

CITY OF EAGAN

DATE: October 21, 2025 **RESOLUTION NO:** 25-57

MOTION BY: CM Hansen **SECONDED BY:** CM Fields

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

WHEREAS, the City of Eagan is served by Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA), a high-performing, locally governed transit agency;

WHEREAS, MVTA has been recognized for its efficiency, innovation, and customer satisfaction, and has successfully adapted service levels and innovations to meet the unique needs of Eagan;

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

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;

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;

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

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 EAGAN, MINNESOTA:

That the City of Eagan encourages 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 City of Eagan:

- Reaffirms its support for the continuation and strengthening of the suburban transit framework as a critical tool for ensuring service responsiveness in public transportation;
- Does not support any proposal to eliminate suburban transit services, recognizing their essential role in providing responsive, high-quality transportation for our residents;

- Supports efforts to ensure the suburban providers have long term, stable, funding to meet the needs of our community;
- 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Eagan City Council on this the 21st of October, 2025.

ATTEST:

G. Wautt

, City Clerk

Mike Maguire

, Mayor

YES

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