

April 22, 2026, at 5:00 PM



# STARK AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING

Stark Area Regional Transit Authority  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 25, 2026 @ 5:15 PM  
Regular Meeting

Mr. Blasiman called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

**Attendance**

**Board** (Quorum Present)

Gregory Blasiman (President), James Reinhard (Vice President), Stephan Babik, Margaret Egbert, Christopher Nichols, Rex Morey, Chet Warren, and Myra Watkins

**Excused**

NaSheka Combs-Lemon

Ms. Egbert moved to accept the excused absences. Mr. Warren seconded the motion; the vote passed unanimously.

**Staff**

Ralph Lee (Interim CEO/Executive Director), Mark Finnicum (Chief Operations Officer), Craig Smith (Director, IT), Clayton Popik (Director, Planning), Latrice Virola (Director, Customer Relations), Tammy Marie Brown (Director, HR), Joe Wayne (Chief Financial Officer), and Sheila Gines (Executive Assistant)

**Other**

Andrew Burton (Schulman, Roth and Associates CO., L.P.A.), John Michaels (Procurement Administrator), Chris Tyson (Grants Manager), and Robin Wagner (Route Coordinator)

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**Approval/Correction of Minutes**

*February 5, 2026 – Regular Meeting*

- Mr. Reinhard wanted the meeting minutes to state, ***"Mr. Reinhard stated that, based on information presented at tonight's Finance Committee Meeting, the data reveals that the additional levy funds will yield the best returns for both the company and the community." He believes that Mr. Lee's leadership, along with his executive team, is effectively collaborating to plan and allocate resources in the most efficient way possible.***

Mr. Nichols moved to adopt the minutes of February 5, 2026, as amended. Ms. Egbert seconded the motion; Mr. Babik abstained. The vote passed.

**Board Committee Communication & Updates**

- Mr. Reinhard confidently stated that the latest data reveal a financially and strategically sound five (5) year plan. This plan aims to use the requested additional levy funds to yield the best returns for both the company and the community. He believes that Mr. Lee's leadership, along with his executive team, is effectively collaborating to plan and allocate resources in the most efficient way possible.

## Departmental Reports

- **Transportation & Maintenance**

- This month, fewer people used our service, likely because of the cold weather and snow.
- SARTA has been providing free rides to the warming stations and has extended transit center hours in the morning and evening.
- By combining the Proline and Proline Plus routes, we have made our service more efficient and cost-effective.
- Maintenance costs have increased due to higher prices for Cadillac Converters. We have identified a vendor that will reduce SARTA's expenses.

- **Finance**

- We currently have approximately \$1.3 million in our operating account and \$5.7 million in short-term investments, which consist of certificates of deposit (CDs) and money market funds. This brings our total cash to about \$7.0 million. Assuming our monthly operating expenses are around \$2.5 million, we have slightly less than three months' worth of cash on hand.
- Audit fieldwork for the 2025 audit will begin on March 13. An audit kick-off meeting is scheduled for March 3 at 1:00 PM. You should have received an invitation. I want to ensure that we start the audit well in advance of our go-live date for the new ERP system, Infor, scheduled for April 13.
- I am continuing to work on the financial statement formats that I plan to present to the board. Starting this month, I will present two income statements: one comparing this year to last year, and another comparing this year to the budget. I will also provide a summarized balance sheet. Soon, I will prepare a cash flow statement. The income statement, balance sheet, and statement of cash flows are the three primary financial statements typically presented each month for organizations in both the public and private sectors.
- I will discontinue the detailed balance sheet and income statement previously provided because they resemble trial balances and are too lengthy to be useful.

- The operating loss for January was \$973,721. This was primarily due to SARTA not receiving any grant funds for preventive maintenance during the month. We had budgeted for this preventive funding from the FTA in January, but it didn't come through; it's simply a timing issue. We expect to receive the preventive funds in March and April.
- **Planning**
  - Mr. Popik introduced his staff to the Board: Chris Tyson, Grants Manager; John Michaels, Procurement Administrator; and Robin Wagner, Route Coordinator.
  - The new service plan will be on February 9<sup>th</sup> bid, together with the public launch of the D2D program. This initiative will also feature a Canal Fulton Community Coach.
  - We recently attended meetings in Columbus with ODOT at COTA to increase our visibility. We have already met with METRO and PARTA, and we look forward to visiting TARTA soon.
  - We are coordinating with Bowen to procure architects and expect to have a resolution by next month.
  - We will be posting an RFP in May to secure construction management services.
  - We are seeking grants for new buses and have identified a grant that will fully fund renovations to the Coreneerstone Transit Center and its grounds.
- **Customer Relations**
  - Ms. Virola highlighted updates to the Customer Relations section of the Board packet, providing more useful data in three main areas. First is Social Media. Second is the Website, which is being redesigned to be more appealing and easier to use. The team will track what causes changes in website numbers and which links our audience finds most helpful. Third is Engagement, which covers the events or outreach activities we participate in, who we partner with, where they take place, and the results or reach of these efforts.
- **Information Technology**
  - The IT department has been working on major projects for the past two (2) years, and they are now nearing completion. These initiatives will significantly benefit our internal staff. I will provide the Board with a comprehensive update in the final stages, highlighting how our processes have evolved from outdated systems to an integrated, real-time digital

platform. On Monday, we began user acceptance testing and training for the Workforce Management software with ten (10) of the seventeen (17) employees most affected by these changes. This process will continue until March 11. For the next three weeks, consultants from Trapeze will be onsite to support testing and training. The Onsite Yard Management system is also integrated with this software, allowing real-time tracking of bus movements.

- This Friday, we will conduct final testing of the Enterprise Asset Management software to confirm accurate integration of fuel, work orders, receipts, and purchase requests. Next week, we will begin discussions on integrating our current budgeting software into the new system.

- **Human Resources**

- We plan to hire fourteen (14) CDL drivers, three (3) Non-CDL drivers, and two (2) Maintenance Technicians. We have worked with Ms. Virola's team to produce an interview video for social media.
- Our new HR Administrator will start on March 9.
- We met with the Schauer Group to review health benefits and identify improved service and cost options for our employees.
- Employees are using Dr. Works clinic, and we continue to see the savings. The employees can also use the Liberty Clinic location in Belden Village.
- We are reviewing and updating safety practices to ensure front-line employees are prepared to handle potential situations and remain safe.

- **Executive Director/CEO Communications & Updates**

- Mr. Popik and Mr. Lee met to discuss the Go Grow initiative.
- Ms. Virola and Mr. Lee met Jeff Monter with Inni Maggiore to speak about advertisements.
- Ms. Brown, Mr. Wayne, and Mr. Lee meet with the Schauer Group to discuss benefits.
- Mr. Finnicum, Mr. Wayne, Mr. Tyson, and Mr. Lee met with ODOT and toured COTA.
- Ms. Brown, Mr. Smith, Ms. Virola, and Mr. Lee attended the reception celebrating Black History Month at the Ohio Governor's Residence.
- Mr. Lee has been collaborating with the E-Team to establish our yearly goals.
- We were honored to celebrate Ron Macala's service at the Culture Lounge.
- SARTA hosted the Next Level Leaders of Stark County, sponsored by the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, where Mr. Lee addressed the group.
- Mr. Popik and Mr. Lee attended a legislative discussion hosted by the APTA in Columbus on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

- Ms. Virola, Mr. Finnicum, Mr. Popik, Mr. Wayne, and Mr. Lee met with Kent State to discuss transportation.
- Mr. Lee was interviewed by the Mayor of Canal Fulton on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Brown, Mr. Wayne, and Mr. Lee met with Barbara Rhodes and her team from HealthTP to discuss the costs of benefits.
- Mr. Lee had a Zoom interview with Channel 5 News about the hijacking of our bus.
- Mr. Finnicum and Mr. Lee attended the annual dinner of the Louisville Chamber of Commerce.
- Mr. Lee spoke of some upcoming events he will be attending.

## Resolutions

### **#8 – A Resolution To Recognize Ronald G. Macala’s Service As A Board Member Of The Stark Area Regional Transit Authority**

Mr. Morey moved to adopt the resolution. Ms. Egbert seconded the motion; the vote passed.

### **#9 – A Resolution Dedicating The Gateway Administrative Office Boardroom In Honor Of Ronald G. Macala**

An open discussion was held regarding the appropriateness of naming a room in honor of Ronald Macala immediately after his departure from the Board. The Board considered whether a waiting period should be observed before such naming decisions are made. Ms. Egbert moved to adopt the resolution. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion; the vote passed.

### **#10 – A Resolution Authorizing Greg Blasiman As An Authorized Signer On The SARTA Checking Account**

Ms. Egbert moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Warren seconded the motion; the vote passed unanimously.

### **#11 – A Resolution Appointing Joseph Wayne, Chief Financial Officer, As Secretary-Treasurer**

Mr. Babik moved to adopt the Resolution with the addition of *WHEREAS, Joseph Wayne was appointed Chief Financial Officer (CF) of the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA) effective December 1, 2025, and was later appointed as Secretary—Treasurer on February 5, 2026; and* Ms. Egbert seconded the motion; the vote passed unanimously.

### **#12 – A Resolution Granting Administrative Access And Financial Authority To Joseph Wayne, Chief Financial Officer**

Mr. Babik moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Morey seconded the motion; the vote passed unanimously.

**The Executive Session began at 6:38 PM and ended at 7:26 PM.**

Mr. Blasiman called for an Executive Session for:

- Appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee.

Mr. Warren moved to exit the executive session. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion; the vote passed.

Mr. Babik left before the Executive Session ended.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Warren moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM. Mr. Nichols seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

**Stark Area Regional Transit Authority**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**March 25, 2026 @ 5:00 PM**  
Regular Meeting

Mr. Blasiman called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

**Attendance**

**Board** (Quorum Present)

Gregory Blasiman (President), James Reinhard (Vice President), Stephan Babik, Margaret Egbert, Rex Morey, Chet Warren, and Myra Watkins

**Excused**

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Ms. Egbert moved to accept the excused absences. Mr. Babik seconded the motion; the vote passed unanimously.

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**Other**

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**Board Committee Communication & Updates**

- Mr. Reinhard informed the Board that he, Mr. Blasiman, Mr. Lee, Mr. Finnicum, and Mr. Wayne met before the Board meeting to discuss financial planning. Mr. Reinhard noted uncertainties, including fuel and parts costs, as well as the overall rise in business expenses. These factors make it challenging to develop clear long-term goals.

