City Council Item

September 22, 2025

Item	Resolution 25-XX: Support for Suburban Transit Providers	
File No.		**Item No:** H.3
Agenda Section	**GENERAL BUSINESS**	
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SUGGESTED ACTION Adopt Resolution 25-XX: Support for Suburban Transit Providers and direct staff to share with local legislators	
Motion Type	Simple Majority Vote of members present
Strategic Priority	Operational Excellence

SUMMARY

The City of Chanhassen has been a member of SouthWest Transit since 1986, when Chaska, Chanhassen, and Eden Prairie made the decision to opt out of the Metropolitan Transit Commission transit system under Minnesota State Statutes. Together, they formed their own transit service, SouthWest Metro Transit, through a joint powers agreement.

The attached resolution highlights the importance of maintaining a strong and resilient transit system—one that supports economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and the overall quality of life for our west metro communities and the metropolitan region as a whole. It also reaffirms the critical role of Suburban Transit Providers, including SW Transit, and the governance model that ensures local communities have a direct voice in shaping solutions that reflect evolving demographics and local priorities. With conversations at the Legislature continuing regarding the future of regional transit, this resolution is intended to help ensure that Chanhassen and other communities served by suburban transit providers have the strongest voice possible in future decisions that affect public transit.

Similar resolutions have been adopted by the SW Transit Commission and the City of Shakopee, with additional suburban providers and cities considering the same in the coming weeks.

BACKGROUND

DISCUSSION

BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution