steve Bland answered yes and pointed to the Titans Express service to Sumner County and express service to Murfreesboro for Nashville SC weekend games as examples. The current WeGo Forward service planning effort will examine additional opportunities to expand on these partnerships.

- **FY2026-FY2030 Capital Investment Plan (R-A-005)**: Billy Higgins, Director of Grants Management and Compliance presented the recommended RTA Capital Investment Plan. The Regional Transportation Authority of middle Tennessee's (RTA) Capital Investment Plan prioritizes needs, identifies funding sources, and sets timelines for RTA's capital projects over a five-year period. The plan outlines regulatory, state-of-good-repair, and growth and expansion needs that guide the RTA's future project development activity. Generally, projects identified in the first year of the plan are relatively firm in scope and budget, while projects in out-years are likely more conceptual.

Staff is presenting a recommended Capital Investment Plan for the period of FY2026-2030. Overall, investments totaling \$35,208,355 are recommended in Year One of the plan (FY2026), with a total project investment recommendation of \$146,516,094 over the life of the plan, including prior year investments that have not yet been encumbered or spent. Projects identified in FY2026 have been access to full funding.

Mayor Freddie O'Connell asked if we were expecting CMAQ funding beyond FY2027. Ms. Higgins said we are projecting a continuation of CMAQ for regional bus operations, but that the Federal Law authorizing it is set to expire this year and we will need to assure that this use remains eligible in the new legislation. She indicated that previously allocated CMAQ funding is sufficient to carry us through FY2027.

With no further questions, Mayor Vogel moved approval of item **R-A-005**, Ed Cole seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- **RTA Vanpool Program Update R-D-25-009**: Debbie Frank, DCEO of Growth & Development introduced Stanton Higgs, Chief Operating Officer at The TMA Group, to provide a Vanpool Program update to the RTA Board.

Mr. Higgs reported that the vanpool program model provides agency-owned vans to groups of employees who collectively operate and share costs for commuting. The flexibility and affordability of this model have historically made it an attractive alternative for long-distance commuters, when sufficient numbers of people making the same trips at the same time can be identified.

In recent years, coordination and management of the vanpool program has been contracted to The TMA Group and supported by Williamson County under the brand **VanStar**. Additional vehicles were acquired through Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding, with contributions from TDOT and local sources (FTA 80%, TDOT 10%, Local Match 10%).

The vanpool program has long been a vital component of the regional transit system, a cost-effective, flexible transportation solution for employees with longer commutes. However, recent shifts in travel patterns, employment locations, and the rise of remote and hybrid work models, along with an aging vehicle fleet, have significantly impacted participation in the vanpool program. Mr. Higgs reported on vanpool usage trends, with a VanStar presence in most counties in Middle Tennessee, including several outside the RTA service area. Davidson County was the dominant destination for most trips.

As part of the **WeGo Forward** strategic planning process, RTA will take a closer look at vanpool services as an essential tool for improving regional network integration and addressing mobility needs across

Middle Tennessee. For instance, WeGo Ride focuses on fixed-route, affordability, and sustainability of vanpools as part of the regional mobility solution.

Mayor Freddie O'Connell asked why there has been such a significant decline in usage, particularly for RTA provided vanpool services compared to Williamson County. Mr. Higgs reported that, apart from the changes in travel patterns that accelerated during the pandemic reducing group trip opportunities, RTA has not funded new vehicles in recent years, and Williamson County has assumed this responsibility. As older RTA vans are retired and replaced with Williamson County vans, these trips transition over.

7. CEO's Report: CEO Bland presented the following report:

- With respect to the City of Murfreesboro Park and Ride facility, we are working through a Memorandum of Understanding with the City regarding the ongoing operation and maintenance of the facility that we expect to bring before the Board in the next two months. In addition, we opened construction bids last week for the project last week and received a significant number of bids that appear responsive and responsible, so we anticipate bringing a construction contract award recommendation to your March meeting.
- We have also continued meetings with a developer in the Cool Springs area of Franklin toward a potential park-and-ride project on their property, with promising progress. We are still exchanging materials like shelter design concepts, photos of similar facilities in the region, and sample memoranda of understanding, and hope to have an agreement to bring before you in the coming months.
- At prior meetings of the RTA Board, you've met Captain Brian Williams of the Metro Nashville Police Department who is the appointed Transit Liaison for MNPD, and who will lead the emerging Transit Police Unit within the Department. For the past several months, we have been working with MNPD, Metro Legal and our MTA General Counsel on an MOU that outlines the structure of the arrangement. As this unit will also have jurisdiction over RTA properties within Davidson County, we are also reviewing it with RTA's General Counsel with an intention to bring it to the RTA Board when it is complete.
- Monica Howse recently announced that she is leaving WeGo Public Transit for another opportunity. The Executive Assistant Position is now posted. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to myself or Lindsey Ganson, our Chief of Staff, for any needs you have that might otherwise have gone to Monica and let us know if you're aware of any good candidates.

8. Chair's Report: Mayor Hutton had no additional information to report to the Committee.

9. Other Business: No other business came before the Executive Committee.

10. Adjournment: With no further business, Mayor Hutto called for a motion to adjourn. Ed Cole motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ed Cole, RTA Secretary & Davidson County
Governor Appointee

Regional Transportation Authority

of Middle Tennessee

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Item Number:	R-D-26-009	Meeting Date:	3/18/2026
Item Title:	Monthly Financial Report Compared to Budget		

BACKGROUND:

Attached is a summary of the statement of operations for January 2026 compared to the approved fiscal year (FY) 2026 budget. Expenses during the first seven months of FY 2026 were just 0.9% higher than budgeted and revenues were 4.2% higher than budgeted.

In total, passenger fares were 10.0% lower than budgeted during the first seven months of the fiscal year. This negative variance was fully offset by other federal, local, and agency sources, including higher than budgeted rent revenues (47.5% higher) and interest income (7.1% higher). Timing-related variances include local funds (54.0% higher) and regional funds (33.3% lower). These variances will level out as we continue to advance through the fiscal year and collect the remaining partner subsidies and dues.

RTA paid off the \$490,000 line of credit in January. The notes payable line will increase again in next month's report due to the Nashville & Eastern Railroad property purchase.

As of January 31, 2026, RTA owed Nashville MTA approximately \$317,609 for services provided. In turn, MTA owes RTA approximately \$48,104 for fares collected.

STATUS:

Deputy CEO for Finance & Administration Amanda Vandegrift will be available to answer questions.

APPROVED:



Deputy CEO of Finance and Administration

3/18/2026

Date

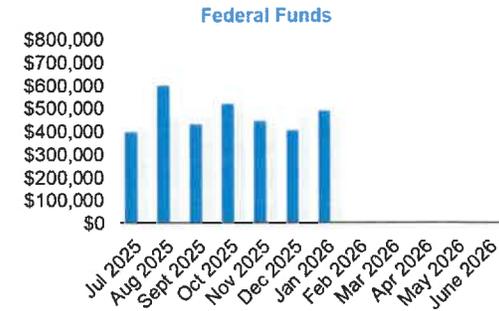
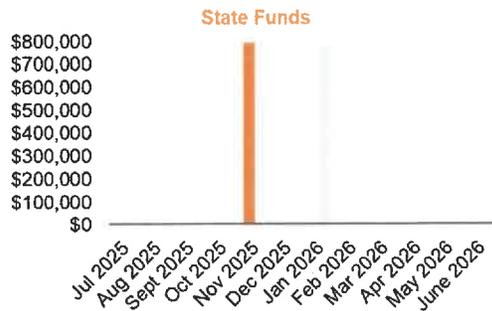
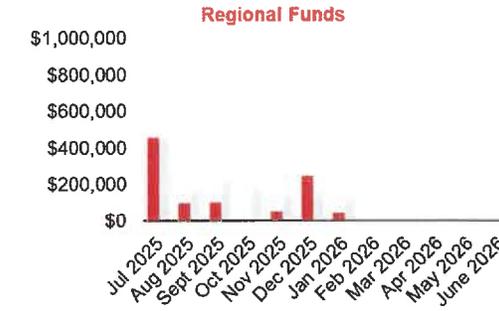
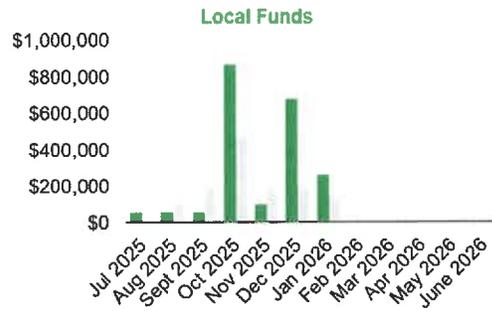
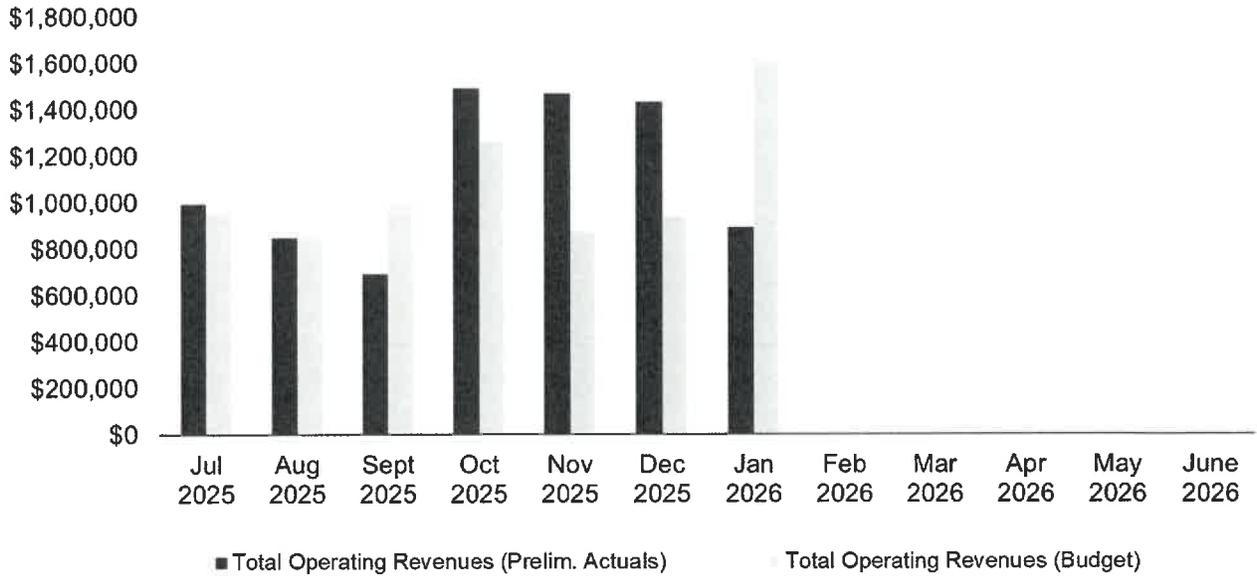
January 2026 Operating Revenue by Category:

