

**MONONGALIA COUNTY URBAN MASS
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF
DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

February 18, 2026

Authority Members Present:

Jenny Dinsmore
Wesley Nugent
Terri Cutright
Russ Rogerson
Jonathan Cook
Stephanie Hunt

Authority Members Not Present:

Jeremy Evans

Other Personnel Present:

Maria Smith
Kimberly Fragola
Loring Danielson
Don Ayersman
Jessica Bragg

Other Not Personnel Present:

Others Present:

I. Call to order

The Transit Authority Board Meeting for February 18, 2026 was called to order at 12:05 PM by President Jenny Dinsmore.

II. Reading and Approval of Minutes:

a. January 21, 2026

President Jenny Dinsmore requested a motion to approve minutes for January 21, 2026.

Terri Cutright made a motion to approve minutes for January 21, 2026, **Jonathan Cook** seconded the motion.

For: All

Opposed: None

III. Presentations:

a. Driver of the Month January 2026

The Transit Authority Board announced the Authority's January 2026 Driver of the Month, Tom

Jones. The Authority also recognized Alex Siracusa, Daniel Shorter, Craig Wilfong and Shawn Devall for their outstanding performance during the month of January 2026.

b. Rider of the Month February 2026

The **Transit Authority Board** announced that Melissa McGilton is the February 2026 Rider of the Month selected by the Mountain Line Transit Citizen's Advisory Committee. The next Mountain Line Transit Citizen's Advisory Committee will be held Wednesday March 18, 2026 in person or via zoom at 1:30PM.

c. New Hires Introductions January 2026

CEO Maria Smith confirmed that no new hires were made in January 2026.

IV. Public Comment (Rules & Procedures)

President Jenny Dinsmore opened for public comment.

There were no public comments made.

V. Monthly Data Summaries and Correspondence:

Mountain Line Transit Authority – January 2026 Ridership Report

- **Total Monthly Ridership:** 45,995 trips
- **Year-over-Year Comparison (January 2025–January 2026):** -11% change
- **Monthly Comparison:**
 - All Riders: -11%
 - Disabled Riders: -1%
 - Senior Riders: +45%
 - WVU Riders: -15% (21,284)

Winter Storm Fern – Service Impact

- **Sunday, January 25, 2026:** 372 trips completed during storm conditions.
- **Monday, January 26, 2026:** 985 trips completed as service recovery began.

Ridership by Service:

- Grey Line: 741 trips
- High School Riders: 183 trips
- Senior Riders: 2,877 trips
- New FIT Service: 96 trips
- State Opioid Response (SOR): 118 trips (24,097 cumulative since March 2020)
- Ride Mon: 502 trips (16,294 cumulative since May 2022)
- Military Pass Program: 45 trips
- Property Pass Tax Program: 8,871 trips (1,383 passes distributed since January 2020)
- Sweep Account Interest \$7,446.69
- Route 50 Don Knotts Ridership: 4,898 trips

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VI. Committee Reports:

a. Finance Committee Report

i. January 2026 Finance Report

President Jenny Dinsmore requested a motion to approve the Finance Report for January 2026. **Russ Rogerson**, made a motion to approve the Finance Report for January 2026, **Stephanie Hunt** seconded the motion.

For: All

Opposed: None

VII. Old Business:

a. Construction Updates

i. Roofing Project

CEO Maria Smith reported that the project Kick-Off Meeting was held on January 15, 2026. She further noted that MTV Solar began on-site setup on February 16, 2026, marking the official start of installation activities.

ii. Lot A Development

CEO Maria Smith discussed the TSA Threat Vulnerability Assessment, noting that it is a no-cost, non-regulatory program for public transit systems that reviews security measures, physical security, and procedures. She explained that the process includes an application, on-site assessment, in-brief, and a final report outlining strengths and actionable improvements, with results that can support grant funding and enhance overall preparedness. There is no obligation to pursue any of the recommendations, and there are no penalties if a decision is made against doing so.

b. Record Retention Plan – Separate Packet

CEO Maria Smith discussed the requirement to update the organization's record retention plan and reviewed the minor revisions included in the updated document.

President Jenny Dinsmore requested a motion to approve the Record Retention Plan.

Jonathan Cook, made a motion to approve the Record Retention Plan, **Terri Cutright** seconded the motion.

For: All

Opposed: None

VIII. New Business:

a. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Update

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CEO Maria Smith discussed the updates to the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, noting a title change from Assistant Manager of Operations to Operations Officer, along with a few minor procedural revisions.

President Jenny Dinsmore requested a motion to approve the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Update.

Wesley Nugent, made a motion to approve the Public Transportation Agency Plan Update, **Russ Rogerson** seconded the motion.

For: All

Opposed: None

b. The Rural Health Transportation Program

CEO Maria Smith provided an overview of the Rural Health Link initiative, explaining that the program is designed to connect rural residents with a range of transportation options, including public transit, ride-share services, volunteer drivers, and community-based providers. She also reviewed the FY26 budget allocation, noting investments in a unified mobility platform, support for small rural transportation providers, and vehicle acquisition, totaling \$13.8 million

c. 2026 State Legislative Issues

CEO Maria Smith provided an overview of the upcoming West Virginia State Transit Day, highlighting key legislative and policy priorities including the Rural Health Link Program, continued investment following the first year of dedicated funding, procurement threshold parity, elimination of the excess levy supermajority requirement, and expanded CDL and workforce flexibility options. She also noted statewide transit achievements, including expanded county coverage, increased ridership and mileage, and the strong economic return on investment demonstrated through recent impact data.

IX. Board Member Reports and MPO Update:

CEO Maria Smith stated that there have been no significant updates since the previous report and that no major actions or resource impacts are anticipated for the items that follow.

X. Next Board Meeting Date:

Next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 18, 2026 at 12:00 PM.

XI. Adjournment:

Russ Rogerson made a motion to adjourn **12:38 PM**.

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