**Departmental Reports**

- **Transportation & Maintenance**
  - Ridership increased in February, despite challenging weather conditions.
  - The Dispatchers, Maintenance Technicians, and Supervisors are looking forward to the Trapeze project. The team recently completed three weeks of training on the new changes that will make their work more efficient.

- The maintenance team is finishing up the antenna installation on the roof for the Yard Management Project.
  - We are still having problems with four (4) engines and have started rebuilding them in-house.
  - Mr. Finnicum outlined this year's annual goals for the Transportation and Maintenance departments.
- **Finance**
    - Mr. Wayne introduced a 13-week rolling cash forecast, which details projected cash inflows and outflows and provides weekly ending balances. If any week shows a negative balance, we will draw from cash reserves. Federal Transit Administration preventive maintenance funds are now expected in May, which is later than last year. After the May 5 sales tax results, we will review our cash position to determine if short-term external financing is necessary.
    - Mr. Wayne reviewed the February financial statements. As of February 28, total cash and investments were approximately \$6.2 million, down about \$1.5 million from December 31. The net position increased by \$889K in February, while the year-to-date net position decreased by \$84K.
    - Mr. Wayne has updated the financial statement format to present a more formal statement of net position, like the annual comprehensive financial report. The new format includes two columns: one for the current month and one for the most recent year-end. We also revised the income statement to separately report repairs and maintenance, transportation fuel, and other key items to enhance the information's relevance.
    - Mr. Wayne outlined this year's annual goals for the Finance department.
- **Planning**
    - Mr. Lee reported on behalf of Mr. Popik. The D2D registrations are gradually increasing. Although our first scheduled ride was cancelled, we can meet current demand and will consider gradual service expansion in the coming months.
    - Today, we began our first project funded by the \$17 million LoNo grant: tree removal for the new hillside driveway. This project will enable us to separate car and bus traffic entering and exiting the property.
    - Resolution regarding the ABCD donated vehicle: We repossessed a former 5310 vehicle from an unresponsive recipient, evaluated its use in our fleet, and identified another 5310 recipient who can utilize it more effectively.
    - Resolution to approve a new contract with Bowen and Associates for architectural and engineering services.

- Resolution to update SCATS committee membership and alternates: Remove Ron and add Greg to the Policy Committee; add Ralph to the Technical Advisory Committee; list Clayton, Chris, and Michael Brand as alternates to both committees; and remove Emily Kimble, former employee, as alternate.
  - Mr. Lee outlined this year's annual goals for the Planning department on behalf of Mr. Popik.
- **Customer Relations**
    - We are concluding the first quarter of the SARTA Me campaign and will launch a new version for the second quarter. This phase will feature individuals who use adjectives to describe SARTA. To ensure broader representation, we have selected riders from Hartville, Louisville, Canal Fulton, Alliance, and Massillon, since previous participants were primarily from Canton. The campaign, titled "SARTA US THERE: respectfully, reliably, safely, affordably, promptly, and professionally," will begin in the first week of April. Advertisements will run on billboards, radio, TV, and SARTA's social media channels.
    - Ms. Virola outlined this year's annual goals for the Customer Relations department.
- **Information Technology**
    - The IT department remains on track to launch the new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software on April 13. Approximately 168 tasks remain in our cutover plan. Mr. Wayne, the finance and IT teams, and I have worked diligently to ensure a smooth transition, and we are confident the launch will be successful. As with any new project, we have encountered some challenges along the way.
    - Trapeze Workforce Management staff completed three weeks of comprehensive training, with all relevant team members participating. Testing and training are ongoing, and all components, including the sign-in terminal, bidding, and Yard Management integration, have performed well. While we anticipated some issues, many aspects have exceeded expectations. As a result, we have moved the go-live date up from August to June or July. The team is enthusiastic about this progress.
    - Mr. Smith outlined this year's annual goals for the Information Technology department.
- **Human Resources**
    - We hired seven (7) drivers last month, including two (2) who have worked with us before and are now returning.

- We recently offered a position to another former employee. It's encouraging to see people return because they know this is a great place to work.
  - We may soon be able to offer in-house testing for our CDL operators. Right now, we use the BMV, but since COTA conducts its own testing, we are also exploring this option.
  - We are developing an apprenticeship program for Maintenance Technicians.
  - We are honoring twenty-year employees by displaying a professional picture of the honoring individual in the bullpen.
  - Coach Operators can now order their uniforms online and have them shipped directly to their homes. This is much easier than the old process. Soon, CSRs and Supervisors will have the same option.
  - Ms. Brown outlined this year's annual goals for the Human Resources department.
- **Executive Director/CEO Communications & Updates**
    - Mr. Popik and Mr. Lee met to discuss the FTA ATTAIN Grant for Advanced Transportation Technologies and Innovative Mobility Deployment.
    - The team from ABCD Dial-A-Ride had the opportunity to visit SARTA to engage in a discussion regarding the vehicle that SARTA is generously donating.
    - Representatives from AultCare conducted a visit to SARTA to explore potential collaboration opportunities.
    - Mr. Lee had the honor of being a guest in Ms. Elaine Randle's inspiring "Math Matters" class at Heritage Christian School.
    - Mr. Lee had the privilege of serving as a guest speaker at the Cathedral of Life on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - Mr. Lee was honored to serve as the guest speaker for the Hall of Fame football luncheon.
    - Mr. Lee had the pleasure of meeting with Ms. LaTrice Snodgrass, the Director of Beacon Charitable Pharmacy. At present, we are conducting a thorough review of the performance of our pharmacy benefit plan.
    - On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mr. Popik and Mr. Lee had a productive meeting with Mayor Cynthia Billings of Hartville.
    - Mr. Lee attended the JRC 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in History Luncheon at La Pizzeria on March 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - On March 13<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Virola and Mr. Lee conducted a meeting with WHBC.
    - Mr. Lee had the opportunity to travel to Alabama to participate in the New Flyer Vehicle Innovation Center (VIC) Convention on March 17 and 18. The invitation was graciously extended by NEORide, with the assurance that travel expenses would be reimbursed through their Low-No Grant funds.

- Ms. Virola and Mr. Lee had the opportunity to speak at the University of Mount Union, where we shared information about an additional program that SARTA can offer to students and faculty. We appreciated the change to collaborate with and connect to the university.

### **Resolutions**

#### **#13 – A Resolution To Dispose Of Obsolete, Unusable, Or Unneeded Transit Vehicles**

Ms. Egbert moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Warren seconded the motion; the vote passed unanimously.

#### **#14 – A Resolution To Update The Stark Area Transit Authority’s Appointments To The Policy & Technical Advisory Committees Of The Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS)**

Ms. Egbert moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Morey seconded the motion; the vote passed unanimously.

#### **#15 – A Resolution Authorizing The Executive Director/CEO To Enter Into A Contract With Richard L. Bowen And Associates, Inc. For Task-Based On-Call Architecture And Engineering Services**

Mr. Morey moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Warren seconded the motion; the vote passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Warren moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 PM. Ms. Egbert seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

# Transportation & Maintenance

Mark Finnicum  
Chief Operations Officer



STARK AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

March 2026

Submitted by: Mark Finnicum

- Ridership went up on both Proline and fixed route services in March 2026 compared to March 2025. Proline saw 447 additional rides, while the fixed route saw 8,233 additional rides.
- The quarterly bid is now posted in the bullpen. We are committed to improving operators' quality of life by increasing protection and cover runs to prevent operators from having to call in or work their scheduled days off.
- Canton City Schools' ridership exceeded expectations for 2026, with over 13,000 rides provided in the first quarter.
- Pass sales rose for the second consecutive month, reaching \$30,237.70. The top three (3) passes sold were All Day, 31-Day, and All Day for the month.

## SARTA RIDERSHIP REPORT

**March 2026**

2026 Operating Days 22 Weekdays, 4 Saturdays

2024 Operating Days 21 Weekdays, 5 Saturdays

<b><i>Ridership</i></b>	<b>CURRENT MO.</b>				<b>YTD</b>			
	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>%</b>
Fixed Route	117,950	109,879	8,071	7.35%	319,020	313,189	5,831	1.86%
Other Revenue	756	594	162	100.00%	1,894	1,783	111	100.00%
Paratransit	6,789	6,342	447	7.05%	18,546	22,429	-3,883	-17.31%
CS-Out of county	0	0	0	100.00%	0	0	0	100.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,495</b>	<b>116,815</b>	<b>8,680</b>	<b>7.43%</b>	<b>339,460</b>	<b>337,401</b>	<b>2,059</b>	<b>0.61%</b>