	Jan 2026	Fiscal Year To Date	Approved FY 2026 Budget	% Budget To Date
Passenger Revenues (Budget)	Jan 2026	531,800	883,313	60%
Passenger Revenues (Actuals)	81,690	478,836		54%
Other Operating Revenues (Budget)	74,737	234,400	422,560	55%
Other Operating Revenues (Actuals)	32,510	269,678		64%
Local Funds (Budget)	33,721	1,331,400	2,134,514	62%
Local Funds (Actuals)	150,000	2,050,862		96%
Regional Funds (Budget)	256,727	1,459,957	1,540,030	95%
Regional Funds (Actuals)	122,300	973,373		63%
State Funds (Budget)	40,588	779,100	779,100	100%
State Funds (Actuals)	779,100	791,500		102%
Federal Funds (Budget)	-	3,180,304	5,515,566	58%
Federal Funds (Actuals)	443,790	3,266,968		59%
Total Operating Revenues (Budget)	1,609,390	7,516,961	11,275,083	67%
Total Operating Revenues (Actuals)	891,877	7,831,217		69%

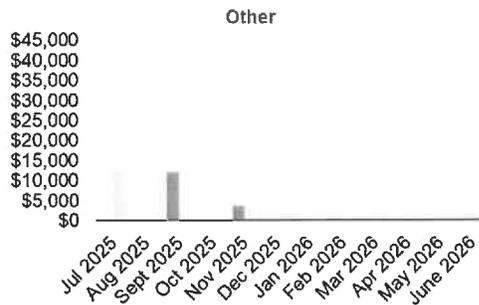
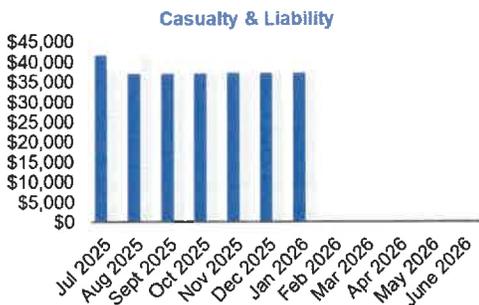
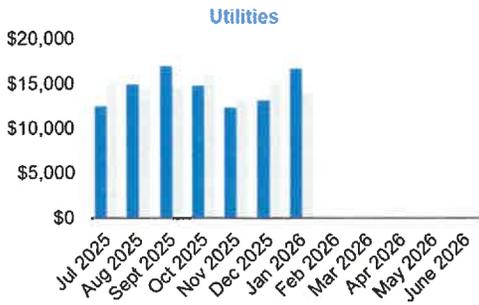
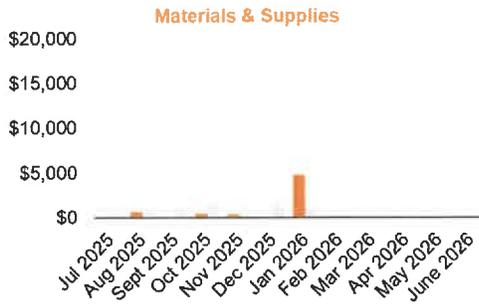
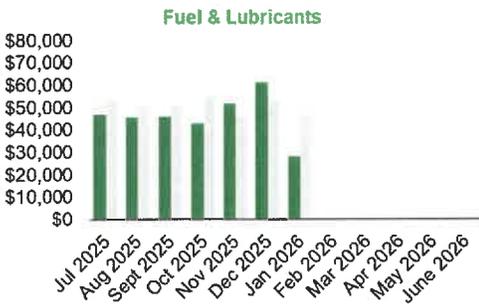
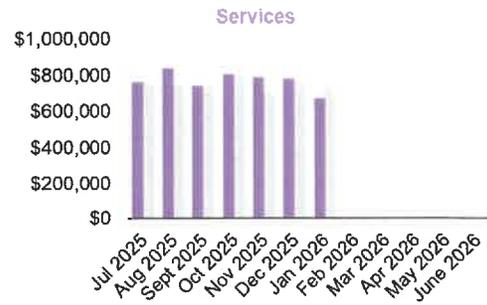
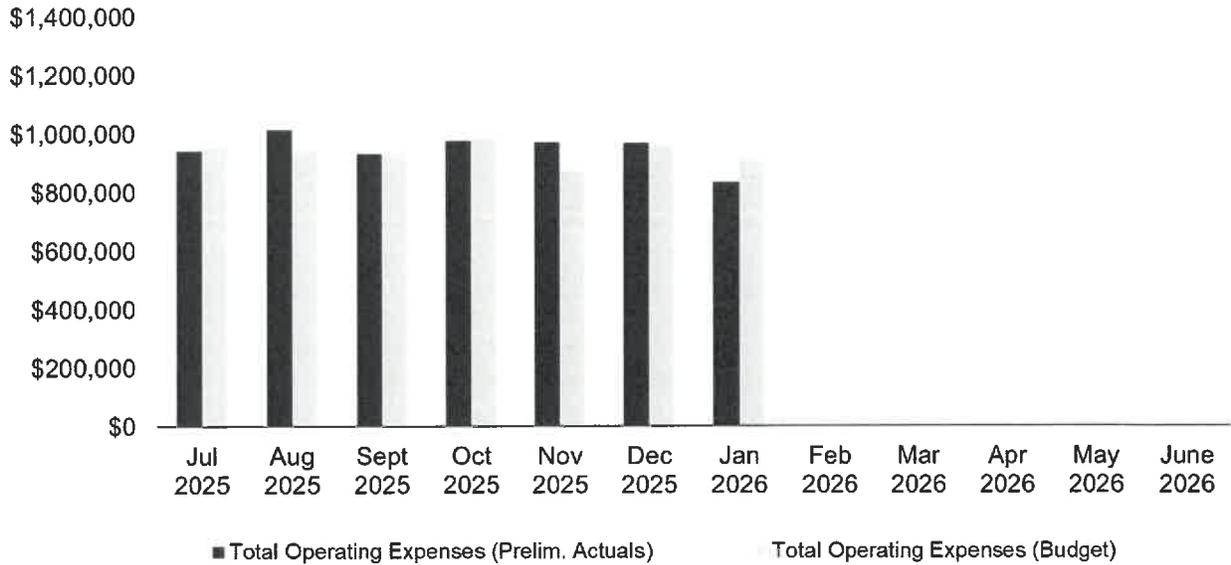
January 2026 Operating Expenses by Category:

	Jan 2026	Fiscal Year To Date	Approved FY 2026 Budget	% Budget To Date
MTA Management Contract (Budget)	75,350	527,450	904,200	58%
MTA Management Contract (Actuals)	74,833	527,450		58%
Services (Budget)	735,922	5,284,958	9,074,638	58%
Services (Actuals)	670,889	5,396,636		59%
Fuel & Lubricants (Budget)	48,540	362,210	616,500	59%
Fuel & Lubricants (Actuals)	28,256	323,160		52%
Materials & Supplies (Budget)	1,044	8,477	15,975	53%
Materials & Supplies (Actuals)	4,800	6,340		40%
Utilities (Budget)	14,130	104,540	179,450	58%
Utilities (Actuals)	16,728	101,472		57%
Casualty & Liability (Budget)	37,870	269,520	458,920	59%
Casualty & Liability (Actuals)	37,324	264,225		58%
Other (Budget)	1,133	19,890	25,400	78%
Other (Actuals)	62	15,645		62%
Total Operating Expenses (Budget)	913,989	6,577,045	11,275,083	58%
Total Operating Expenses (Actuals)	832,892	6,634,927		59%

