

TOPEKA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Meeting – Agenda Item

ITEM	Operations Department Monthly Report (for May 2025)					
CONTACT	Denise Ensley, Chief Operations Officer					
RECOMMENDATION	Accept report as presented.					
SUMMARY	In last month's summary, it was noted that key Operations personnel worked with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to perform an on-site Security Enhancement Through Assessment (SETA) and follow-up discussion with operators in April. TSA returned in May to do a secondary random assessment on May 14 th . Only one operator failed to discover the bag during the pre-trip inspection.					
	The annual "Kids Ride Free" promotion returned again, but this year it started sooner on May 1 st and will operate longer until August 30 th .					
	Only one bus shelter sustained damage in May. One glass panel was broken in the inbound shelter at 6 th & Horne.					
	Due to vendor requirements, Metro was unable to find a new part-time security vendor to provide a security officer for limited security coverage at QSS. Many companies only provide guard or car service (not foot patrol), some require that their officer carry a weapon while on duty on our property, and others require a minimum number of hours (usually 40). Therefore, it was decided that Metro would hire an in-house, part-time officer rather than contract a company. The job opening is currently posted.					
	The COO and Human Resources continue to interview applicants to fill full- and part-time bus operator positions.					
FISCAL IMPACT	•					
(Current and Future)						
PRIORITY/GOAL	Continue to work on hiring additional operators. Monitor bi-weekly operator overtime and pad time.					
ATTACHMENTS	Operations Reports.					

Topeka Metro Operations Report

May 2025

May Operating Days:

- 26 Normal operating days
- 4 Sundays (no service)
- 1 Holiday with no service: Memorial Day 5/26
- 0 Limited holiday service
- 31 Total days in May

Passenger Comments:

11	Fixed Route	0	Capitol City Transportation	10	Complaints
0	Lift	11	Topeka Metro	1	Compliments
11	Total Comments	11	Total Comments	0	Incidents
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Comment Issues:

Other/General (5)

Operator (2)

Unsafe Driving (2)

Passed By (1) - not valid Title VI (1) - not valid

Operations Accidents & Incidents (as of May 31st, 2025):

	Month of		
	May	CY 2025	FY 2025
TMTA Chargeable accidents	1	8	16
TMTA Non-chargeable accidents	3	15	17
Contractor accidents	0	0	0
Passenger incidents	38	174	338
	42	197	371

Current Self-Insurance Files:

- Open files against Topeka Metro 12
- 14 Open files against others
- Other 5
 - 31 **Total open files**

May Promotions and Events

Washburn Students (5/1 thru 5/31):

1,857 fixed route trips

Bikes on the Bus Ridership (5/1 thru 5/31):

905 bikes on the fixed route

Kids Ride Free (5/1 thru 8/30):

7,909 total fixed route trips

May 1-31

7,909

Jun 1-30

Jul 1-31

Aug 1-30

Other Operational and Promotional Activities:

National Bike Month (May)

"Kids Ride Free" Program Began (5/1)

"Go Orange" Safety Awareness Day for Employees (5/1) - bicycle & motorcycle safety

Quarterly Inspection of Operations Employees Required Equipment (5/1)

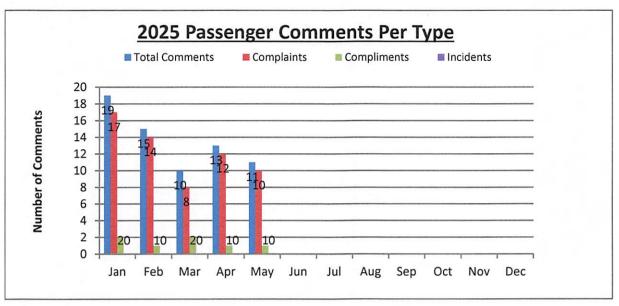
Instituted Employee Parking Passes at QSS (5/5)

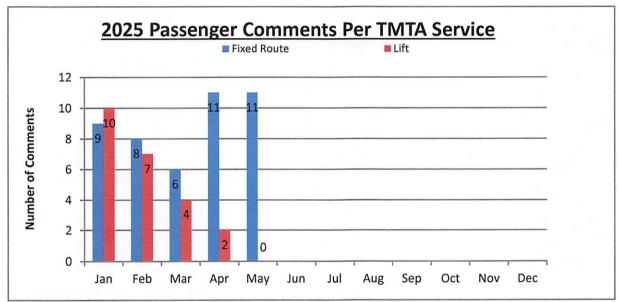
Monthly Operator Policy Meeting (5/6)

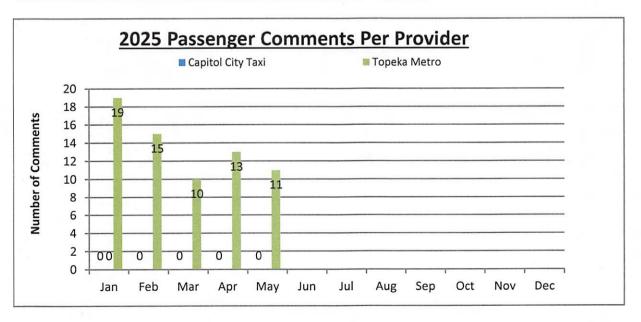
TSA On-site to Perform a Follow-up Vehicle Pre-trip Inspection Assessment on Random Operators (5/14)

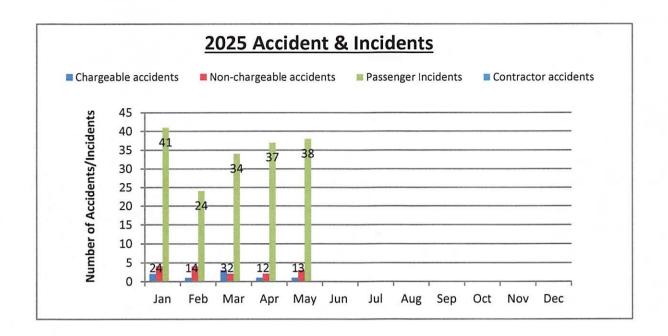
Bi-monthly Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation Services (ACATS) Meeting (5/14)

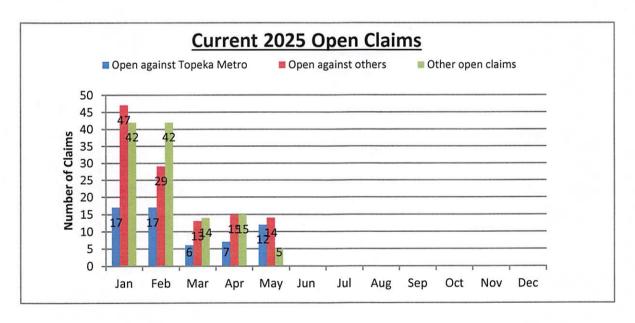
Union-Mgmt Meeting (5/15)











Lift Service Application Statistics

	<u>Eligible</u>	Recertified	Temporary	<u>Denied</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Appeals</u>	(Appeals app)	(Appeals den)
Jan 2025	8	2	3	1	14	0	0	0
Feb 2025	6	12	2	1	21	1	1	0
Mar 2025	9	17	7	1	34	0	0	0
Apr 2025	8	12	4	2	26	0	0	0
May 2025	7	7	5	0	19	0	0	0
Jun 2025					0			
Jul 2025					0			
Aug 2025					0			
Sep 2025					0			
Oct 2025					0			•
Nov 2025					0			
Dec 2025					0			
Year 2025 Total	38	50	21	5	114	1	1	0