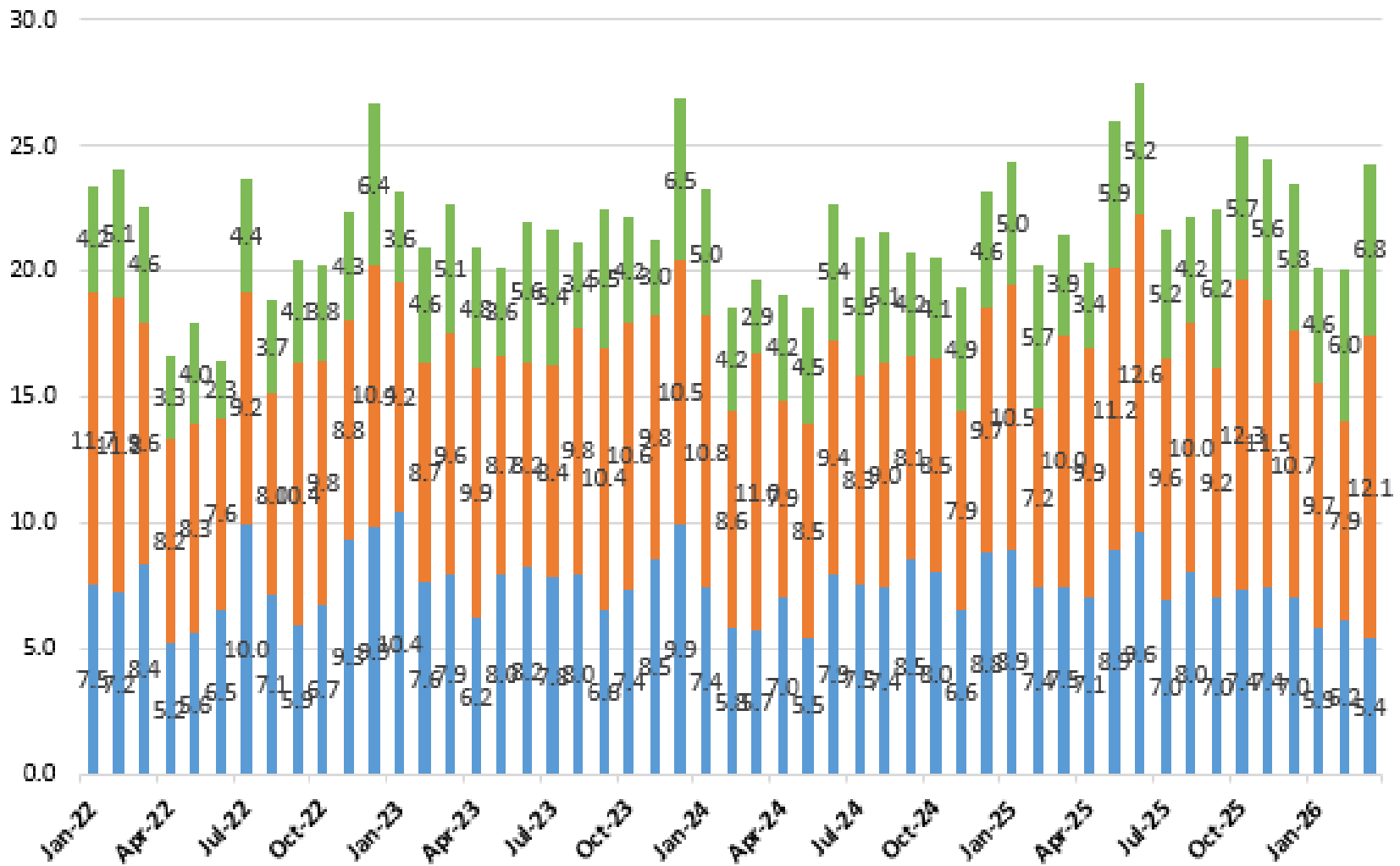
<b><i>Vehicle Operations</i></b>	<b>CURRENT MO.</b>				<b>YTD</b>	<b>PRIOR YTD</b>		
	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>%</b>
Fixed Route	183,617	189,162	-5,545	-2.93%	549,819	573,410	-23,591	-4.11%
Other Revenue	1,655	1,514	141	100.00%	4,416	4,518	-102	100.00%
Fixed Deadhead	8,736	8,636	100	1.16%	25,413	26,599	-1,186	-4.46%
Paratransit	68,195	59,953	8,242	13.75%	187,805	221,426	-33,621	-15.18%
CS-Out of county	0	0	0	100.00%	0	0	0	100.00%
Para Deadhead	8,369	8,897	-528	-5.93%	24,269	34,529	-10,261	-29.72%
<b>Total</b>	<b>270,572</b>	<b>268,162</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>0.90%</b>	<b>791,721</b>	<b>860,482</b>	<b>-68,761</b>	<b>-7.99%</b>

<b><i>Hours</i></b>	<b>CURRENT MO.</b>				<b>YTD</b>			
	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>%</b>
Fixed Route	11,578	11,608	-30	-0.26%	33,980	34,868	-888	-2.55%
Other Revenue	44	32	12	100.00%	111	96	15	100.00%
Paratransit	3,784	3,477	307	8.82%	10,702	12,549	-1,847	-14.72%
CS-Out of county	0	0	0	100.00%	0	0	0	100.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,405</b>	<b>15,117</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>1.91%</b>	<b>44,793</b>	<b>47,513</b>	<b>-2,720</b>	<b>-5.72%</b>

## PROLINE INFRACTIONS DARA - PER 1000 ATTEMPTS

■ NO SHOW - RATE     
 ■ LATE CANCEL - RATE     
 ■ CANCEL AT THE DOOR - RATE



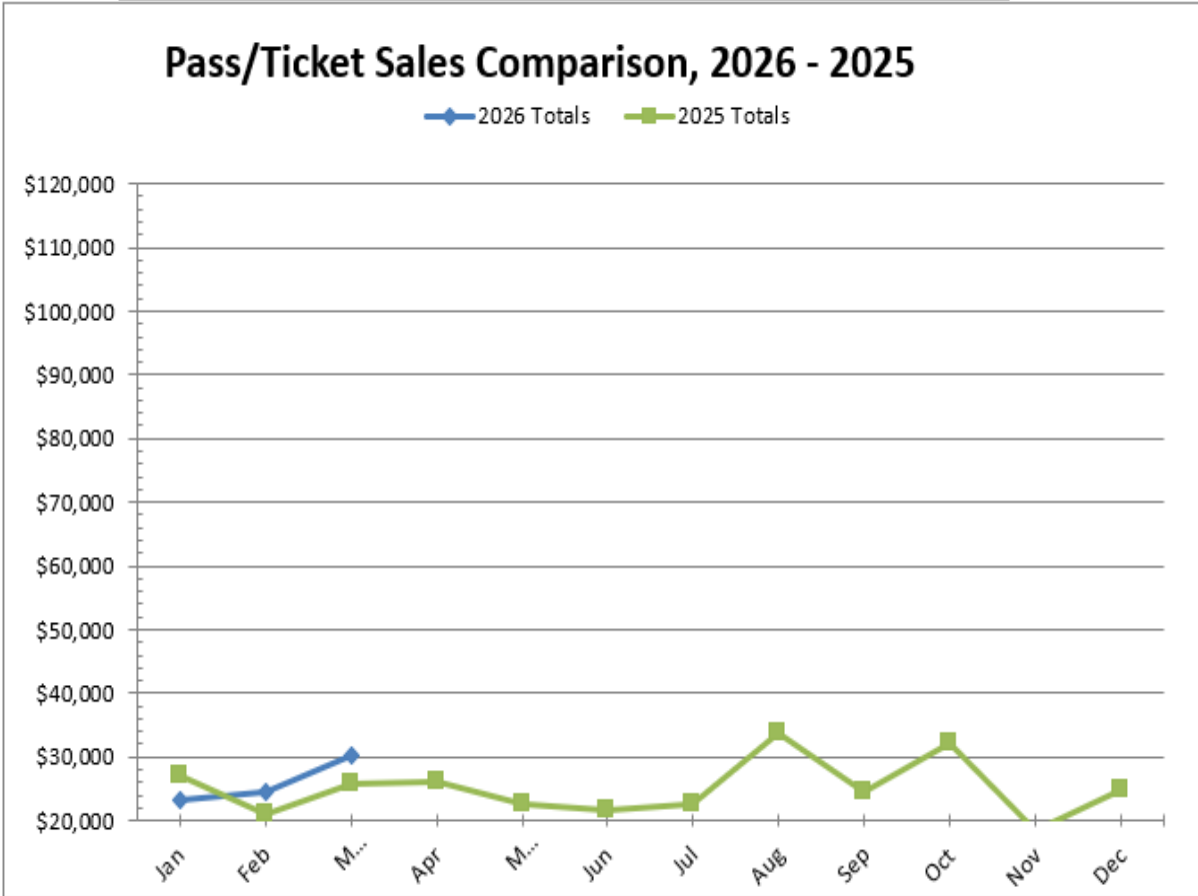
## 2026 Proline "Shared Ride" Service Statistics

Month	Trips Scheduled	Advanced Cancels	Same Day Cancels	No - Shows	Late Cancels	Cancels at the Door	Total Performed Trips	Vehicle Miles	Miles per Trip
January	6,296	1,011	526	37	61	29	4,632	65,786	14.20
February	6,169	708	404	38	49	37	4,933	69,242	14.04
March	6,866	831	484	37	83	47	5,384	76,518	14.21
April	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
July	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
August	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
<b>Year to Date Totals</b>	<b>19,331</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>14,949</b>	<b>211,546</b>	<b>14.15</b>

### Proline "Shared Ride" Service Statistics for the month of

Month	Trips Scheduled	Advanced Cancels	Same Day Cancels	No - Shows	Late Cancels	Cancels at the Door	Total Performed Trips	Vehicle Miles	Miles per Trip
March	6,866	831	484	37	83	47	5,384	76,518	14.21

Pass/Ticket Sales Comparison, 2026 - 2025				
2026	2026 Totals	2025	2025 Totals	Percent changed
Jan	\$23,193.29	Jan	\$27,086.00	-14.37%
Feb	\$24,603.30	Feb	\$21,117.00	16.51%
Mar	\$30,237.70	Mar	\$25,658.80	17.85%
Apr		Apr	\$26,145.55	
May		May	\$22,690.30	
Jun		Jun	\$21,630.20	
Jul		Jul	\$22,512.50	
Aug		Aug	\$33,824.27	
Sep		Sep	\$24,471.21	
Oct		Oct	\$32,231.55	
Nov		Nov	\$18,378.00	
Dec		Dec	\$25,198.00	
Year-to-Date	\$78,034.29	Year-to-Date	\$73,861.80	5.65%



<b>Stark State College</b>				
2026		2025	Change	
	<b>System Wide</b>	<b>System Wide</b>	<b>System</b>	<b>%</b>
January	1,791	1,268	523	41.25%
February	1,977	1,868	109	5.84%
March	2,167	1,913	254	13.28%
April		1,978	1,978	-100.00%
May		1,368	1,368	-100.00%
June		1,403	1,403	-100.00%
July		1,491	1,491	-100.00%
August		1,758	1,758	-100.00%
September		2,743	2,743	-100.00%
October		2,419	2,419	-100.00%
November		1,754	1,754	-100.00%
December		1,670	1,670	-100.00%
<b>Totals</b>	5,935	5,049	886	17.55%

<b>Canton City Schools</b>				
2026		2025	Change	
	<b>System Wide</b>	<b>System Wide</b>	<b>System</b>	<b>%</b>
January	3,816	1,759	2,057	100.00%
February	4,579	2,601	1,978	100.00%
March	4,771	2,974	1,797	100.00%
April		3,456	3,456	100.00%
May		3,313	3,313	100.00%
June		2,591	2,591	100.00%
July		2,213	2,213	100.00%
August		2,484	2,484	100.00%
September		4,120	4,120	100.00%
October		4,413	4,413	100.00%
November		3,419	3,419	100.00%
December		3,626	3,626	100.00%
<b>Totals</b>	13,166	7,334	5,832	100.00%