Operating Revenue Monthly Comparisons FY 2026 Actuals vs Budget



Operating Expenditures Monthly Comparisons FY 2026 Actuals vs Budget



**Regional Transportation Authority
Statement of Operations Compared to Budget
For the Period Ending January 2026**

UNAUDITED

	Month Actual	Month Budget	Month Var. [F/(U)]	Prior Y-T-D	Current Y-T-D	Budget Y-T-D	Y-T-D Var. [F/(U)]	Annual Budget
REVENUES								
Fare Revenues - Bus	26,876	27,960	(1,084)	198,488	170,978	206,870	(35,892)	355,033
Fare Revenues - Train	27,919	32,230	(4,311)	265,526	228,258	238,530	(10,272)	409,380
Fare Revenues - Special Events	19,941	21,500	(1,559)	102,687	79,599	86,400	(6,801)	118,900
Other Non-Transportation Revenue	33,721	32,510	1,211	463,616	466,344	444,157	22,187	632,317
Total Operating Revenue	108,458	114,200	(5,742)	1,030,317	945,180	975,957	(30,777)	1,515,630
Local Operating Assistance	256,727	150,000	106,727	1,122,336	2,050,862	1,331,400	719,462	2,134,514
Regional Operating Subsidies	40,588	122,300	(81,712)	1,182,013	776,707	1,250,200	(473,493)	1,330,273
State Operating Assistance	-	779,100	(779,100)	779,100	791,500	779,100	12,400	779,100
Total Operating Assistance	297,315	1,051,400	(754,085)	3,083,449	3,619,069	3,360,700	258,369	4,243,887
CMAQ Operating Revenues	306,164	253,610	52,554	1,601,238	1,954,204	1,772,950	181,254	3,100,252
Total CMAQ Revenue	306,164	253,610	52,554	1,601,238	1,954,204	1,772,950	181,254	3,100,252
Capital Operating Reimbursement	179,939	190,180	(10,241)	1,701,384	1,312,765	1,407,354	(94,589)	2,415,314
CARES Act Operating Reimbursement	-	-	-	300,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL OPERATING REVENUES	179,939	190,180	(10,241)	2,001,384	1,312,765	1,407,354	(94,589)	2,415,314
Total Revenue	891,877	1,609,390	(717,513)	7,716,387	7,831,217	7,516,961	314,256	11,275,083
Labor & Fringes	74,833	75,350	517	527,450	527,450	527,450	0	904,200
Services	670,889	735,922	65,033	5,023,370	5,396,636	5,284,958	(111,678)	9,074,638
Fuel & Lubricants	28,256	48,540	20,284	358,565	323,160	362,210	39,050	616,500
Parts, Materials & Supplies	4,800	1,044	(3,756)	6,826	6,340	8,477	2,137	15,975
Utilities	16,728	14,130	(2,598)	104,895	101,472	104,540	3,068	179,450
Casualty & Liabilities	37,324	37,870	547	258,438	264,225	269,520	5,295	458,920
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	62	1,133	1,071	26,371	15,645	19,890	4,245	25,400
Total Expenses	832,892	913,989	81,097	6,305,915	6,634,927	6,577,045	(57,882)	11,275,083
Surplus/(Deficit) before GASB 33	58,985	695,401	(636,416)	1,410,472	1,196,291	939,916	256,375	-
CARES Act Capital Reimbursement	4,160	-	4,160	74,361	199,832	-	199,832	-
Capital Asset Purchases	11,250	-	11,250	1,672,107	1,781,830	-	1,781,830	-
Depreciation	(379,240)	-	(379,240)	(1,768,809)	(2,416,222)	-	(2,416,222)	-
(Loss)Gain on Sales	-	-	-	-	(244,513)	-	(244,513)	-
Surplus /(DEFICIT)	(304,844)	695,401	(1,000,245)	1,388,131	517,218	939,916	(422,698)	-

**Regional Transportation Authority
Summary Comparative Balance Sheet
For the Period Ending January 2026
Unaudited**

	This Month January	Fiscal YE 2025 June
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Equivalents	3,159,483	2,924,525
Investment Accounts	7,140,006	7,073,667
Receivables from Federal, State, and Local Gov't	1,571,497	1,082,812
Accounts Receivable	48,104	102,078
Inventory - parts	623,535	602,903
Prepaid Expenses and Other	178,592	29,724
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	12,721,217	11,815,709
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Land	3,382,052	3,382,052
Buildings, Shelters, and Benches	19,928,337	19,411,777
Revenue Equipment and Parts	31,066,834	31,011,110
Office Furniture and Equipment	1,849,687	1,849,687
Guideway Improvements	10,558,139	10,558,139
Work in Progress	2,201,005	800,945
	68,986,054	67,013,710
Less Accum Depreciation and Amortization	(34,088,008)	(31,427,273)
TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET	34,898,046	35,586,437
TOTAL ASSETS	47,619,263	47,402,146
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	1,133,171	1,214,884
Accrued Expenses	16,076	27,096
Deferred Revenue	6,264,959	5,982,327
Notes Payable	-	490,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,414,206	7,714,307
Federal Govt Capital Grants	13,790,310	13,790,310
INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS	13,790,310	13,790,310
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	25,897,530	28,115,890
Current Year Surplus(Deficit)	517,218	(2,218,361)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	26,414,748	25,897,529
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	47,619,264	47,402,146

	Current	> 30 days	> 60 Days	> 90 days	Total
Accounts Receivables	\$48,104	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48,104
	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100%
Accounts Payable	\$815,562	\$317,609	\$0	\$0	\$1,133,171
	72.0%	28.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100%

Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee

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Item Number:	R-D-26-010	Meeting Date:	3/18/2026
Item Title:	Monthly Operating Statistics		

BACKGROUND:

Attached are monthly operating statistics for January 2026.

Total RTA ridership declined in January, with monthly ridership down 16.0% compared to January 2025 and 13.5% below the prior month. All modes experienced decreases, driven primarily by the operational disruption caused by Winter Storm Fern. Due to the storm and the MLK holiday, the WeGo Star operated 18 days and RTA buses operated 17 days in January. Ridership remained suppressed through the remainder of the month following the storm, reflecting reduced regional travel demand during the recovery period. Normal ridership levels resumed at the beginning of February. Despite these impacts, fiscal year ridership remains positive, up 2.2% compared to FY2025 through January.

RTA bus services recorded three accidents, compared to one in January 2025, resulting in a 69.8% decline in miles between accidents. One of the three accidents was preventable. WeGo Star operated accident free for the month, maintaining a perfect fiscal year safety record with zero accidents through January.

Operational reliability was significantly impacted by Winter Storm Fern. RTA bus trip completion dropped to 84.3%, compared to 95.1% in January 2025, while WeGo Star trip completion fell to 83.3% from 94.2%. Both figures reflect the two-day full-service suspension and the disrupted service days that followed. On-time performance, measured during operating days only, held up well — RTA buses averaged 81.5%, above the January 2025 figure of 78.0%, and the WeGo Star delivered 95.8%, reflecting strong schedule adherence once service resumed.

No regularly scheduled special events occurred in January. Storm response operations, including coordinated service suspension and structured restoration, served as the month's primary operational focus.

CURRENT STATUS:

Staff are available to address committee member questions regarding the attached report. Please direct any inquiries to Andy Burke.

APPROVED:



Chief Operating Officer

3/18/2026

Date

RTA Monthly Dashboard Report *

Metric	January 2026	January 2025	Pct. Change
Ridership			
Total RTA Bus Passengers	10,869	12,350	-12.0%
WeGo Star Passengers	9,125	10,769	-15.3%
Total RTA Passengers	19,994	23,119	-13.5%
Percentage of Pre-Pandemic Ridership	36.3%	42.0%	-13.5%
Safety			
RTA Bus Total Accidents	3	1	200.0%
WeGo Star Total Accidents	0	0	N/A
RTA Bus Total Miles btwn Accidents	13,771	45,591	-69.8%
WGS Total Miles btwn Accidents	N/A	N/A	N/A
Service Quality			
RTA Bus Total Trip Completion %	84.34%	95.14%	-11.35%
WeGo Star Total Trip Completion %	83.33%	94.17%	-11.50%
RTA Bus Total Miles btwn Service Interruption	181	600	-69.8%
WGS Total Miles btwn Service Interruption	158	452	-65.0%
On-Time Performance ^			
RTA Bus	81.5%	78.0%	4.5%
WeGo Star	95.8%	97.9%	-2.1%
Customer Care			
RTA Bus Total Passengers per Complaint	1,812	1,235	46.7%
WeGo Star Passengers per Complaint	9,125	10,769	-15.3%

* RTA Dashboard submitted for discussion and for Committee and Board review.

^ On Time Performance reporting began September 2017.

N/A - metric cannot be calculated with 0 values. Indicates no events in one or both reporting periods.

