

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-181

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL OF TRANSIT SERVICES AND OPPOSING THE DISSOLUTION OF SUBURBAN TRANSIT PROVIDERS

WHEREAS, the City of Savage is served by the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA), a suburban transit provider, and;

WHEREAS, the suburban transit provider model has allowed the City of Savage to maintain local oversight, ensuring accountability, flexibility, and a direct connection to the residents who rely on and fund the service, and;

WHEREAS, the system, while locally governed, remains integrated into the broader regional transit planning framework, with Metropolitan Council coordination to facilitate cohesive mobility options for all metropolitan residents, and;

WHEREAS, recent policy discussions have suggested potentially eliminating suburban transit providers and consolidating transit operations under Metro Transit, removing local control and potentially diminishing service quality and responsiveness for suburban communities, and;

WHEREAS, a one-size-fits-all regional model could limit the ability to respond to changing demographics, employment patterns, and ridership preferences in the City of Savage, and;

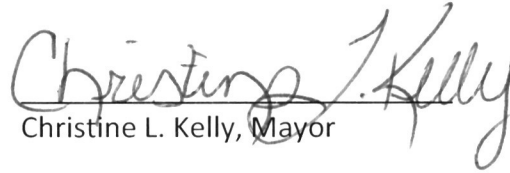
WHEREAS, local control is essential for ensuring responsible use of taxpayer dollars, timely innovation, and equitable service tailored to specific community needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Savage, Minnesota that:

1. The Minnesota Legislature, the Governor, and the Metropolitan Council commit 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.
2. Reaffirms its support for the continuation and strengthening of the suburban transit framework as a critical tool for ensuring service responsiveness in public transportation.
3. Does not support any proposal to eliminate suburban transit services, recognizing their essential role in providing responsive, high-quality transportation for our residents.
4. Supports efforts to ensure the suburban providers have long-term, stable, funding to meet the needs of our community.

5. Encourages ongoing collaboration between the suburban transit providers and the Metropolitan Council, recognizing that effective regional transit outcomes depend on a balanced approach to governance, resource allocation, and service planning.

Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Savage, Scott County, Minnesota this 20th day of October, 2025.


Christine L. Kelly, Mayor

Attest:


Brad Larson, City Administrator