## 2026-2025 Month to Month Ridership by Route

Route	March 2026	March 2025	Difference	Percentage Change
4	0	208	-208	-100.00%
45	2,344	2,041	303	14.85%
81	6,575	6,646	-71	-1.07%
101	4,484	4,971	-487	-9.80%
102	20,133	19,374	759	3.92%
103	3,523	4,318	-795	-18.41%
105	8,946	8,164	782	9.58%
106	8,506	6,577	1,929	29.33%
107	4,069	3,335	734	22.01%
108	6,149	4,502	1,647	36.58%
110	6,883	6,333	550	8.68%
111	3,934	4,235	-301	-7.11%
113	3,928	3,346	582	17.39%
114	2,402	1,931	471	24.39%
117	4,905	4,529	376	8.30%
118	3,005	2,395	610	25.47%
119	4,950	4,416	534	12.09%
121	1,853	2,448	-595	100.00%
124	1,334	1,588	-254	-15.99%
125	1,806	1,786	20	1.12%
126	1,218	1,011	207	20.47%
128	1,895	1,678	217	12.93%
130	2,286	1,065	1,221	114.65%
131	3,947	4,055	-108	-2.66%
132	0	1,198	-1,198	100.00%
139	6,805	7,276	-471	-6.47%
151	0	0	0	0.00%
152	0	0	0	0.00%
153	0	0	0	0.00%
157	0	0	0	0.00%
158	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>115,880</b>	<b>109,426</b>	<b>6,454</b>	<b>5.90%</b>

## 2026-2025 Year to Date Ridership by Route

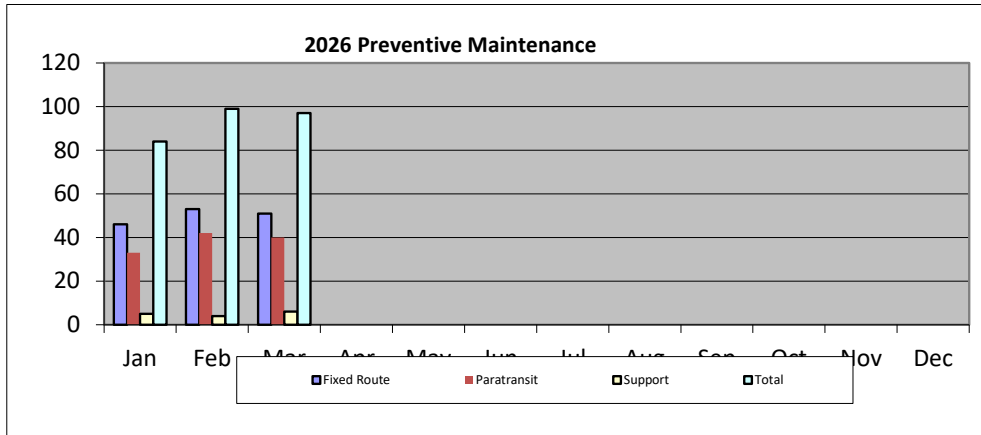
Route	March 2026	March 2025	Difference	Percentage Change
4	463	576	-113	-19.62%
45	6,571	6,299	272	4.32%
81	18,506	18,746	-240	-1.28%
101	12,404	13,335	-931	-6.98%
102	55,269	55,139	130	0.24%
103	10,780	12,231	-1,451	-11.86%
105	23,168	21,409	1,759	8.22%
106	22,868	19,464	3,404	17.49%
107	10,340	10,204	136	1.33%
108	16,095	12,649	3,446	27.24%
110	18,966	19,403	-437	-2.25%
111	10,658	11,580	-922	-7.96%
113	11,332	8,549	2,783	32.55%
114	6,348	5,439	909	16.71%
117	12,917	12,677	240	1.89%
118	7,779	7,380	399	5.41%
119	13,973	13,131	842	6.41%
121	4,736	5,372	-636	100.00%
124	3,886	4,425	-539	-12.18%
125	4,857	4,640	217	4.68%
126	3,080	3,011	69	2.29%
128	5,104	4,347	757	17.41%
130	5,804	3,148	2,656	84.37%
131	10,379	11,743	-1,364	-11.62%
132	0	3,673	-3,673	100.00%
139	19,086	20,576	-1,490	-7.24%
151	0	706	-706	-100.00%
152	0	736	-736	-100.00%
153	0	661	-661	-100.00%
157	0	259	-259	-100.00%
158	0	264	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>315,369</b>	<b>311,772</b>	<b>3,597</b>	<b>1.15%</b>

**STARK AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**  
**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**  
**March 2026**  
**Submitted by: Mark Finnicum**

- On April 20, 2026, the RG Drage Heavy Duty Diesel class toured the maintenance department. Following the tour, SARTA interviewed students and offered positions to begin after graduation. SARTA has hired five (5) technicians and retained three (3) from this program.
  - The four Ford Transit Connects previously used in Wayne County will be listed on GovDeals.com for sale.
  - Maintenance expenses decreased from February to March.
  - The MCI coach that was with Laketran has now been transferred to Forever R Children.
1. A total of 97 preventive maintenance inspections were completed.
    - 51 Fixed Route Buses
    - 40 Paratransit Buses
    - 06 Support Vehicle
  2. A total of 97 wheelchair inspections were completed.
  3. There were 11 road calls.
    - 10 Fixed Route Buses – 10 Towed
    - 00 Non-Revenue Vehicle – 00 Towed
    - 01 Paratransit Buses – 01 Towed
  4. There were three (3) warranty repairs in total.
  5. No job-related injuries were reported.

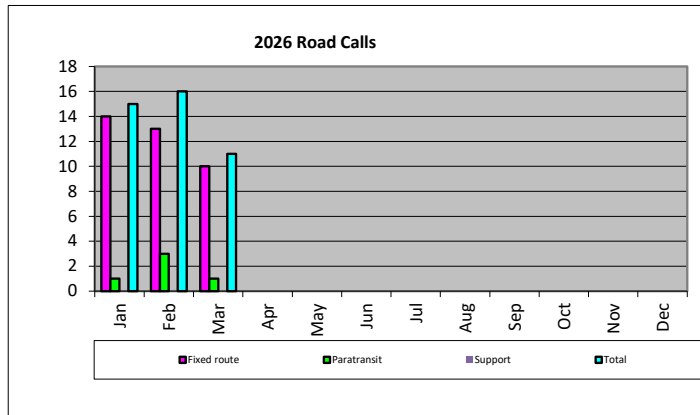
**Preventive Maintenance Inspections**

2026	Fixed Route	Paratransit	Support	Total
Jan	46	33	5	84
Feb	53	42	4	99
Mar	51	40	6	97
Apr				0
May				0
Jun				0
Jul				0
Aug				0
Sep				0
Oct				0
Nov				0
Dec				0



**Road calls**

2026	Fixed route	Paratransit	Support	Total
Jan	14	1	0	15
Feb	13	3	0	16
Mar	10	1	0	11
Apr				0
May				0
Jun				0
Jul				0
Aug				0
Sep				0
Oct				0
Nov				0
Dec				0



<b>2026</b>	<b>Preventive Maintenance Costs</b>	<b>Repair Costs</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Diesel Gallons Used 2025</b>	<b>Diesel Gallons Used 2026</b>	<b>SARTA CNG GGE Used 2025</b>	<b>SARTA CNG GGE Used 2026</b>	<b>CNG Public Use GGE 2025</b>	<b>CNG Public Use GGE 2026</b>	<b>Hydrogen Usage KG 2025</b>	<b>Hydrogen Usage KG 2026</b>
Jan	\$19,201.04	\$124,734.67	\$143,935.71	547	62	56,647	49,526	2,781	2,282	2,995	2,733
Feb	\$24,985.22	\$107,563.49	\$132,548.71	14	50	48,790	49,954	1,354	1,875	4,006	3,524
Mar	\$20,879.73	\$89,436.49	\$110,316.22	4	17	47,588	50,285	979	758	5,841	5,107
Apr				12		48,261		552		5,220	
May				130		47,564		983		3,649	
Jun				110		50,844		1,397		5,367	
Jul				144		53,791		1,849		4,443	
Aug				41		50,313		3,044		4,545	
Sep				160		50,900		1,884		3,792	
Oct				61		51,282		1,812		6,653	
Nov				85		45,728		925		3,896	
Dec				7		51,886		1,065		3,714	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$65,065.99</b>	<b>\$321,734.65</b>	<b>\$386,800.64</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>153,025</b>	<b>149,766</b>	<b>5,114</b>	<b>4,914</b>	<b>12,842</b>	<b>11,364</b>
<i>Month Avg.</i>	<i>\$21,688.66</i>	<i>\$107,244.88</i>	<i>\$128,933.55</i>	<i>188.33</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>51,008</i>	<i>49,922</i>	<i>1,704.80</i>	<i>1,638</i>	<i>4,281</i>	<i>3,788</i>

GGE - Gasoline Gallon Equivalent

# Finance

Joe Wayne  
Chief Financial Officer



**Stark Area Regional Transit Authority**  
**Statement of Revenue Expenses, and Changes In Net Position**  
**March 2026 Budget vs Actual**