RTA Fiscal Year Dashboard Report *

Metric	FY2026 January	FY2025 January	Pct. Change
Ridership			
Total RTA Bus Passengers	84,858	89,045	-4.7%
WeGo Star Passengers	83,354	71,074	17.3%
Total RTA Passengers	168,212	160,119	5.1%
Percentage of Pre-Pandemic Ridership	45.6%	43.4%	5.1%
Safety			
RTA Bus Total Accidents	18	7	157.1%
WeGo Star Total Accidents	0	4	-100.0%
RTA Bus Total Miles btwn Accidents	18,768	48,094	-61.0%
WGS Total Miles btwn Accidents	N/A	11,622	N/A
Service Quality			
RTA Bus Total Trip Completion %	97.93%	98.94%	-1.02%
WeGo Star Total Trip Completion %	97.89%	98.58%	-0.70%
RTA Bus Total Miles btwn Service Interruption	1,434	2,809	-49.0%
WGS Total Miles btwn Service Interruption	46,173	3,576	1191.2%
On-Time Performance ^			
RTA Bus	80.0%	80.6%	-0.7%
WeGo Star	97.1%	96.4%	0.8%
Customer Care			
RTA Bus Total Passengers per Complaint	1,035	890	16.2%
WeGo Star Passengers per Complaint	11,908	5,077	134.6%

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RTA Operations Dashboard Glossary

Metric Ridership	Definitions
<p>Total Passengers</p>	
RTA Bus	Total fixed route passenger boardings on all MTA operated RTA routes (84, 86, 93, 96) and Anchor operated RTA routes (87, 88, 89, 91, 92, 94, 95)
WeGo Star	Total passenger boardings on WeGo Star Rail Service
<p>Safety</p>	
RTA Bus Accidents	A motor vehicle collision, either preventable or non-preventable, in which the Operator did not do everything reasonable to avoid a collision, committed an error or failed to react to the errors of others. A motor vehicle collision in which the Operator committed no driving error and reacted reasonably to the errors of others. (Anchor & MTA operated RTA metrics combined)
WeGo Star Accidents	Accident – an unexpected, unforeseen, or unintended event that causes injury, loss, or damage. These events can include any event arising from the operation of the railroad which results in the death of any person; or an injury to any person that requires medical treatment, except suicides or attempted suicides; any collision between railroad on-track equipment and an automobile, bus, truck, motorcycle, occupied bicycle, pedestrian or trespasser at any location on the railroad; any collision, derailment, fire, explosion, failure of equipment or infrastructure, act of nature, or other event involving damage to the railroad’s on-track equipment, signals, track, track structures, and/or roadbed.
<p>Service Quality</p>	
RTA Bus Missed Trips	The total number of Bus revenue trips not completed or departing more than 30 minutes late -vs- scheduled. (Anchor & MTA operated RTA metrics combined)
WeGo Star Missed Trips	A train that is disabled in transit or cancelled prior to embarking. A missed trip is reported as an annulment and is when the train is cancelled and doesn’t complete the run or make it to its final destination.
RTA Bus Trip Completion Percentage	Percentage of one-way fixed route revenue trips completed versus scheduled.
WeGo Star Trip Completion Percentage	Percentage of one-way rail trips completed versus scheduled.

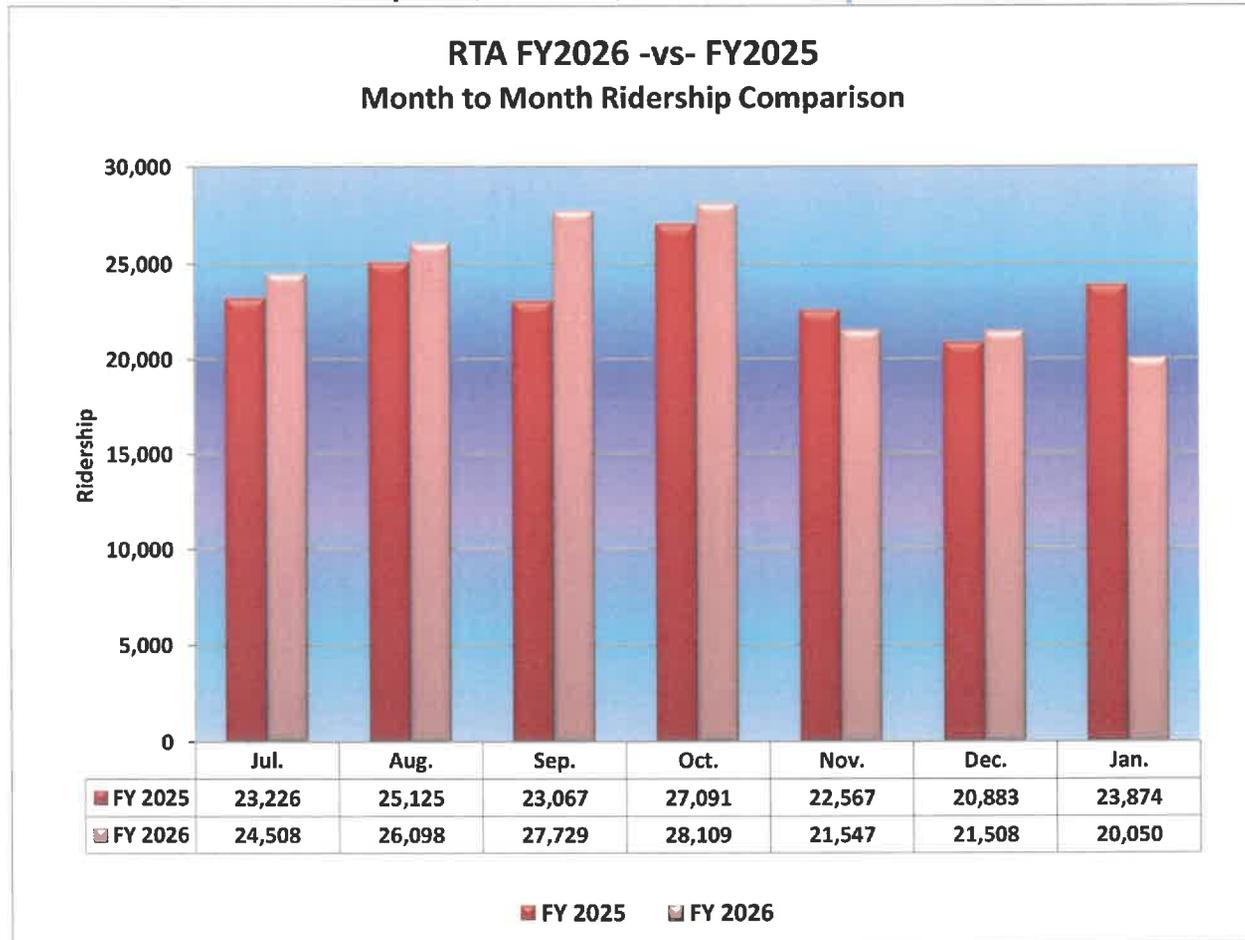
RTA Operations Dashboard Glossary

Metric	Definitions
On-Time Performance	
RTA Bus OTP	MTA operated RTA routes - OTP is the Percentage of total scheduled fixed route timepoint departures occurring between 59 seconds early and 5 minutes 59 seconds late obtained from AVL data. Anchor operated routes - OTP is the Percentage of total scheduled fixed WeGo Central route arrivals and departures occurring no later than 5 minutes 59 seconds late obtained from data provided by Anchor personnel. (Anchor & MTA operated RTA metrics combined based on a weighted average of total trips)
WeGo Star OTP	A train is considered on time when the train arrives at the final destination less than 6 minutes from the scheduled time. If a train is held up for 6 minutes or longer it is considered delayed and not on time. Intermediate station times are not included.
Customer Care	
Passengers Carried Per Complaint	
RTA Bus	Total RTA Bus passengers divided by total RTA Bus customer complaints. (Anchor & MTA operated RTA metrics combined)
WeGo Star	Total WeGo Star passengers divided by total WeGo Star customer complaints.



**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
FISCAL YEAR & MONTH TO MONTH RIDERSHIP COMPARISON: FY2026 -vs- FY2025**

	Month to Month Comparison			Fiscal Year Comparison		
	Jan-25	Jan-26	Percentage Change	FY 2025	FY 2026	Percentage Change
WeGo Star	10,769	9,125	-15.3%	71,074	83,354	17.3%
Express Bus & Shuttle Services	12,350	10,869	-12.0%	89,045	84,858	-4.7%
RTA VanStar Vanpool Service	755	56	-92.6%	5,714	1,337	-76.6%
Total RTA Ridership	23,874	20,050	-16.0%	165,833	169,549	2.2%





**NASHVILLE AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
FISCAL YEAR & MONTH TO MONTH RIDERSHIP COMPARISON: FY2026 -vs- FY2025**

	Month to Month Comparison			Fiscal Year		
	Jan-25	Jan-26	Change	FY 2025	FY 2026	Change
MTA Local Bus Service	659,151	706,216	7.1%	5,139,525	5,424,994	5.6%
MTA Local Paratransit Service	32,874	36,292	10.4%	234,837	283,590	20.8%
RTA Regional Bus Service	12,350	10,869	-12.0%	89,045	84,858	-4.7%
RTA VanStar Vanpool Service	755	56	-92.6%	5,714	1,337	-76.6%
RTA Regional Rail Service	10,769	9,125	-15.3%	71,074	83,354	17.3%
* RTA Special Events Rail Service	287	0	-100.0%	10,584	8,292	-21.7%
Subtotal RTA Rail Service	11,056	9,125	-17.5%	81,658	91,646	12.2%
Subtotal MTA & RTA Bus & Rail Service	716,186	762,558	6.5%	5,550,779	5,886,425	6.0%
Williamson County VanStar Vanpool Service	5,249	5,501	4.8%	38,295	38,614	0.8%
Murfreesboro ROVER Local Bus Service	7,464	7,023	-5.9%	64,222	58,512	-8.9%
Franklin Transit Local Bus Service	4,718	5,195	10.1%	58,473	55,003	-5.9%
Clarksville Transit Local Bus Service	38,313	27,874	-27.2%	286,010	282,987	-1.1%
Total Area Ridership	771,930	808,151	4.7%	5,997,779	6,321,541	5.4%

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
ROUTE PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT

