

# TOPEKA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

# Board of Directors Meeting – Agenda Item

ITEM	Operations Department Monthly Report (for March 2023)					
CONTACT	Penise Ensley, Chief Operations Officer					
RECOMMENDATION	ccept report as presented.					
SUMMARY	<ul> <li>The bus operators had ZERO chargeable accidents this month.</li> <li>There were two bus stops vandalized: <ul> <li>On March 16<sup>th</sup>, one glass panel was shot out in the inbound bus shelter at Morse &amp; Kansas.</li> <li>Four glass panels were shattered in the inbound bus shelter at 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; Deer Creek Parkway on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>On March 27<sup>th</sup>, a new feature on the MOD App was released which enabled App users to use a credit or debit card to pay their fare.</li> <li>A morning dispatch clerk was hired and began training on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Human Resources and Operations continue to interview applicants to fill open Operations positions, which include bus operators and a customer service specialist (CSS).</li> </ul>					
FISCAL IMPACT						
(Current and Future) PRIORITY/GOAL	Continue to work on hiring additional personnel. Monitor bi-weekly operator overtime and pad time.					
ATTACHMENTS	Operations Reports.					

# **Topeka Metro Operations Report**

### March 2023

March	Operating	Days:	
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27 Normal operating days
4 Sundays (no service)
0 Holiday with no service
0 Limited holiday service
31 Total days in March

### Passenger Comments:

13	Fixed Route	0	<b>Capitol City Transportation</b>	14	Complaints
2	Lift	15	Topeka Metro	1	Compliments
15	Total Comments	15	Total Comments	0	Incidents
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Comment Issues:

Other/General (8)

Operator (4)

Unsafe Driving (1)

Lift Late Trip (1)

Passed By (1) - valid

## Operations Accidents & Incidents (as of March 31st, 2023):

	Month of		
	March	2023	FY 2023
TMTA Chargeable accidents	0	2	13
TMTA Non-chargeable accidents	1	4	9
Contractor accidents	0	0	1
Passenger incidents	30	79	211
	31	85	234

#### Current Self-Insurance Files:

- 2 Open files against Topeka Metro
- 21 Open files against others
- 6 Other
- 29 Total open files

# **March Promotions and Events**

Washburn Students (3/1 thru 3/31):

5,366 fixed route trips

FREEdom Pass Ridership (3/1 thru 3/31):

442 fixed route trips

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	2013	945
	2014	3,876
	2015	6,058
	2016	7,511
	2017	8,115
	2018	8,879
	2019	8,951
	2020	1,623
	2024	2 0 40

2020 1,623 (until free fares due to COVID-19 in March 2020)

2021 3,849 (fares/program resumed 2/1/21)

2022 2023

4,114 725

Amtrak (3/1 thru 3/31):

0 rides in March

Bikes on the Bus Ridership (3/1 thru 3/31):

750 bikes on the fixed route

## Other Operational and Promotional Activities:

Provided Employees with Information for Severe Weather Awareness Week (3/6 thru 3/10)

Participated in the Statewide Tornado Drill (3/7)

Monthly Operator Policy Meeting (3/7)

Bi-monthly Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation Services (ACATS) Meeting (3/8)

New Employee Training (3/13) - one CSS trainee & one bus operator trainee

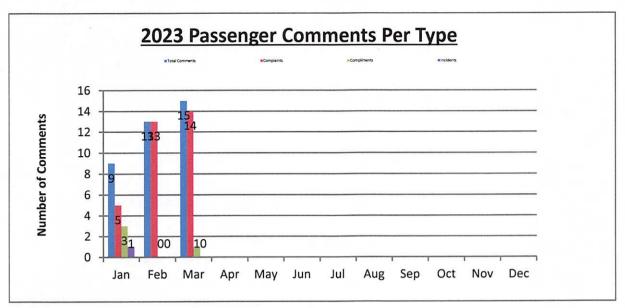
April Operator Choose-up Posted (3/15)

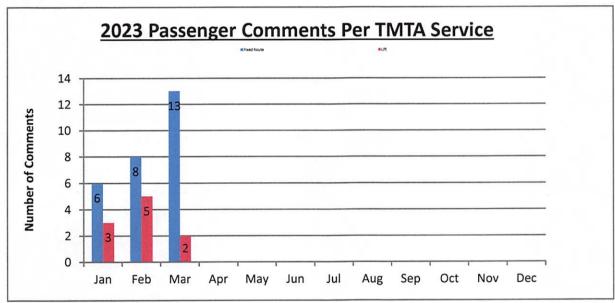
National Transit Driver Appreciation Day Observed (3/17) - provided lunch for the bus operators

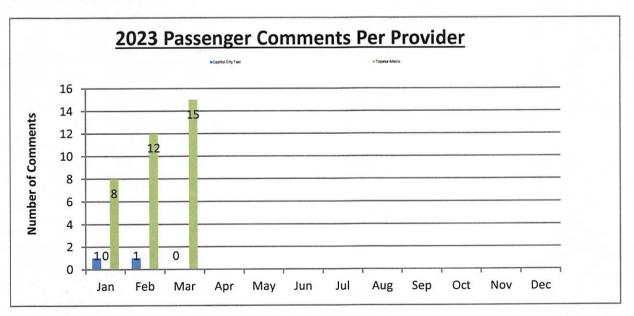
April Operator Choose-up Completed (3/23)

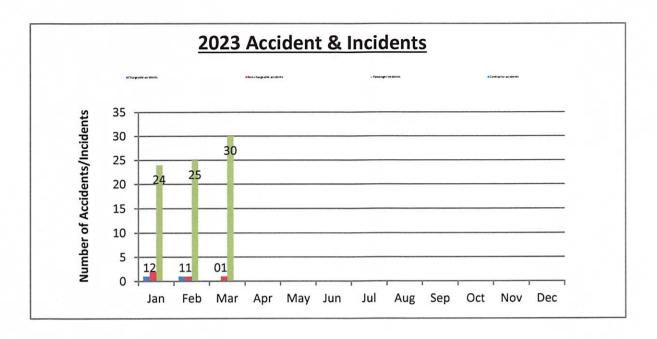
Final Day for Using Analog Back-up Radios (3/25)

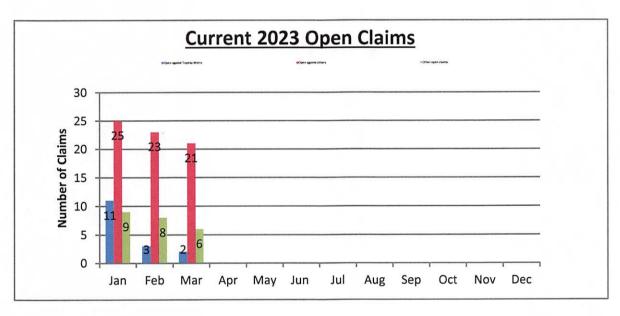
Launched Credit & Debit Card Fare Payment on MOD App (3/27)











## **Lift Service Application Statistics**

	<u>Eligible</u>	Recertified	<b>Temporary</b>	<u>Denied</u>	TOTAL	<u>Appeals</u>	(Appeals app)	(Appeals den)
Jan 2023	20	8	1	0	29	0	0	0
Feb 2023	9	4	1	0	14	0	0	0
Mar 2023	11	13	2	0	26	0	0	0
Apr 2023					0			
May 2023					0			
Jun 2023					0			
Jul 2023					0			
Aug 2023					0			
Sep 2023					0			
Oct 2023					0			
Nov 2023					0			
Dec 2023					0			
Year 2023 Total	40	25	4	0	69	О О	0	0