	March			3 Months		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>						
Passenger fares	\$ 111,937	\$ 88,152	\$ 23,785	\$ 260,013	\$ 263,533	\$ (3,520)
Special transit fares	26,466	29,331	(2,865)	79,490	96,246	(16,756)
Auxiliary transportation revenues	19,918	13,732	6,186	41,521	41,317	203
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>158,321</b>	<b>131,215</b>	<b>27,106</b>	<b>381,024</b>	<b>401,097</b>	<b>(20,073)</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>						
Labor	897,304	947,311	50,007	2,672,423	2,841,934	169,512
Benefits	868,182	863,254	(4,927)	2,354,454	2,589,763	235,309
Repairs & maintenance	244,260	234,917	(9,344)	759,158	704,750	(54,408)
Transportation fuel	129,469	96,683	(32,786)	292,702	290,050	(2,652)
Other supplies and training	20,787	13,292	(7,495)	51,293	39,875	(11,418)
Services	166,699	169,250	2,551	431,238	507,750	76,512
Utilities	91,397	75,250	(16,147)	246,863	225,750	(21,113)
Casualty and liability insurance	67,480	73,333	5,854	202,439	220,000	17,562
Miscellaneous	131,490	235,808	104,318	622,997	707,474	84,476
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES EXCLUDING DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>2,617,068</b>	<b>2,709,099</b>	<b>92,031</b>	<b>7,633,566</b>	<b>8,127,346</b>	<b>493,780</b>
<b>OPERATING LOSS BEFORE DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>(2,458,747)</b>	<b>(2,577,884)</b>	<b>119,137</b>	<b>(7,252,542)</b>	<b>(7,726,249)</b>	<b>473,707</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION EXPENSE</b>	<b>734,451</b>	<b>640,833</b>	<b>(93,617)</b>	<b>2,147,883</b>	<b>1,922,500</b>	<b>(225,383)</b>
<b>OPERATING LOSS</b>	<b>(3,193,198)</b>	<b>(3,218,717)</b>	<b>25,520</b>	<b>(9,400,425)</b>	<b>(9,648,749)</b>	<b>248,324</b>
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):</b>						
Sales tax revenues	1,017,020	1,613,982	(596,962)	4,425,673	4,371,634	54,038
Operating grants and reimbursements	388,868	1,161,343	(772,474)	768,310	3,484,028	(2,715,718)
Interest income	17,064	14,583	2,481	53,408	43,750	9,658
Sales tax collection expense	(19,951)	(15,833)	(4,118)	(54,038)	(47,500)	(6,538)
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	(1,364)	-	(1,364)	(1,364)	-	(1,364)
Non-transportation revenues	6,938	7,942	(1,004)	425,652	23,825	401,827
<b>TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)-NET</b>	<b>1,408,576</b>	<b>2,782,017</b>	<b>(1,373,441)</b>	<b>5,617,641</b>	<b>7,875,737</b>	<b>(2,258,096)</b>
<b>NET LOSS BEFORE CAPITAL GRANTS REVENUE</b>	<b>(1,784,622)</b>	<b>(436,700)</b>	<b>(1,347,921)</b>	<b>(3,782,784)</b>	<b>(1,773,012)</b>	<b>(2,009,772)</b>
<b>CAPITAL GRANTS:</b>						
Federal capital grants	17,029	452,021	(434,992)	1,906,546	1,356,063	550,483
State capital grants	4,563	31,099	(26,536)	28,515	93,296	(64,782)
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL GRANTS</b>	<b>21,592</b>	<b>483,120</b>	<b>(461,528)</b>	<b>1,935,061</b>	<b>1,449,359</b>	<b>485,701</b>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION</b>	<b>(1,763,030)</b>	<b>46,419</b>	<b>(1,809,449)</b>	<b>(1,847,723)</b>	<b>(323,652)</b>	<b>(1,524,071)</b>
<b>NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF MONTH / YEAR</b>	<b>65,825,167</b>			<b>65,909,860</b>		
<b>NET POSITION, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 64,062,137</b>			<b>\$ 64,062,137</b>		

**Stark Area Regional Transit Authority**  
**Statement of Revenue Expenses, and Changes In Net Position**  
**March 2026 and YTD Year Over Year**

	March			3 Months		
	2026	2025	Change	2026	2025	Change
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>						
Passenger fares	\$ 111,937	\$ 96,934	\$ 15,002	\$ 260,013	\$ 253,666	\$ 6,347
Special transit fares	26,466	38,957	(12,490)	79,490	112,428	(32,938)
Auxiliary transportation revenues	19,918	19,443	475	41,521	50,957	(9,436)
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>158,321</u>	<u>155,334</u>	<u>2,987</u>	<u>381,024</u>	<u>417,051</u>	<u>(36,027)</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>						
Labor	897,304	812,232	(85,072)	2,672,423	2,552,016	(120,407)
Benefits	868,182	154,537	(713,645)	2,354,454	2,358,998	4,544
Repairs & maintenance	244,260	242,471	(1,789)	759,158	701,680	(57,477)
Transportation fuel	129,469	103,877	(25,592)	292,702	275,058	(17,645)
Other supplies and training	20,787	11,037	(9,749)	51,293	29,327	650,387
Services	166,699	196,141	29,442	431,238	631,525	200,287
Utilities	91,397	74,451	(16,947)	246,863	235,866	(10,997)
Casualty and liability insurance	67,480	63,612	(3,868)	202,439	190,836	(11,603)
Miscellaneous	131,490	197,249	65,760	622,997	358,395	(264,602)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES EXCLUDING DEPRECIATION	<u>2,617,068</u>	<u>1,855,607</u>	<u>(761,460)</u>	<u>7,633,566</u>	<u>7,333,700</u>	<u>372,488</u>
OPERATING LOSS BEFORE DEPRECIATION	(2,458,747)	(1,700,273)	(758,473)	(7,252,542)	(6,916,649)	(335,893)
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	734,451	628,114	(106,337)	2,147,883	1,871,582	(276,301)
OPERATING LOSS	(3,193,198)	(2,328,388)	(864,810)	(9,400,425)	(8,788,231)	(612,195)
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):</b>						
Sales tax revenues	1,017,020	1,435,497	(418,477)	4,425,673	4,564,814	(139,142)
Operating grants and reimbursements	388,868	530,077	(141,208)	768,310	1,795,182	(1,026,872)
Interest income	17,064	23,974	(6,910)	53,408	56,940	(3,532)
Sales tax collection expense	(19,951)	(19,923)	(28)	(54,038)	(51,216)	(2,821)
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	(1,364)	(17,970)	16,607	(1,364)	(17,970)	16,607
Non-transportation revenues	6,938	213,973	(207,035)	425,652	228,941	196,711
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)-NET	<u>1,408,576</u>	<u>2,165,628</u>	<u>(757,052)</u>	<u>5,617,641</u>	<u>6,576,690</u>	<u>(959,049)</u>
NET LOSS BEFORE CAPITAL GRANTS REVENUE	(1,784,622)	(162,760)	(1,621,862)	(3,782,784)	(2,211,540)	(1,571,243)
<b>CAPITAL GRANTS:</b>						
Federal capital grants	17,029	1,322,096	(1,305,067)	1,906,546	1,631,740	274,806
State capital grants	4,563	223,697	(219,134)	28,515	223,697	(195,182)
TOTAL CAPITAL GRANTS	<u>21,592</u>	<u>1,545,793</u>	<u>(1,524,201)</u>	<u>1,935,061</u>	<u>1,855,437</u>	<u>79,624</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION	(1,763,030)	1,383,033	(3,146,063)	(1,847,723)	(356,103)	(1,491,620)
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF MONTH / YEAR	65,825,167			65,909,860		
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 64,062,137</u>			<u>\$ 64,062,137</u>		

**Stark Area Regional Transit Authority**  
**Canton, Ohio**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**As of March 31, 2026**

	December 31, 2025	March 31, 2026
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 7,770,121	\$ 6,286,739
Receivables:		
Trade	76,849	338,039
Sales tax	5,349,713	4,371,635
Other miscellaneous	28,002	11,751
Materials & supplies inventory	797,039	686,494
Prepaid expenses & other assets	1,160,448	1,121,354
Cash & cash equivalents: Restricted for capital assets	385,912	59,983
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b><u>15,568,085</u></b>	<b><u>12,875,995</u></b>
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Other noncurrent assets-net OPEB asset	1,724,349	1,724,349
Right of use asset, net of \$201,335 amortization	-	2,214,687
<b>TOTAL OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b><u>1,724,349</u></b>	<b><u>3,939,036</u></b>
<b>Capital assets:</b>		
Land, nondepreciable	2,592,129	2,592,129
Construction & WIP, nondepreciable	6,304,081	2,130,721
Buildings & improvements, depreciable	41,024,443	41,024,443
Transportation equipment, depreciable	62,610,003	64,598,311
Other equipment, depreciable	8,071,865	8,076,178
Total capital assets	120,602,520	118,421,782
Less accumulated depreciation	<span style="color: red;">(51,918,471)</span>	<span style="color: red;">(53,850,210)</span>
Capital assets-net	<u>68,684,049</u>	<u>64,571,572</u>
<b>TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b><u>70,408,398</u></b>	<b><u>68,510,608</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 85,976,483</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 81,386,602</u></b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>		
OPEB	\$ 67,848	\$ 67,848
Pension	4,160,342	4,160,342
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,228,190</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,228,190</u></b>

**Stark Area Regional Transit Authority**  
**Canton, Ohio**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**As of March 31, 2026**

	December 31, 2025	March 31, 2026
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,130,919	\$ 827,002
Accrued payroll	579,443	306,246
Accrued payroll taxes & withholdings	283,533	382,575
Compensated absences	99,241	99,242
Other current liabilities	46,441	108,285
Capital grants payable	385,912	59,983
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4,525,489</b>	<b>1,783,332</b>
<b>NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Compensated absences	\$ 373,895	\$ 373,895
Net pension liability	18,512,908	18,512,908
<b>TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>18,886,803</b>	<b>18,886,803</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 23,412,292</b>	<b>\$ 20,670,135</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES:</b>		
OPEB	\$ 336,308	\$ 336,308
Pension	546,213	546,213
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 882,521</b>	<b>\$ 882,521</b>
<b>NET POSITION:</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 68,684,050	\$ 64,571,572
Restricted for OPEB asset	1,724,349	1,724,349
Unrestricted	(4,498,539)	(2,233,784)
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 65,909,860</b>	<b>\$ 64,062,137</b>



## March 2026 Investment Report

*Joe Wayne*

4-17-26

Investments			
Name	Yield	Total	Maturity
Star Ohio	3.79%	\$ 1,622,436.01	
CDARS			
-8182	3.60%	\$ 251,212.94	4/2/2026
<b>Total of all CDARS</b>		<b>\$ 251,212.94</b>	

5th 3rd								
Type	Current Units	Purchase Date	Identifier	Description	Final Maturity	Original Cost	Market Value	Current Book Yield
CD	249,000.00	4/14/2021	856285VK4	STATE BANK OF INDIA-33682	4/14/2026	\$ 249,000.00	\$ 248,701.20	0.90
CD	245,000.00	5/15/2024	61768E3R2	MORGAN STANLEY PRIVATE BANK	5/15/2026	\$ 245,000.00	\$ 245,296.45	5.00
CD	245,000.00	9/19/2025	319137DM4	FIRST BANK	3/19/2027	245,000.00	\$ 244,487.95	3.70
CD	245,000.00	9/10/2025	549104L88	LUANA SAVINGS BANK	9/10/2027	245,000.00	\$ 244,083.70	3.65
CD	245,000.00	9/15/2025	68405VEL9	OPTUM BANK	9/15/2027	245,000.00	\$ 244,247.85	3.70
CD	250,000.00	9/17/2025	59013LDF8	MERRICK BANK	9/17/2027	250,000.00	\$ 249,307.50	3.70
CD	245,000.00	9/18/2025	89235MTE1	TOYOTA FINANCIAL SAVINGS BANK	9/20/2027	245,000.00	\$ 243,988.15	3.60
CD	170,000.00	9/19/2025	55316CDU7	M1 BANK	10/19/2027	170,000.00	\$ 169,258.80	3.60
CD	245,000.00	9/15/2025	227563NM1	CROSS RIVER BANK	3/15/2028	245,000.00	\$ 244,103.30	3.85
CD	250,000.00	9/15/2025	32022RA72	1ST FINANCIAL BANK USA	9/15/2028	250,000.00	\$ 248,120.00	3.60
MM Fund	570,994.94		60934N104	Federated HRMS	2/28/2026	\$ 570,994.94	\$ 570,994.94	3.52
US GOV	730,000.00	3/31/2025	91282CLG4	United States Treasury	8/15/2027	\$ 728,830.86	\$ 729,058.30	3.82
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>3,689,994.94</b>					<b>\$ 3,688,825.80</b>	<b>\$ 3,681,648.14</b>	