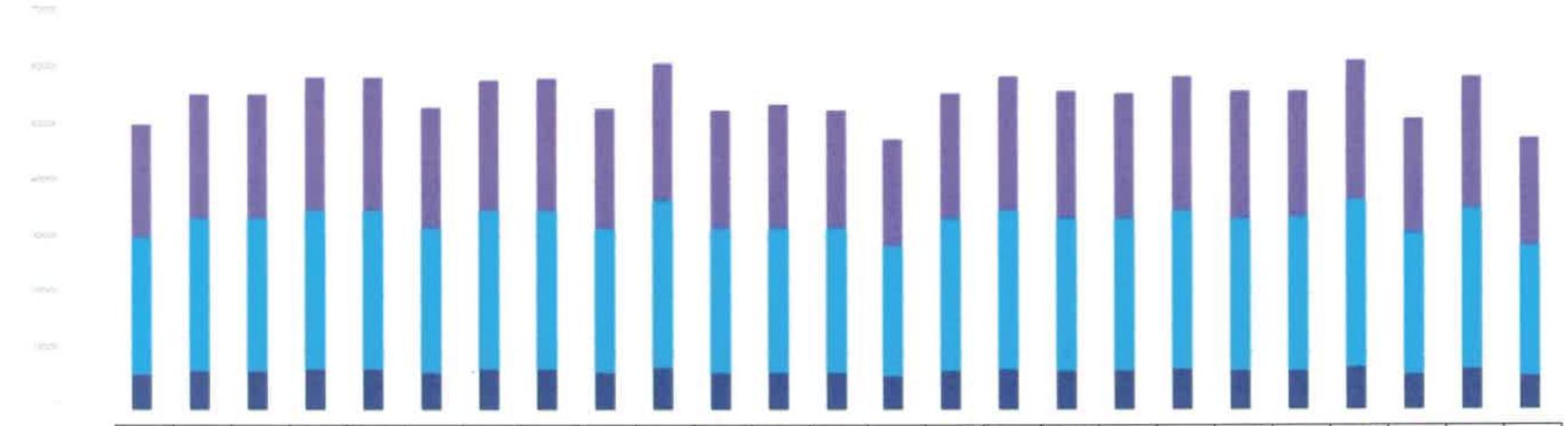
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Rte. No.	Route Name	Monthly Ridership	Ridership Change vs Last Year	Revenue Hours Of Service	Average Passengers	
					Per Trip	Per Hour
CORRIDOR SERVICE COMPARISONS - COMMUTER BUS SERVICE						
	North Corridor (Route 87)	1,538	-19.8%	169	11	9.1
	Northwest Corridor (Routes 89 & 94)	2,026	-17.7%	296	8	6.8
	South Corridor (Route 95)	884	-11.9%	206	6	4.3
	Southeast (Corridor (Route 84 & 86)	2,771	5.8%	781	5	3.5
EXPRESS BUS ROUTE SERVICE						
84	Murfreesboro Express	2,173	6.6%	626	5	3.5
86	Smyrna - LaVergne	598	2.9%	155	5	3.9
87	Gallatin - Hendersonville	1,538	-19.8%	169	11	9.1
88	Dickson	394	-24.5%	84	5	4.7
89	Springfield - Joelton	340	-38.2%	100	5	3.4
94	Clarksville	1,686	-11.8%	196	9	8.6
95	Spring Hill - Franklin	884	-11.9%	206	6	4.3
	Express Bus Route Totals	7,613	-10.7%	1,536	7	5.0
OTHER ROUTES						
64	Star Downtown Shuttle	655	-26.7%	47	5	14.0
93	Star West End Shuttle	2,601	-11.3%	68	18	38.3
	RTA Bus Route Monthly Totals	10,869	-12.0%	1,651	8	6.6
COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE						
90	WeGo Star Commuter Rail	9,125	-15.3%	205	42	44.4
	RTA Commuter Rail and Bus Total	19,994	-13.5%	1,856	12	10.8

RTA Monthly Dashboard Report 25 Month Details

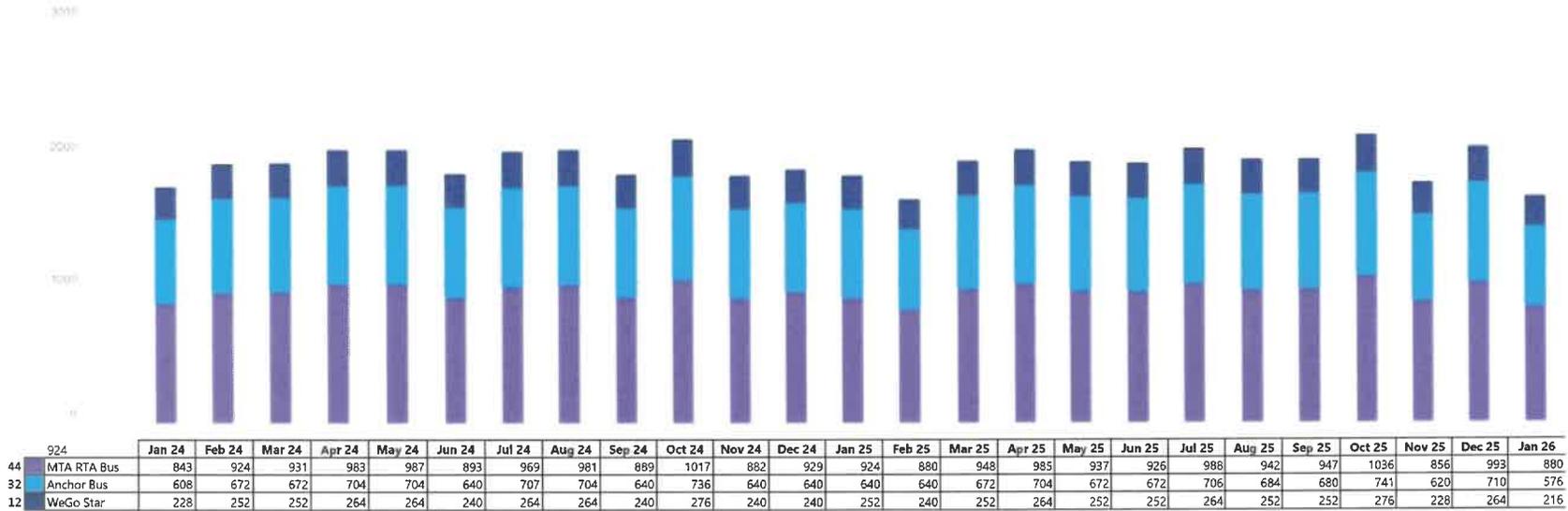
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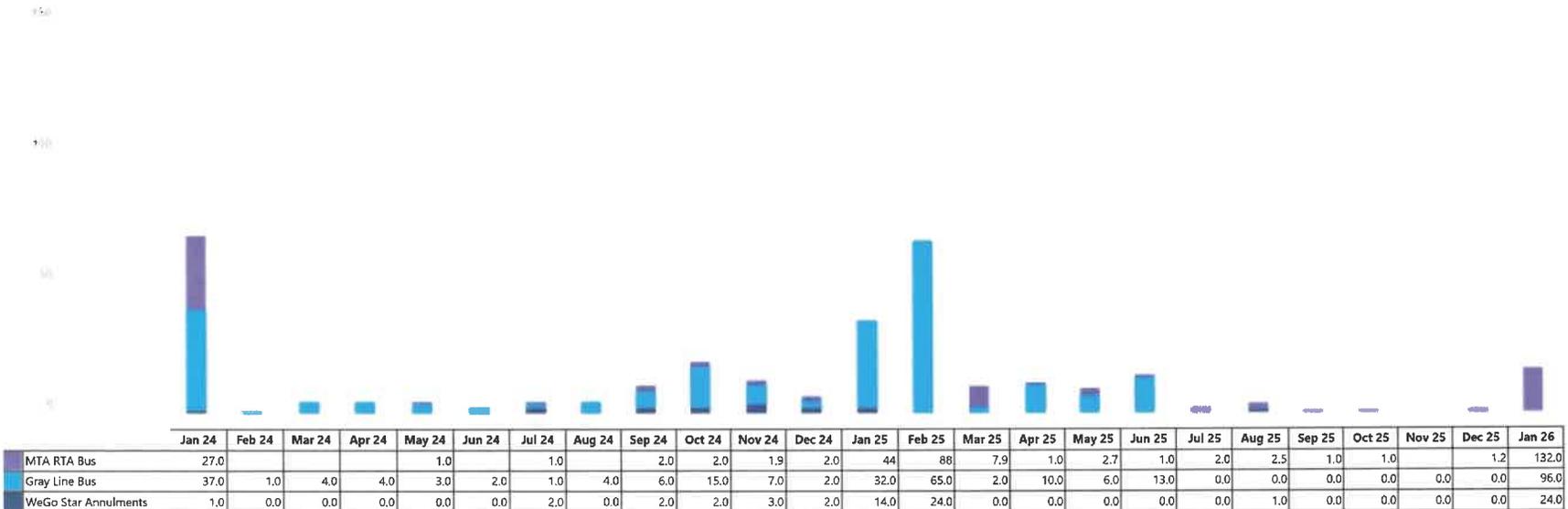
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MTA RTA Bus	19,609	21,673	21,673	22,951	22,951	20,899	22,568	22,759	20,708	23,714	20,508	21,535	20,509	18,585	21,917	23,213	22,296	21,917	23,213	22,296	22,042	24,129	19,954	22,959	18,784	
Anchor	23,800	26,305	26,305	27,595	27,595	25,086	27,592	27,591	25,083	28,845	25,083	25,083	25,083	22,574	26,337	27,591	26,337	26,336	27,590	26,336	26,641	29,020	24,452	27,878	22,527	
WGo Star	6,009	6,641	6,641	6,958	6,958	6,325	6,958	6,958	6,325	7,274	6,325	6,325	6,325	5,693	6,641	6,958	6,641	6,641	6,958	6,641	6,641	7,274	6,009	6,958	5,693	
FY WGS Miles													46,490													46,173
Total Bus Miles	43,409.2	47,978.5	47,978.5	50,545.6	50,545.6	45,985.3	50,160.1	50,350.3	45,790.4	52,558.9	45,591.0	46,617.1	45,591.2	41,159.6	48,253.6	50,804.1	48,632.5	48,252.5	50,803.0	48,631.6	48,683.3	53,148.9	44,406.2	50,836.9	41,311.5	
FY Total Bus Miles													336,659													337,821

