



City of Topeka
Governing Body Action Form
City Council Chambers
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DATE: August 11, 2026

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SECOND PARTY/SUBJECT: Resolution - TMTA RNR PROJECT #:
Public Hearing Date
Amendment

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ACTION OF COUNCIL: **JOURNAL #:**
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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Dr. Robert M. Perez amending the public hearing date to consider adopting a budget for the Topeka Metro Transit Authority (TMTA) that exceeds the revenue neutral rate.

Voting Requirement: Action requires at least six (6) votes of the Governing Body.

(Approval of the proposed resolution changes the public hearing date to August 25, 2026 to align with the official public hearing notices sent to residents by Shawnee County. All other legal elements approved in Resolution No. 9828 approved by the Governing Body on July 14, 2026 remain in effect.)

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Action requires at least six (6) votes of the Governing Body.

POLICY ISSUE:

Approval would change the public hearing date from September 1, 2026, to August 25, 2026, in order to align with the same date on the public hearing notices distributed by Shawnee County notifying the Public that the City, as the entity responsible for levying a tax on behalf of the TMTA, is considering adopting a 2027 budget that would include exceeding the TMTA's revenue neutral rate (RNR).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Governing Body move to approve the resolution.

BACKGROUND:

The Governing Body previously approved Resolution No. 9828 on July 14, 2026 setting the Revenue Neutral

Rate (RNR) hearing for the Topeka Metro Transit Authority (TMTA) for September 1, 2026. On August 6, 2026, Staff discovered that the hearing notice mailed by Shawnee County (SNCO) listed August 25, 2026, as the hearing date. As a result, the notice that SNCO sent to residents reflects August 25, 2026, rather than the date approved by the Governing Body which was September 1, 2026. Approval of the proposed resolution will change the public hearing date to August 25, 2026.

Out of an abundance of legal caution and to preserve the Governing Body's full flexibility regarding the TMTA mill levy, staff recommends amending the hearing date to August 25, 2026, to match the notice that was distributed to the public.

Fortunately, this can be resolved without affecting the RNR hearing process. The only action required by the Body is to publish a Revenue Neutral Rate hearing notice in the newspaper, at least 10 days prior, reflecting the hearing date of August 25, 2026.

It is important to note that this only affects the TMTA Revenue Neutral Rate hearing. The hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to speak. Prior to the hearing closing the Governing Body will vote on the allowance of exceeding revenue neutral for TMTA. This is not setting TMTA's mill levy but simply allowing them the potential to exceed revenue neutral, no higher than the max of 4.200 that was set by the Governing Body through the approval of Resolution No. 9828 on July 14, 2026. Any portion of Resolution No. 9828 not in conflict with the proposed resolution remains in effect.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no budgetary impact to the City to approve the resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Proposed Resolution - Revised Public Hearing Date Notifying SN County Clerk -TMTA RNR 2027 Budget Resolution No. 9828 \(July 14, 2026\)](#)