**Total of All Investments: \$ 5,555,297.09**



*Joe Wayne*  
4-17-26

MARCH CHECKS-DATE ORDER

Document Date	Document Number	Vendor Name	Vendor ID	Document Amount	Voided
3/5/2026	096751	CANTON CITY UTILITIES	CANT011	325.00000	Yes
3/5/2026	096752	CANTON MUNICIPAL COURT	CANT020	135.30000	Yes
3/5/2026	096753	CHAPTER 13 TRUSTEE	CHAP001	530.77000	Yes
3/5/2026	096754	CITY OF CANTON	CITY001	50.00000	Yes
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3/5/2026	096756	DOMINION EAST OHIO	DOMI001	614.94000	Yes
3/5/2026	096757	LEGAL SHIELD	LEGA003	590.54000	Yes
3/5/2026	096758	MASSILLON MUNICIPAL COURT	MASS006	470.49000	Yes
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3/5/2026	096762	STARK CTY CLERK OF COURTS	STAR014	372.43000	Yes
3/5/2026	096763	STARK COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEERING	STAR034	424.01000	Yes
3/5/2026	096764	VERIZON WIRELESS	VERI001	4,631.86000	Yes
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3/25/2026	096794	OHIO EDISON	OHIO011	1,356.47000	No
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3/25/2026	096797	AT&T 5011	ATT5011	1,678.80000	No
<b>TOTAL MARCH CHECKS</b>				<b>718,142.84000</b>	

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*Joe Wayne*  
4-17-26  
MARCH EFT PAYMENTS

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3/5/2026	EFT000000010887	RALPH O. LEE - <b>PAYCHECK</b>	RALP003	Payment	207.20000	No
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3/18/2026	EFT000000010901	OHIO TRANSIT RISK POOL	OHIO022	Payment	161,931.81000	No
3/18/2026	EFT000000010902	PEOPLE	PEOP001	Payment	9.79000	No
3/18/2026	EFT000000010903	QUALITY IP LLC	QUAL006	Payment	3,120.00000	No
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3/18/2026	EFT000000010907	WDJQ FM RADIO STATION	WDJQ001	Payment	1,120.00000	No
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3/27/2026	EFT000000010915	CHAPANARS AAA KEY & LOCK	CHAP003	Payment	175.00000	No
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3/27/2026	EFT000000010943	SPEEDIE	SPEE001	Payment	4,114.50000	No
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3/27/2026	EFT000000010946	W.W. GRAINGER INC.	WWGR001	Payment	111.78000	No
3/27/2026	EFT000000010947	ZIEGLER TIRE	ZIEG001	Payment	388.26000	No
3/27/2026	EFT000000010948	HEARTLAND EXPERT AUTOMOTIVE NAPA	DONS001	Payment	918.78000	No
3/27/2026	EFT000000010949	CANTON POLICE PATROLMENS	CANT026	Payment	6,591.75000	No
<b>TOTAL MARCH EFTs</b>					<b>898,836.21000</b>	

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# Planning

Clayton Popik  
Director





## PLANNING REPORT MARCH 2026

### Projects

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#### Hillside Driveway:

The new Hillside Driveway will be the first of the \$17.3 million LoNo projects to take place. Tree clearing was done prior to the March 31<sup>st</sup> Indiana Bat deadline. This driveway will lead visitors and administrative staff to the new building, improving safe navigation of the property by reducing conflicts between cars and buses during busy times, such as pull-outs and pull-ins/fueling. We will work with Bowen over the next few weeks to finalize these plans and prepare this project for bid.

### Service Planning

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#### May Service Changes:

The only adjustment for the upcoming bid will be to route 130 in Alliance. This route is one of three that serve Alliance. It will end at the transit center after its north loop to return the driver to the garage to clock out without overtime.

#### D2D:

No further updates at this time.

#### Service Community Engagement:

This past week, Mark and I met with the Mayor and Village Administrator of Brewster. We had a productive conversation and identified two areas we could possibly help with transportation in the village. We are meeting with the Lake Chamber of Commerce next week to have a similar discussion. These meetings are getting Ralph, Mark, and me out into the community to let people know that we are under new leadership and are still here to serve the people of Stark County.

### Procurement

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#### Architectural & Engineering Services:

We are officially under contract with Bowen. Both Ralph and Bowen's President signed our addendum this week. We will begin meeting to discuss moving forward with our Hillside Driveway project.

### **Construction Management Services:**

In a similar Request for Proposals (RFP), we will be issuing an update to our Construction Management agreement. This was another 5-year agreement that expired upon completion of the buildings. This is done on an individual task order basis as well, but agencies are encouraged to seek all competition through the formal bidding process. These firms help SARTA oversee large projects, such as the Massillon Transit Center, by being on-site every day when SARTA staff are not.

## **Grants**

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### **Formula Funds:**

We have been notified that we will receive our anticipated \$5.7 million in formula funding later in the year. Half of this money will go toward Operations, \$535,000 toward SARTA security services, and the rest toward Preventive Maintenance.

### **Vehicle Replacement:**

We have begun meeting with Transportation and Finance to discuss the best way to establish a more consistent vehicle replacement schedule.

### **Project Management:**

Chris will continue to help me work with Finance to establish a strong project timeline to spend down Federal grants, carefully budget the local match, and move some of the above-named projects out of the queue.

One of the biggest hurdles we have overcome is securing FTA approval to retain the \$17.3 million Lo/No grant we received in 2024. We requested the removal of the solar panels and electrolyzer, which also resulted in the removal of the workforce development portion. We plan to begin exploring options to upgrade the garage and maintenance areas with approximately \$9.2 million in funds previously programmed for the removed projects. This could mean that we could have a fully updated Gateway Facility within the next 5 years.

### **BUILD Grant:**

The BUILD grant was submitted on February 24th, and the Letters of Support were submitted last Friday. We received a total of six letters from area leaders, including the Stark County Board of Commissioners, NEFCO, and the Stark Board of DD. This grant is 100% federal dollars and will be used to renovate the Cornerstone Transit Center in downtown Canton, the central hub and focal point of SARTA's entire transit network. We have received a preliminary estimate from Bowen of approximately \$9.5 million to renovate and add to the original building, updating its layout to better serve driver and customer service staff, and expanding the passenger waiting and facilities area. A community room is planned to serve SARTA and other nonprofits that may need meeting space downtown. An additional \$1- \$2 million is requested for updates to the bus area to ensure the canopies match the building's aesthetic, concrete replacement, and construction of an additional parking lot on the abandoned lot to the east.



Project Name	Grant Number	Deadline to Use	Federal Share	Year	Funded Amount	Total Draws	Remaining Balance	Remaining Local Share
FY22 OTPP- bus	OH-2021-001-00	12/31/2027	80%	2022	\$ 108,000.00	\$ (76,046.00)	\$ 31,954.00	\$ 7,988.50
FY22 OTPP- Expansion of Hydrogen Tank	OH-2021-001-00	12/31/2027	80%	2022	\$ 1,280,000.00	\$ (653,627.00)	\$ 626,373.00	\$ 156,593.25
FY23 OTPP2 TVM Machines	OH-2021-001-00	12/31/2027	80%	2023	\$ 148,000.00	\$ (128,230.00)	\$ 19,770.00	\$ 4,942.50
FY23 CR Hydrogen Paratransit Bus and Add-ons	OH-2021-001-00	12/31/2027	79%	2023	\$ 422,650.00	\$ -	\$ 422,650.00	\$ 112,350.00
FY24 OTP2 Gateway Construction/Renovation	OH-2021-001-00	12/31/2027	80%	2024	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ (1,974,861.00)	\$ 25,139.00	\$ 6,284.75
FY24 OTP2 Garage Safety Harness/Portable Lifts	OH-2021-001-00	12/31/2027	80%	2024	\$ 160,000.00	\$ (74,290.00)	\$ 85,710.00	\$ 21,427.50
					<b>\$ 4,118,650.00</b>	<b>\$ (2,907,054.00)</b>	<b>\$ 1,211,596.00</b>	<b>\$ 309,586.50</b>
FY24 OWMP Regional Pass Feasibility Study	OH-2021-001-00	3/30/2029	80%	2029	\$ 158,240.00	\$ (61,157.00)	\$ 97,083.00	\$ 8,090.25
					<b>\$ 158,240.00</b>	<b>\$ (61,157.00)</b>	<b>\$ 97,083.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,090.25</b>
FY25 OTP2 Transit Development Plan	OH-2021-001-00	3/30/2029	80%	2029	\$ 160,000.00	\$ (20,369.00)	\$ 139,631.00	\$ 14,538.75
					<b>\$ 160,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (20,369.00)</b>	<b>\$ 139,631.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,538.75</b>
FY21 5307 CNG FACILITY	OH-2021-046-00	9/30/2026	80%	2021	\$ 1,877,740.00	\$ (1,874,625.00)	\$ 3,115.00	\$ 778.75
FY21 5307 TRANSIT ENHANSMENT	OH-2021-046-00	9/30/2026	80%	2021	\$ 167,260.00	\$ (166,620.00)	\$ 640.00	\$ 160.00
FY21 5307 SOFTWARE	OH-2021-046-00	9/30/2026	80%	2021	\$ 244,000.00	\$ (165,844.00)	\$ 78,156.00	\$ 19,539.00
FY21 5307 HARDWARE	OH-2021-046-00	9/30/2026	80%	2021	\$ 28,000.00	\$ (19,392.00)	\$ 8,608.00	\$ 2,152.00
					<b>\$ 2,317,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (2,226,481.00)</b>	<b>\$ 90,519.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,629.75</b>
FY 21 ABCD OPERATING	OH-2021-036-00	3/31/2026	100%	2021	\$ 60,923.00	\$ (59,291.00)	\$ 1,632.00	\$ -
					<b>\$ 60,923.00</b>	<b>\$ (59,291.00)</b>	<b>\$ 1,632.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
FY22 5307 Software	OH-2022-030-00	3/30/2029	80%	2022	\$ 869,600.00	\$ (737,922.00)	\$ 131,678.00	\$ 32,919.50
FY22 5307 Phone Service upgrade	OH-2022-030-00	3/30/2029	80%	2022	\$ 96,000.00	\$ (82,262.00)	\$ 13,738.00	\$ 3,434.50
					<b>\$ 965,600.00</b>	<b>\$ (820,184.00)</b>	<b>\$ 145,416.00</b>	<b>\$ 36,354.00</b>
FY23 5307 Transit Enhancements	OH-2022-030-00	3/30/2029	80%	2023	\$ 52,304.00	\$ (45,072.00)	\$ 7,232.00	\$ 1,808.00
FY 23 5307 Hardware	OH-2022-030-00	3/30/2029	80%	2023	\$ 96,000.00	\$ (74,661.00)	\$ 21,339.00	\$ 5,334.75
FY 23 5307 Software	OH-2022-030-00	3/30/2029	80%	2023	\$ 724,741.00	\$ (13,491.00)	\$ 711,250.00	\$ 177,812.50
					<b>\$ 873,045.00</b>	<b>\$ (133,224.00)</b>	<b>\$ 739,821.00</b>	<b>\$ 184,955.25</b>
FY24 5307 Hardware	OH-2022-030-00	3/30/2029	80%	2024	\$ 80,000.00	\$ (32,389.12)	\$ 47,610.88	\$ 11,902.72
FY24 5307 Software/ERP	OH-2022-030-00	3/30/2029	80%	2024	\$ 792,906.00	\$ (792,906.00)	\$ -	\$ -
FY24 5307 Transit Enhancements	OH-2022-030-00	3/30/2029	80%	2024	\$ 64,000.00	\$ (1,964.00)	\$ 62,036.00	\$ 15,509.00
FY24 5307 Security	OH-2022-030-00	3/30/2029	80%	2024	\$ 54,383.00	\$ (53,055.00)	\$ 1,328.00	\$ 332.00
FY25 5339 35 Ft Bus	OH-2022-030-00	3/30/2029	80%	2025	\$ 502,533.00	\$ (439,202.00)	\$ 63,331.00	\$ 15,832.75
					<b>\$ 1,493,822.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,319,516.12)</b>	<b>\$ 174,305.88</b>	<b>\$ 43,576.47</b>
FY23 5310 SARTA Van	OH-2022-036-00	8/28/2026	80%	2023	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
					<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>