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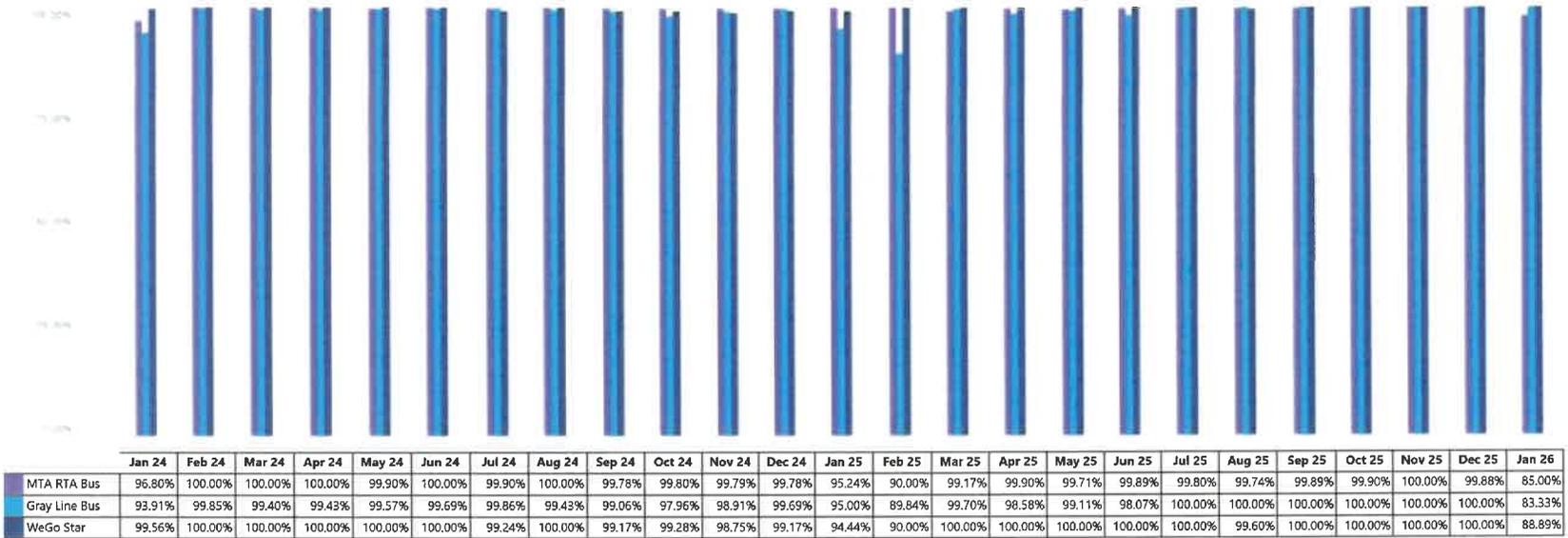


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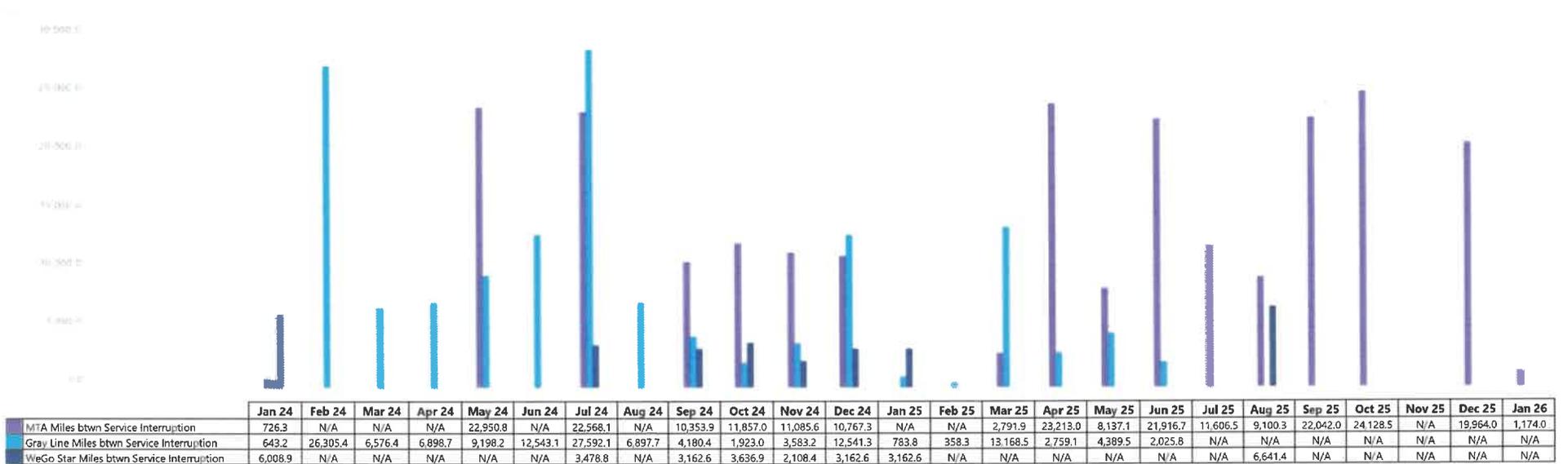


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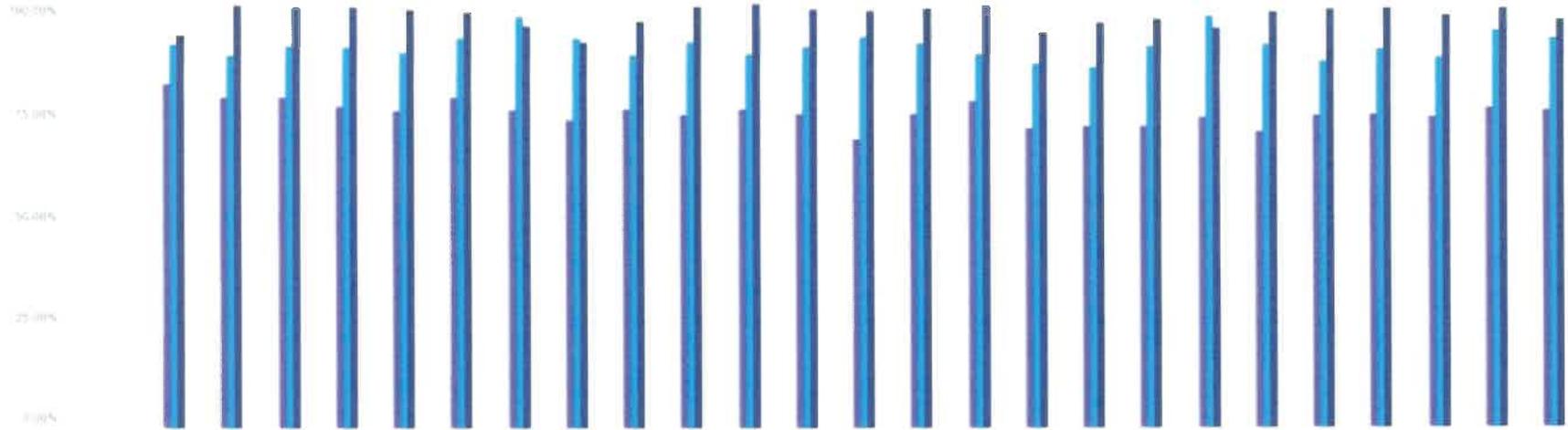


