

**BOARD PLANNING RETREAT  
REGIONAL METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF OMAHA  
2222 Cuming Street  
Omaha, Nebraska, 68102  
December 19, 2025  
8:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**

The Regional Metropolitan Transit Authority of Omaha Board met on Friday, December 19, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., in person at the Authority's Administration Building, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102, and virtually. Notice was published in the Omaha Daily Record on December 15, 2025, in advance of the meeting. For the benefit of the public in attendance, a copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted in the meeting room, and the Agenda is published on the display in the facility lobby.

The following were in attendance at the meeting:

**Authority Board:**

Mr. Curt Simon, Board Chair  
Mr. Daniel Padilla, Vice Chair  
Mr. Josh Corrigan  
Ms. Clarice Dombeck  
Ms. Yanira Garcia  
Mr. Tim Lonergan  
Mr. Cornelius Williams

**Authority Staff:**

L. Cencic, CEO/Executive Director  
E. Schweitz, Senior Manager of Planning and Scheduling  
W. Clingman, Finance Director  
A. Summerfield, Operations Director  
S. Perry, Executive Administrator & Board Secretary

Metro connects people, places, and opportunities through quality transit services.

### **Agenda Item #1 Call to Order at 8:09 am**

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### **Agenda Item #2 Discussion**

Ms. Cencic provided background information on MetroNEXT which was adopted by the Board in April 2022, including the public engagement to inform the plan and the five plan goals of:

- Address Equity in the Region
- Improve & Expand Connections
- Provide an Excellent Travel Experience
- Promote Environmental Stewardship
- Lead Responsibly & Collaboratively

Staff shared updates on the status of each MetroNEXT project as well as service increases in accordance with the plan. Metro has increased services by 15.4% since its adoption. The Board discussed the Transit Suitability Index developed for MetroNEXT and the important relationship between transportation, land use, and economic development planning, with particular emphasis on walkability.

Staff provided a status update on several projects in MetroNEXT, including:

- Service to McKinley Road, which is currently being served by the microtransit pilot project and requires additional sidewalk infrastructure before being able to support fixed route transit.
- Fort Crook Road: A feasibility study with MAPA and City of Bellevue is underway.
- Future Fort Street Express Route: Currently on hold due to upcoming city construction.
- 24th Street feasibility and planning study is anticipated for early 2026

Staff also provided the Board with updates on other initiatives, including:

- K-12 Rides Free program ridership and funding
- Shelters, Signage, and Wayfinding
- Microtransit Pilot project ridership, transfer activity, and marketing
- Airport: A digital kiosk will be installed at the airport. The airport continues to be a popular microtransit destination.

Ms. Cencic reminded the Board that committee assignments and chair, vice-chair roles would be on the January Board meeting.

There were no formal actions taken during the course of the meeting.

### **Agenda Item #3 Date, Time, and Place of Next Regular Board Meeting**

Thursday, January 22, 2025, at 8:30 am

Authority's Administrative Building

**Agenda Item #4 Adjournment at 12:29 pm**

**Motioned by Loneragan; Seconded by Corrigan**

**ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIES**