

**SIoux CITY TRANSIT SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2026**

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.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS
Mike Tokarczyk		Mike Collett, Interim City Manager
Dawn Kimmel		Brenda Berens, SRTS
Angela Drent		Brian Pearson, SRTS
Mary Martin (C)		Brian Lake, Driver Supervisor
		Julie Johannsen, 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 NOVEMBER MINUTES

Kimmel made a motion, Drent seconded the motion, to approve the minutes from the November 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. Fixed route is just below previous year to date.
- Transit is within budget year to date.
- Four grants for new bus purchases are approved; quotes from bus manufacturers are pending; Quotes are expected to show price increases.
- Staff will be looking to have a grant previously received amended to assist with costs associated with the garage storage project.
- Electric vehicle charging station has been installed in the MLK ramp.
- Plans are moving ahead for the elevator modernization project at MLK.
- Administrative Assistant job posting has closed. There were 81 applicants and interviews will start next week. Julie Johannsen will be filling in on a part-time basis until a replacement is hired and trained.
- Staff has started preparations for the FTA Triennial which is scheduled for July.

- Lake gave an update of the mobile fare pay system now that it is operational. To date, users are leaning more toward the phone app versus the fare cards. Discussion was held regarding the cutoff date for selling paper tickets and what additional signage/advertising would assist riders with the transition. It was agreed that the cutoff date will be 3/31/2026 with any paper tickets

purchased prior to this still being valid. A table will also be set up in the MLK lobby with information and will be manned periodically for passengers to ask questions on the process.

ITEM NO. 4 OTHER BUSINESS

1. Grant Updates

-No grant updates.

ITEM NO. 5 OTHER DISCUSSION

Collett discussed the Agency Safety Plan annual review. Transit is required to review safety performance targets annually. Targets were reviewed and no changes were made. Names and titles were also updated in the document. *Martin made a motion to accept the plan, Drent seconded the motion. Roll Call Voting; Ayes: Tokarczyk, Martin, Drent, Kimmel. Nays: None. Motion carried.*

Brian Pearson gave the following SRTS updates:

- Investigation of a paratransit complaint was completed and was determined to not be founded.
- SRTS has been awarded a grant to expand their facility. Future projects also include a satellite location in LeMars and adding electric vehicle charging stations to facilities to accommodate future purchases of electric vans.
- SRTS is working on the transition of riders that were being transported by them in the Urban area.

ITEM NO. 6 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2026.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Mary Martin, Secretary