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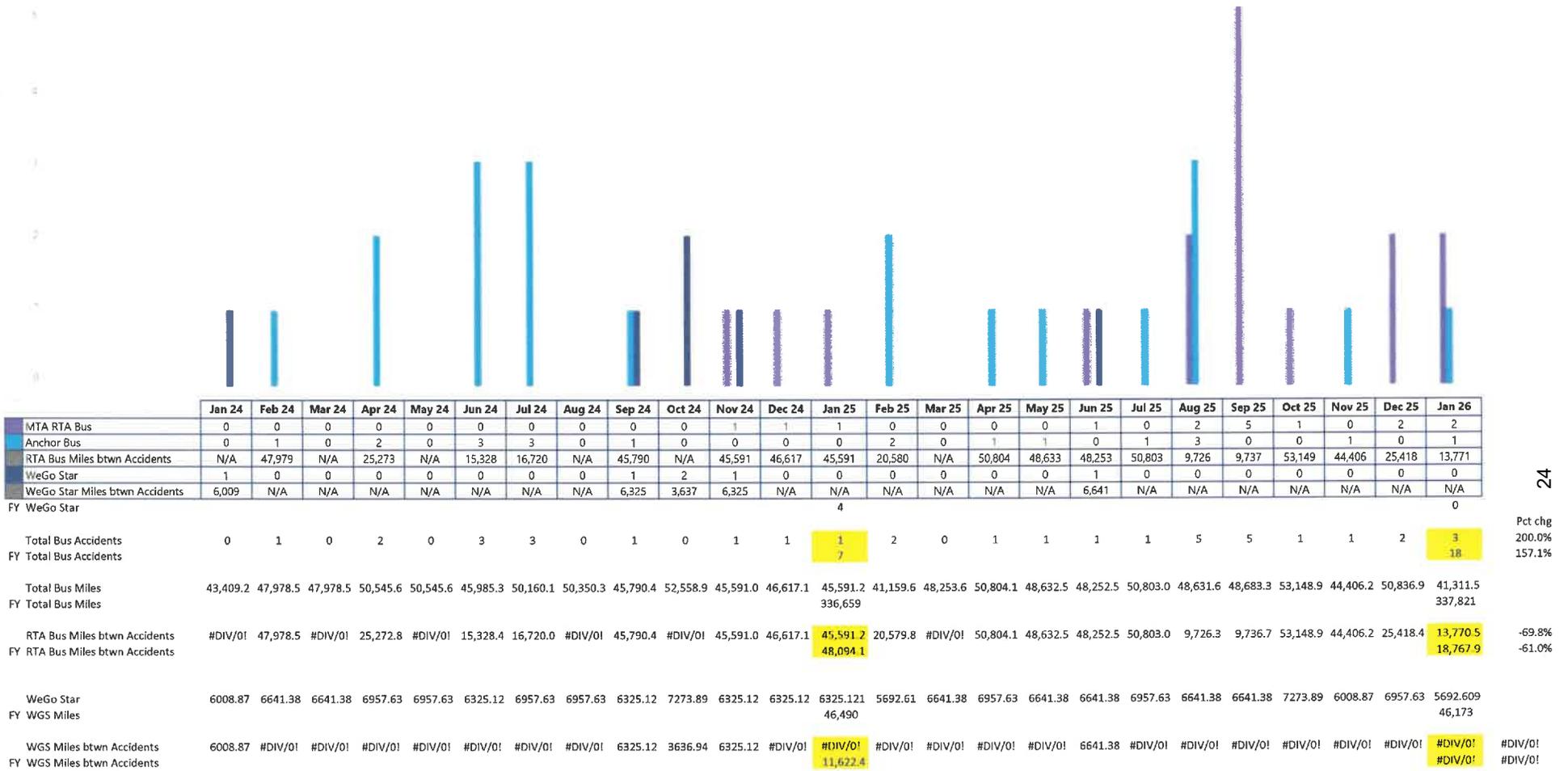
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WeGo RTA Bus On-Time	2,174	2,389	2,392	2,741	2,812	2,416	2,601	2,534	2,404	2,763	2,371	2,350	2,150	2,093	2,454	2,548	2,487	2,390	2,584	2,336	2,486	2,758	2,110	2,477	1,979
WeGo RTA Bus Early	194	160	181	181	224	214	239	201	176	167	183	222	424	268	239	382	357	321	311	168	168	224	182	293	184
WeGo RTA Bus Late	325	527	506	709	738	479	638	765	633	827	613	611	586	474	505	686	669	662	646	854	731	768	597	527	497
WeGo RTA Bus OTP	80.73%	77.67%	77.69%	75.49%	74.51%	77.71%	74.78%	72.40%	74.82%	73.54%	74.87%	73.83%	68.04%	73.83%	76.74%	70.46%	70.79%	70.86%	72.97%	69.57%	73.44%	73.55%	73.04%	75.13%	74.40%
Anchor On-Time	673	624	669	668	658	621	722	683	596	708	597	608	655	614	597	640	633	640	29	644	615	697	562	697	529
Anchor Late	75	90	79	80	90	59	26	65	84	74	83	72	59	66	83	108	115	74	1	70	99	85	84	51	49
Gray Line OTP	89.97%	87.39%	89.44%	89.30%	87.97%	91.32%	96.52%	91.31%	87.65%	90.54%	87.79%	89.41%	91.74%	90.29%	87.79%	85.56%	84.63%	89.64%	96.67%	90.20%	86.13%	89.13%	87.00%	93.18%	91.52%
RTA Bus OTP Combined	84.60%	81.76%	82.61%	81.25%	80.11%	83.39%	83.95%	80.30%	80.19%	80.68%	80.30%	80.19%	77.98%	80.72%	81.32%	76.76%	76.57%	78.75%	82.85%	78.24%	78.75%	80.05%	78.90%	82.66%	81.50%
WeGo Star Delays	18	2	3	3	5	6	15	25	11	3	1	4	5	3	2	19	12	10	16	6	4	4	7	4	9
WeGo Star OTP	92.11%	99.21%	98.81%	98.86%	98.11%	97.50%	94.32%	90.53%	95.42%	98.91%	99.58%	98.33%	97.92%	98.61%	99.21%	92.80%	95.24%	96.03%	93.94%	97.62%	98.41%	98.55%	96.93%	98.48%	95.83%

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Accidents



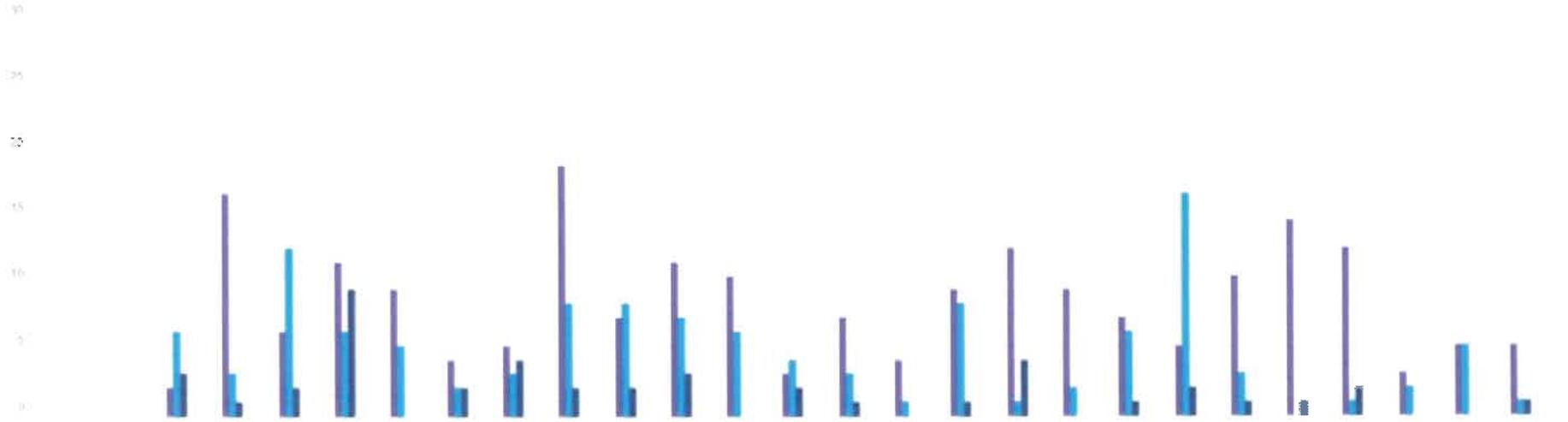
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Customer Complaints



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MTA RTA Bus	2	16	6	11	9	4	5	18	7	11	10	3	7	4	9	12	9	7	5	10	14	12	3	5	5
Anchor	6	3	12	6	5	2	3	8	8	7	6	4	3	1	8	1	2	6	16	3	0	1	2	5	1
WeGo Star	3	1	2	9	0	2	4	2	2	3	0	2	1	0	1	4	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	1
RTA Bus Pax Per Complaint	2,239	1,167	1,241	1,435	1,616	3,252	2,802	932	1,486	1,454	1,369	2,858	2,312	4,250	1,528	2,103	2,232	1,756	1,142	1,967	1,977	2,157	4,301	2,146	3,332
WeGo Star Pax Per Complaint	2,342	8,868	4,759	1,145	N/A	4,517	2,532	5,098	4,512	4,060	N/A	4,333	10,769	N/A	12,788	3,413	N/A	11,142	6,199	12,967	14,233	6,921	N/A	N/A	9,125

RTA Bus Total PAX	10,887	13,308	12,811	14,090	12,385	10,478	12,290	14,027	13,262	13,995	11,783	11,338	12,350	10,812	13,180	13,681	12,399	11,690	11,578	12,600	13,438	14,201	11,077	11,095	10,869	Pct Chg	
FY RTA Bus Total Pax													89,045													84,858	-12.0%
RTA Bus Complaints	8	19	18	17	14	6	8	26	15	18	16	7	10	5	17	13	11	13	21	13	14	13	5	10	6		-40.0%
FY RTA Bus Complaints													100													82	-18.0%
RTA Pax/Complainit	1,360.9	700.4	711.7	828.8	884.6	1,746.3	1,536.3	539.5	884.1	777.5	736.4	1,619.7	1,235.0	2,162.4	775.3	1,052.4	1,127.2	899.2	551.3	969.2	959.9	1,092.4	2,215.4	1,109.5	1,811.5		46.7%
FY RTA Pax/Complainit													890.5													1,034.9	16.2%
WGS Pax	7,026	8,868	9,518	10,307	10,233	9,033	10,126	10,195	9,024	12,180	10,114	8,666	10,769	10,440	12,788	13,653	12,157	11,142	12,398	12,967	14,233	13,842	10,428	10,361	9,125		-15.3%
FY WGS Pax													71,074													83,354	17.3%
WGS Complaints	3	1	2	9	0	2	4	2	2	3	0	2	1	0	1	4	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	1		0.0%
FY WGS Complaints													14													7	-50.0%
WGS Pax/Complaints	2,342.0	8,868.0	4,759.0	1,145.2	#DIV/0!	4,516.5	2,531.5	5,097.5	4,512.0	4,060.0	#DIV/0!	4,333.0	10,769.0	#DIV/0!	12,788.0	3,413.3	#DIV/0!	11,142.0	6,199.0	12,967.0	14,233.0	6,921.0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	9,125.0		-15.3%
FY WGS Pax/Complaints													5,076.7													11,907.7	134.6%

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Regional Transportation Authority

of Middle Tennessee

Board Action Item

Item Number:	R-A-26-006	Meeting Date:	03/18/2026
Item Title:	Nashville Electric Service Utility Relocation at Donelson Station		

BACKGROUND:

As part of the broader public infrastructure investment at Donelson Station, coordination with Nashville Electric Service (NES) is required to relocate existing electrical infrastructure to accommodate the planned transit improvements and future development of the site. The Donelson Station project represents a strategic regional mobility investment intended to enhance multimodal connectivity, improve passenger experience, and position the station to serve growing travel demand between Davidson and Wilson Counties, Nashville International Airport, the Opry Mills/Opryland Resort area, and surrounding destinations.

