

**SIoux CITY TRANSIT SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 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:

Mike Tokarczyk
Dawn Kimmel
Angela Drent
Mary Martin (C)

Members Absent:

Others:

Jason Allen, Transit Operations Manager
Brenda Berens SRTS
Brian Pearson, SRTS (C)
Maribel Araque, 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 January meeting. Roll Call Voting; Ayes: Tokarczyk, Drent, Kimmel, Martin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ITEM NO. 3 OPERATING AND PARATRANSIT REPORTS

Allen gave the following updates:

- Passengers are adopting the MyRide Sioux City app.
- Effective June 30, 2026, SCTS will no longer sell paper tokens or passes to individual passengers, however, SCTS will continue to honor previously purchased valid paper tokens or passes. Moving forward, passengers are highly encouraged to download the *MyRide Sioux City* app or use a *MyRide Sioux City* Smart Card which is available at our Dispatch Office.
- For our community partners (agencies), we will be transitioning you to the *MyRide Sioux City* Partner Portal platform which will enable community partners to manage bus travel in "real-time" for their clients. Until fully onboarded, paper bus tokens and passes will continue to be offered to agencies only.
- Working to renew contract with SRTS to extend the contract another year.

ITEM NO. 4 OTHER BUSINESS

Grant Updates

- SIMPCO – Carbon reduction grant. Money is still available but haven't decided what to do with it yet.
- EECBG grant – HVAC replacements & charging station. Elevator modernization project has PTIG grant but will be more expensive than grant. This will allow elevators to be brought up to code.
- EV Charging Station is not ADA compliant. Need to repaint after other projects are finished.
- Heat pumps are being replaced. Project will go through the middle of May 2026. Currently there is no heat in MLK bus terminal, only baseboard heaters.
- Annual parking ramp repairs depend on how much elevator project will cost.
- Ordered three new heavy-duty buses. It should be delivered in 23-26 months.
- Ordered two new Paratransit buses.

ITEM NO. 5 OTHER DISCUSSION

LEP Plan – Had to remove verbiage and update it. Added pocket talk information, bilingual bus drivers, and bilingual Administrative Assistant. Only dispatch has pocket talk.

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

Drug & Alcohol policy was updated.

Drent made a motion, Kimmel seconded the motion to approve Drug & Alcohol policy. Roll Call Voting; Ayes: Tokarczyk, Martin, Drent, Kimmel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Allen talked about Masabi. Explained that they're having issues with Masabi on the partner portal side. Issue is with agencies that have clients who do not have email addresses. Mentioned the possibility of having to buy additional software that will allow all mobile fares to be put on a smart card. They're also looking at non-reloadable, disposable tickets but they cost \$1/piece. Potentially, agencies could print their own tickets.

Have changed billing to agencies to once a month on 20th of month to avoid Clerk having to bill multiple times per month.

Transfers are still paper.

Masabi will be changing this so each token can be scanned two times in 45 minutes.

Will still use paper tickets for special events such as Saturday in the Park.

ITEM NO. 6 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 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 12:49 p.m.

Mary Martin, Secretary