

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

RESOLUTION No. 2025-264

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

WHEREAS, the City of Plymouth operates its own transit system, Plymouth Metrolink, a high-performing, locally governed transit agency; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Plymouth Metrolink, while locally governed, remains integrated into the broader regional transit planning framework, coordinating with the Metropolitan Council 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 Plymouth Metrolink's ability to respond to changing demographics, employment patterns, and ridership preferences in Plymouth; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA that the City of Plymouth 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Plymouth:

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

- 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.

APPROVED by the City Council on this 14th day of October, 2025.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN) SS.

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and appointed City Clerk of the City of Plymouth, Minnesota, certifies that I compared the foregoing resolution adopted at a meeting of the Plymouth City Council on October 14, 2025, with the original thereof on file in my office, and the same is a correct transcription thereof.

WITNESS my hand officially as such City Clerk and the Corporate seal of the city this 14 day of October, 2025.



City Clerk