FY24 5310 FCC Operating	OH-2022-036-00	8/28/2026	100%	2024	\$ 72,750.00	\$ (50,276.80)	\$ 22,473.20	\$ -
FY24 5310 SARTA	OH-2022-036-00	8/28/2026	80%	2024	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 31,250.00
FY24 5310 Admin	OH-2022-036-00	8/28/2026	+	2024	\$ 46,222.00	\$ (6,970.00)	\$ 39,252.00	
					<b>\$ 243,972.00</b>	<b>\$ (57,246.80)</b>	<b>\$ 186,725.20</b>	<b>\$ 31,250.00</b>
FY23 LoNo 2 -40' Electric Buses	OH-2023-016-00	3/30/2027	85%	2023	\$ 2,077,527.71	\$ -	\$ 2,077,527.71	\$ 366,622.54
FY23 LoNo Gaseous Monitors	OH-2023-016-02	3/30/2027	90%	2023	\$ 287,118.00	\$ (271,954.00)	\$ 15,164.00	\$ 3,791.00
FY 23 LoNo Workforce Development	OH-2023-016-00	3/30/2027	80%	2023	\$ 62,400.00	\$ -	\$ 62,400.00	\$ 15,600.00
FY LoNo Electric Chargers	OH-2023-016-00	3/30/2027	90%	2023	\$ 271,544.00	\$ -	\$ 271,544.00	\$ 30,171.56
					<b>\$ 2,698,589.71</b>	<b>\$ (271,954.00)</b>	<b>\$ 2,426,635.71</b>	<b>\$ 416,185.09</b>
NEOride EZConnect	OH-2023-030-00	10/30/2026	100%	2023	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ (464,237.70)	\$ 785,762.30	\$ -
					<b>\$ 1,250,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (464,237.70)</b>	<b>\$ 785,762.30</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
FY23 SMART Grant Accident Avoidance	69A3552441029		100%	2029	\$ 1,975,000.00	\$ (1,178,577.81)	\$ 796,422.19	\$ -
					<b>\$ 1,975,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,178,577.81)</b>	<b>\$ 796,422.19</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
FY25 OWMP Bus Replacement 40ft	OH-2025-013-00	6/30/2030	80%		\$ 549,570.00	\$ -	\$ 549,570.00	\$ 137,392.50
FY25 OWMP Bus Replacement 35ft	OH-2025-013-00	6/30/2030	80%		\$ 2,165,086.00	\$ -	\$ 2,165,086.00	\$ 541,271.50
FY25 OWMP Bus Replacement <30ft	OH-2025-013-00	6/30/2030	80%		\$ 660,000.00	\$ -	\$ 660,000.00	\$ 165,000.00
FY25 OWMP Transit Enhancement-transit stations	OH-2025-013-00	6/30/2030	80%		\$ 240,000.00	\$ -	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
FY25 OWMP ADP Hardware	OH-2025-013-00	6/30/2030	80%		\$ 328,500.00	\$ -	\$ 328,500.00	\$ 82,125.00
FY 25 DERG 35ft CNG	OH-2025-013-00	6/30/2030	80%		\$ 531,530.00	\$ -	\$ 531,530.00	\$ 132,882.00
FY25 OWMP Micro Transit( Pro-line plus)	OH-2025-013-00	6/30/2030	50%		\$ 500,000.00	\$ (81,848.00)	\$ 418,152.00	\$ 418,152.00
FY 25 5307 Transit Enhancements(17m grant)	OH-2025-013-00	6/30/2030	80%		\$ 56,478.00	\$ -	\$ 56,478.00	\$ 14,119.50
					<b>\$ 5,031,164.00</b>	<b>\$ (81,848.00)</b>	<b>\$ 4,949,316.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,550,942.50</b>
Fy 24 Lono Gateway Main Office Upgrades	OH-2025-016-00	6/1/2029	80%	2024	\$ 4,343,629.60	\$ -	\$ 4,343,629.60	\$ 1,085,907.40
Fy 24 LONO Hillside Driveway Facility Upgrade	OH-2025-016-00	6/1/2029	80%	2024	\$ 887,228.00	\$ -	\$ 887,228.00	\$ 221,807.00
FY 24 LONO Electrolyzer System Installation	OH-2025-016-00	6/1/2029	80%	2024	\$ 419,318.40	\$ -	\$ 419,318.40	\$ 104,829.60
FY 24 LoNO Gateway Asphalt/Circulation Upgrades	OH-2025-016-00	6/1/2029	80%	2024	\$ 712,496.80	\$ -	\$ 712,496.80	\$ 178,124.20
FY 24 Lono Gateway Roof Repair and upgrade for Solar	OH-2025-016-00	6/1/2029	80%	2024	\$ 1,644,414.40	\$ -	\$ 1,644,414.40	\$ 411,103.60
Fy24 LoNo Cornerstone Roof Repair and upgrade for Solar	OH-2025-016-00	6/1/2029	80%	2024	\$ 960,000.00	\$ -	\$ 960,000.00	\$ 240,000.00
FY 24 Lono Solar System Procuremnt and Installation	OH-2025-016-00	6/1/2029	80%	2024	\$ 2,939,766.40	\$ -	\$ 2,939,766.40	\$ 734,941.60
Fy 24 LoNo Workforce Development	OH-2025-016-00	6/1/2029	80%	2024	\$ 699,193.60	\$ -	\$ 699,193.60	\$ 174,798.40
FY 24 LONO Bus and Bus Facilities Admin Cost	OH-2025-016-00	6/1/2029	80%	2024	\$ 454,992.80	\$ -	\$ 454,992.80	\$ 113,748.20
Fy 24 LoNo Electrolyzer System Installation	OH-2025-016-00	6/1/2029	80%	2024	\$ 4,193,189.60	\$ -	\$ 4,193,189.60	\$ 1,048,297.40
					<b>\$ 17,254,229.60</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 17,254,229.60</b>	<b>\$ 4,313,557.40</b>
FY22 UTP- Upgrade Hydrogen Tank- Local Match	TUTP-0084-GRF-221		100%	2022	\$ 500,000.00	\$ (210,664.70)	\$ 289,335.30	
					<b>\$ 500,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (210,664.70)</b>	<b>\$ 289,335.30</b>	
FY-24 UPT Administration Facility Furniture (Mass&Gate)	TUTP-0084-GRF-242		100%	2024	\$ 260,000.00	\$ (260,000.00)	\$ -	
					<b>\$ 260,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (260,000.00)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
FY 25 UTP Accounting System (ERP)	TUTP-0084-GRF-251		100%	2024	\$ 691,365.00	\$ (474,021.30)	\$ 217,343.70	
					<b>\$ 691,365.00</b>	<b>\$ (474,021.30)</b>	<b>\$ 217,343.70</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

FY26 OTP2 LONO Match	OTPP-0084-GRF-261	100%		\$ 294,468.00	\$ -	\$ 294,468.00	
FY26 OTP2 Operating Match	OTPP-0084-GRF-261	100%		\$ 650,000.00	\$ -	\$ 650,000.00	
FY26 OTP2 PM Match	OTPP-0084-GRF-261	100%		\$ 350,000.00	\$ (340,887.75)	\$ 9,112.25	
				<b>\$ 1,294,468.00</b>	<b>\$ (340,887.75)</b>	<b>\$ 953,580.25</b>	
FY28 CR Hydorgen Paratransit Bus and Add-ons	Awarded	79%	2028	\$ 422,650.00	\$ -	\$ 422,650.00	\$ 112,350.00
				<b>\$ 422,650.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 422,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 112,350.00</b>
FY25 5310 Operating Awards	Awarded	100%		\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
FY25 5310 Capital Awards	Awarded	100%		\$ 298,048.00	\$ -	\$ 298,048.00	\$ -
FY25 5310 SARTA Van	Awarded	80%		\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 31,250.00
FY25 5310 MM	Awarded	50%		\$ 7,739.00	\$ -	\$ 7,739.00	\$ 7,739.00
				<b>\$ 460,787.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 460,787.00</b>	<b>\$ 38,989.00</b>
FY26 OTP2 LoNo A&E	Awarded	80%		\$ 312,500.00	\$ -	\$ 312,500.00	\$ 78,125.00
FY26 OTP2 PM	Awarded	80%		\$ 1,462,685.00	\$ -	\$ 1,462,685.00	\$ 365,671.25
				<b>\$ 1,775,185.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,775,185.00</b>	<b>\$ 443,796.25</b>
FY28 CMAQ 3 CNG Paratransits	Awarded	79%+10% TRC	2028	\$ 667,500.00	\$ -	\$ 667,500.00	\$ 82,500.00
FY29 CMAQ 3 CNG Paratransits	Awarded	79%+10% TRC	2029	\$ 667,500.00	\$ -	\$ 667,500.00	\$ 82,500.00
				<b>\$ 1,335,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,335,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 165,000.00</b>

