

GOVERNING BODY
RESOLUTION #
Support for Suburban Transit Providers

WHEREAS, the Cities of Chanhassen, Eden Prairie and Chaska, are currently served by Southwest Transit, a high-performing, locally governed transit agency;

WHEREAS, Southwest Transit has been consistently recognized for its efficiency, innovation, and customer satisfaction, and has successfully adapted service levels and innovations to meet the unique needs of southwest suburban communities;

WHEREAS, the opt-out transit model has allowed cities like Chanhassen, Eden Prairie, and Chaska to maintain local oversight, ensuring accountability, flexibility, and a direct connection to the residents who rely on and fund the service;

WHEREAS, a proposal under consideration of the Minnesota Legislature aims to eliminate suburban transit agencies and consolidate transit operations under Metro Transit, effectively removing local control and potentially diminishing service quality and responsiveness for suburban communities;

WHEREAS, a one-size-fits-all regional model could limit the ability of Southwest Transit to respond to changing demographics, employment patterns, and ridership preferences in communities like Chanhassen, Eden Prairie, Chaska;

WHEREAS, local control is essential for ensuring responsible use of taxpayer dollars, timely innovation, and equitable service tailored to specific community needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY THAT:

We encourage the Minnesota Legislature, the Governor, and the Metropolitan Council to continue working in partnership with suburban transit communities to preserve and strengthen a transit system that respects local governance, builds on past success, and reflects the diverse needs of the region. Therefore the Governing Body:

- Does not support any proposal to eliminate opt-out transit services, recognizing their essential role in providing responsive, high-quality transportation for our residents
- Urges legislation that supports fair and equitable distribution of sales tax

ADOPTED by the Governing Body on the _____.

ATTEST:

Chief Executive Officer

Chair