

**SIoux CITY TRANSIT SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 19, 2025**

On this date 12:00 p.m., at 509 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa, was held a regular meeting of the Sioux City Transit System Advisory Board for the purpose of discussing items of interest and concern to the Sioux City Transit System, the City of Sioux City, and the citizens thereof, matters to be brought to the attention of the Advisory Board by the Transit Manager; and such other business that might properly come before the Board at this time.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>OTHERS</b>
Mike Tokarczyk		Jason Allen, Operations Manager
Dawn Kimmel		Mike Collett, Interim City Manager
Angela Drent		Brenda Berens, SRTS
Mary Martin (C)		Heather Hansen, Admin. Assistant

(C) Conference call via telephone

**ITEM NO. 1 CALL OF ROLL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting was called to order by Mike Tokarczyk

Roll was called.

**ITEM NO. 2 APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES**

*Drent made a motion, Kimmel seconded the motion, to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Roll Call Voting; Ayes: Tokarczyk, Drent, Kimmel, Martin. Nays: None. Motion carried.*

**ITEM NO. 3 OPERATING AND PARATRANSIT REPORTS**

Collett gave the following updates:

- Paratransit ridership continues to trend upward as does its associated expense. Transit is within budget from an operational perspective.
- Four grants for new bus purchases are approved; quotes from bus manufacturers are pending; high demand may be slowing the process.

Allen gave an overview of the mobile fare pay system progressing from testing to marketing to upcoming implementation. Advertising and signage will be increasing along with a tv monitor looping app instruction being installed in the lobby for passenger awareness.

**ITEM NO. 4 OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Grant Updates

Allen provided the following updates:

- Government shutdown caused bus facility and 'low-no' grants to remain stagnant. Department of Energy grant facilitating HVAC unit replacement project is complete. Charging station portion continues to be drawn out due to electrical and engineering requirements. 2nd floor ramp paint re-stripping of parking space will be necessary to be ADA accessible. PTIG grant was awarded for MLK ramp elevator modernization.

## **ITEM NO. 5 OTHER DISCUSSION**

1. Discussion for board awareness of upcoming policy for Transit drivers to comply with downshifting as necessary due to inclement weather but not upshifting buses. This stems from increase in transmission repairs and associated financial impact of repairs. Buses should also remain in neutral while parked as a safety issue; this will be spot checked by supervisors.
2. SRTS staff appreciates maintenance garage parking improvements accommodating Paratransit.
3. Discussion of reduced fare application and other accessibility request improvements to be made on the City's website no later than Spring 2026.
4. Board agreed the accuracy of the Passio bus tracking app is beneficial for users due to the exactness of pinpointing bus locations in real time.

## **ITEM NO. 6 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2026.

*Kimmel made a motion, Martin seconded the motion, to adjourn. Roll Call Voting; Ayes: Tokarczyk, Martin, Drent, Kimmel. Nays: None. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Mary Martin, Secretary