The proposed NES work will relocate existing overhead transmission and distribution infrastructure currently located on the north side of the rail line to the south side of the rail line to clear the development footprint and support the construction of the planned transit infrastructure improvements. The work area extends along the rail line to toward Donelson Pike within the limits of the future transit center and supporting roadway and passenger infrastructure.

The scope of work includes the removal of three (3) existing utility poles and the replacement or upsizing of five (5) additional poles, along with associated electrical distribution improvements required to maintain reliable service within the corridor. Relocating this infrastructure is a critical enabling step that ensures the site is ready for the planned transit circulation improvements, passenger amenities, and future development associated with the station area.

Completion of the NES relocation work will allow the WeGo to continue advancing the overall Donelson Station transit infrastructure program and maintain the project schedule as the design progresses toward full completion and subsequent construction procurement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Board action to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a MOU and enter into a contract agreement with NES in an amount not to exceed **\$507,890.45 (including a 15% contingency)** for the relocation of NES owned infrastructure (Work Request No. 991383693).

Authorization for the Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement is contingent upon the successful acquisition of the NERA property required to advance the overall Donelson Station transit infrastructure improvements, which is anticipated in the near term.

To date, RTA has secured local, state, and federal funding of \$25.5 million to advance the public infrastructure improvements. For this element of the project, State IMPROVE Act funds with 20% local match are being utilized.

APPROVED:

3/18/2026

Board Secretary

Date

Regional Transportation Authority

of Middle Tennessee

Board Action Item

Item Number:	R-A-26-007	Meeting Date:	03/18/2026
Item Title:	Murfreesboro Park-and-Ride Construction Contract Award		

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Transportation Authority's (RTA) Strategic Service Plan, *nMotion*, identifies strategically located, purpose-built park-and-ride facilities as essential infrastructure to strengthen regional mobility, expand access to employment centers, and improve the overall effectiveness of regional transit service. These facilities serve as critical gateways into the transit system, reducing congestion, supporting sustainable travel choices, and enabling seamless intermodal connections across Middle Tennessee.

In direct alignment with this policy framework, the City of Murfreesboro opened a new transit center in 2025 on a 5+ acre site near downtown Murfreesboro. The facility represents a significant local investment in multimodal connectivity and currently operates Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and is closed on Sundays. With the completion of the adjacent park-and-ride facility, service hours are anticipated to expand to accommodate the final WeGo Route 84 schedule, further strengthening regional access between Rutherford County and Nashville's major employment and activity centers.

To advance this next phase of investment, on June 18, 2025, the RTA Board approved the acquisition of approximately 0.72 acres at 725 Bridge Avenue for the new park-and-ride facility. The property is strategically positioned adjacent to the newly completed transit center, allowing for an integrated, campus-style approach to transit infrastructure that maximizes operational efficiency and rider convenience.

The project has advanced through the required local approvals. On October 1, 2025, the Murfreesboro Planning Commission recommended approval of a companion rezoning request from RS-10 to PND – Transit Center Planned Institutional District (#2025-420), with limited exceptions related to landscaping and lighting requirements. The Murfreesboro City Council subsequently approved the rezoning on December 4, 2025, affirming local support and clearing the way for implementation.

On January 9, 2026, WeGo's Procurement Department issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) with bids due on February 13, 2026. Eight contractors submitted competitive bids ranging from \$820,000 to \$1.4 million. Tugson Group submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid, determined to be fair and reasonable and consistent with project budget expectations.

The proposed project includes construction of a 75-space parking lot comprised of 69 standard spaces, 3 ADA-accessible spaces, and 3 spaces designated for future electric vehicle use. The design supports current commuter demand while positioning the facility for evolving transportation trends. Upon completion, the park-and-ride will complement the City's transit center, expand commuter access to WeGo regional service, enhance system reliability, and provide additional parking capacity that supports both transit riders and the broader community.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the RTA Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with **Tugson** for the construction of the Murfreesboro Park-and-Ride facility in an amount not to exceed **\$942,558.30 (including a 15% contingency)**. State Improve Act is available for this procurement, along with the required local matching funds.

APPROVED:

3/18/2026

Board Secretary

Date

Regional Transportation Authority

of Middle Tennessee

Board Action Item

Item Number:	R-A-25-008	Meeting Date:	03/18/2026
Item Title:	Murfreesboro Park and Ride Memorandum of Understanding		

BACKGROUND:

The City of Murfreesboro recently built a transit center facility located at 324 New Salem Highway (a 5+ acre site) near downtown Murfreesboro TN. Through collaboration with the City of Murfreesboro, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) identified a parcel of property at 725 Bridge Avenue on the site of a closed church immediately adjacent to the city's new transit center. The site is on a 0.749-acre tract and provides an accessible permanent location for a park and ride. The location also presents a unique opportunity for expanding travel options by improving transit connectivity between regional and local transit services. On June 18, 2025, the RTA Board approved the purchase of the land, and the park and ride lot was subsequently purchased. In a separate action this month, the RTA Board will be asked to consider the award of a construction contract for the completion of this facility.

The City of Murfreesboro and the RTA decided that a collaborative agreement was needed between the two transit partners for the purpose of enhancing the park and ride system as an urban transportation option to efficiently support the region's customer base that will utilize the park and ride lot and Murfreesboro Transit Center, as a transit hub. The agreement would be in the form of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the transit partners to provide safe and secure transit for passengers traveling between Davidson and Rutherford Counties.

The City of Murfreesboro agreed to allow RTA's limited use of the Murfreesboro Transit Center and operational areas, with the exception of the use of Transit Center parking lot due to limited parking spaces, during normal business hours and after hours. The City of Murfreesboro Transit Center will provide access for the RTA during regular Murfreesboro Transit operating hours, between the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays ("regular business hours") for WeGo buses and other transportation assets to enter the property at either the Bridge Avenue or New Salem Highway entrances onto the Transit Center property. Additionally, for access to the Transit Center during after-hours or special events the hours will be between 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Lastly, the City of Murfreesboro will allow the RTA to coordinate with the security firm and other management staff for after-hours access due to special events. The RTA will be provided with RFID cards for bus access through the security gates at the Murfreesboro Transit Center. Due to this collaborative effort, the RTA will reimburse the City of Murfreesboro for any costs the city is billed due to after-hours/special events security and facilities support.

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff recommends that the RTA Board approve the CEO of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to execute the memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the purpose of using the Murfreesboro Transit Center in conjunction with park and ride lot, and to authorize the CEO to reimburse the City Of Murfreesboro for all usual and necessary cost incurred during the use of the Murfreesboro Transit Center by the RTA.

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Board Action Item

Item Number:	R-A-26-009	Meeting Date:	03/18/2026
Item Title:	Agency Safety Plan Update		

BACKGROUND:

Under the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Final Rule, this agency is required to update its Agency Safety Plan that implements our Safety Management System yearly. The plan must include safety performance targets that will be voluntarily shared with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the local Department of Transportation. This year’s projected performance targets are:

Safety Performance Targets as Reported to the National Transit Database (NTD)							
The targets listed below are based on reviews of the previous five years of RTA’s safety performance data.							
Mode of Transit Service	Fatalities (total)	Fatalities (per 100 thousand VRM)	Injuries (total)	Injuries (per 100 thousand VRM)	Safety Events (total)	Safety Events (per 100 thousand VRM)	System Reliability (VRM / failures)
Commuter Bus – Contracted – Anchor	0	0	0	0	1	.24	24,000
Vanpool – Contracted – The TMA Group	0	0	0	0	1	.19	N/A

These targets were formulated and agreed upon by Anchor and management members who are a part of the joint labor-management Safety Committee after viewing last year’s data, normalizing the data, and making data-driven projections as to how the agency will perform against the previous year’s actual performance.

The joint labor-management Safety Committee has approved this updated safety plan that includes the updated Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirements. The Agency Safety Plan sets a framework to support and complement the existing approach to public transportation safety, identifies deficiencies and promotes improvements in transit safety performance. The plan sets a proactive approach to safety risk management that is outcome-focused and emphasizes an overall improved safety culture and copies can be made available upon request. Once Board approval is given, the entire plan will be posted on the Agency website for public inspection.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests the Board give the Chief Executive Officer the authority to execute the Agency Safety Plan to comply with FTA's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Final Rule and the updated Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirements

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3/18/2026

Board Secretary

Date