	Local Share to be		
	Remaining Grant Funding	provided by SARTA	Local Share from Grants
Operating PM			\$ 650,000.00
			\$ 9,112.25
Mobility Management	\$ 7,739.00	\$ 7,739.00	
Buses	\$ 8,817,511.71	\$ 1,858,528.59	
Neoride-Pass through	\$ 1,741,667.49	\$ 23,690.25	
5310-Pass through			
5310-Sarta administration( Employee time)	\$ 39,252.00		
17 Million Lono Project	\$ 17,648,346.60	\$ 4,412,086.65	\$ 294,468.00
Transit Enhancements	\$ 309,908.00	\$ 77,477.00	
IT(software+Hardware)	\$ 1,360,649.88	\$ 340,162.47	\$ 217,343.70
Planning( TDP)	\$ 139,631.00	\$ 14,538.75	
Pro-Line plus Operating( New service- can not reapply for)	\$ 418,152.00	\$ 418,152.00	
Hydrogen Tank	\$ 626,373.00	\$ 156,593.25	\$ 289,335.30
CNG	\$ 18,279.00	\$ 4,569.75	
Security	\$ 1,328.00	\$ 332.00	
Garage harness/Lifts	\$ 85,710.00	\$ 21,427.50	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 31,214,547.68</b>	<b>\$ 7,335,297.21</b>	<b>\$ 1,460,259.25</b>

# Customer Relations

Latrice Virola  
Director



# March 2026 Summary

## ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Date	Event / Outreach Activity	Location / Partner	Outcome / Reach
3/6	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Awareness - Hosted by the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities	Belden Village Mall	Our Marketing Administrator set up a table a talked about SARTA Services.
3/12	Women in History Luncheon- Hosted by JRC	La Pizzeria	Dir. Of Customer Relations, Dir. Of HR and Interim CEO was in attendance, along with over 50 community leaders were a part of this event.
3/14	Kidfest - Hosted by WHBC	Canton Civic Center	We were a proud Sponsor of this event. Our Engagement Outreach Coordinator, Marketing Administrator, Customer Relations Supervisor, and Dir of Customer Relations set up a table and cornhole and interacted with the kids.
3/15	Boy Scouts SOAR Awards	MAPS Air Museum	Director of Customer Relations, interacted with various community leaders and shared information about SARTA services.
3/19	Minority Action Committee	Strengthening Stark	Over 10 different community partners are part of this committee along with SARTA's Director of Customer Relations.
3/27	Cleveland Clinic Mercy Community Advisory Council	Akron Canton Food Bank	Over 20 different community partners are part of this committee along with SARTA's Director of Customer Relations.
3/27	Women In Business Summit – Hosted by the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce	NickaJack Farms and The Mane Barn	We were a proud sponsor of this event. Our Dir. of HR, Transportation Route Coordinator, Customer Relations Supervisor and Engagement Outreach Coordinator were in attendance.
3/28	Canal Fulton's Community Family Easter Egg Hunt	Schalmo Family YMCA	Our Marketing Administrator set up a table and talked about SARTA services.

# Social Media Community Engagement – March 2026 Snapshot

Supporting Services, Events & Public Communication

Key Metric	Monthly Result
Total Reach	69,699
Engagement Rate – 3% - 5% is very strong	4.92%
Shares – Trust and usefulness	78
Link Clicks	1,338
Audience Growth – Long term communication capacity	43

Platform	Reach – Information access	Engagement – Relevance and clarity	Clicks - Service Access
Facebook	66,680	3,302	979
Twitter (X)	125	1	0
Instagram	667	44	8
LinkedIn	727	82	226
YouTube	1,500	0	125

What This Means:

- *Facebook’s engagement was up significantly this month, which helped to increase our monthly engagement rate.*
- *Social media continues to be a reliable and effective platform for communication.*

# sartaonline.com and SARTA Buzz March 2026 Snapshot

## AT-A-GLANCE

Users: 6,948 ↓ from last month

Sessions (How often people come to the website): 11,238

Engagement Rate: 45.41%

45-54%

Need Monitoring

We are still working to update the website to increase our engagement rate.

Forms Submitted: 1,566

Downloads: 792

Clicks: 553

## TRAFFIC SOURCES

Social: 8.47% Search: 36.20% Direct: 44.59%

## TOP PAGES ACCESSED

1. Home Page
2. Getting Around/Fixed Route

## ACCESS SOURCE

Mobile: 48.53% Desktop: 50.77% Tablet: 1.02%

## SARTA BUZZ March 2026

(Platform SARTA uses to text detours, service alerts and service changes to the community)

Audience Growth: 0

# Information Technology

Craig Smith  
Director





**SARTA**  
**PROJECT REPORT**  
**March 2026**

PROJECT NAME	PURPOSE	PHASE	COST	COMPLETE
<b>Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software Replacement</b>	SARTA will be replacing its current ERP system (Microsoft Dynamics GP 2016 R2) with a modern, intuitive, and customizable system. The ERP RFP is out, and proposals are due by Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024.	Active	\$1.9 M	95%
<b>Onsite Yard Management</b>	SARTA will be implementing Trapeze's state-of-the-art Ultra-Wideband (UWB) yard location technology. The features provided by this real-time location system ("RTLS") technology enable vehicle location throughout the fixed-bus parking and maintenance facility coverage areas, as well as augmentation of vehicle position at Gateway.	Active	\$704,000	92%
<b>Trapeze Workforce Management (OPS)</b>	Trapeze Workforce Management is a solution that is fully optimized to manage the transit workforce, empowering our team to meet ever-changing service and rider demands, and maximizing operational and cost controls.	Active	\$558,325	88%

# Enterprise Resource Planning Software Replacement

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## Project Description and Scope:

SARTA will be replacing its current ERP system (Microsoft Dynamics GP 2016 R2) with a modern, intuitive, and customizable system.

<b>Project Approval:</b>	10/25/2023	<b>Project Manager:</b>	Craig Smith
<b>Estimated Project Cost:</b>	\$1,900,000		
<b>Execution Project Cost:</b>	1.9M	<b>Execution Cost to Date:</b>	\$1,850,000
<b>Execution Start:</b>	8/28/2024	<b>Execution End:</b>	4/13/2026
<b><u>Funding Source for Project Cost</u></b>		<b><u>Vendor(s)</u></b>	
Federal award	80%	Infor	Trapeze Group
Local match	20%	GForce	TruOptions Associates

## Project Status:

After a 24 month implementation from RFP to Go-Live, our new financial system is now in place. This project was delivered on time and on budget. The Go-Live date was Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, and SARTA is actively using the new Enterprise Resource Planning software Infor Cloudsuite FSM.

The next step is to now integrate the current budget software, Centage, into the new financial system. This process will happen over the next few months.

# Onsite Yard Management Solution

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## Project Description and Scope:

The primary goal of this project is to implement the Yard Management solution at our Gateway facility, which will be accomplished by deploying new Yard Manager RTLS Software and Hardware. This solution will enable vehicle-locating technology within the Gateway facility to provide real-time vehicle location data.

At the Gateway facility, the Yard Manager solution will strengthen the overall efficiency of SARTA's transit operation by:

- Providing accurate location information for vehicles inside the Gateway facility parking and maintenance areas, thus eliminating the need for manual yard walks and enabling staff to quickly find assigned vehicles for pull-out or maintenance
- Automatically populating the parking grid in Workforce Management/OPS with the locations of parked vehicles inside the Gateway facility, eliminating the need to manually enter vehicle locations
- Providing at-a-glance situational awareness by displaying vehicle positions in map and grid views and styling them based on status information
- Tracking key status elements that drive garage performance and service readiness, such as fuel and wash status

<b>Project Approval:</b>	4/24/2024	<b>Project Manager:</b>	Craig Smith
<b>Estimated Project Cost:</b>	\$705,819		
<b>Execution Project Cost:</b>	\$705,819	<b>Execution Cost to Date:</b>	\$641,704
<b>Execution Start:</b>	10/31/2024	<b>Execution End:</b>	8/08/2026
<b><u>Funding Source for Project Cost</u></b>		<b><u>Vendor(s)</u></b>	
Federal award	80%	Trapeze Group / Vontas	
Local match	20%	Hilscher-Clarke	

## Project Status:

The Onsite Yard Management project is mostly complete. However, this software is integrated with the Workforce Management software. SARTA completed the Workforce Management/OPS Training & User Acceptance Testing (UAT) on-site on March 12th. This training included User Acceptance Testing for the Onsite Yard Management integration.

We are entering the final stages of UAT and beginning Parallel Testing before we go-live in production. The actual Go-Live date has not yet been agreed upon, as some integrations with UKG and WorkForce Management must be completed.

The closest estimate for production/Go-Live is late May or early June 2026. This date was moved up from August 2026, given the training and testing that took place in Feb – March.

# Trapeze Workforce Management Software (OPS)

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## Project Description and Scope:

Trapeze Workforce Management is a solution that is fully optimized to manage the transit workforce, empowering SARTA’s team to meet ever-changing service and rider demands and will maximize operational and cost controls. Trapeze’s Workforce Management solutions help agencies minimize unnecessary time at the garage and help an agency be more agile by providing flexibility and real-time updates to support our changing business needs.

Below are several ways in which Trapeze Workforce Management will be helpful to SARTA’s workforce:

- Sign in with contactless badge scans, eliminate walking up to the window to check in, waiting to verbally ask what work you have, and face-to-face communication with dispatch
- Display boards showing pullout time, vehicle assignments, vehicle location and extra board assignments
- Allow employees to access information 24/7 remotely – work assignment details, review paddles, request absences, check accruals, sign up to volunteer, and even complete bids.
- Can eliminate the need for SARTA’s operators to call dispatch or travel to the garage to fill out paper, minimizing the time commitment for operators, and letting dispatchers focus on ensuring service is delivered on time.
- Push alerts and notifications using email, text/SMS, and online messages to ensure everyone is updated in real-time.
- Keep SARTA’s employees informed at all times with messages, detours, and documents.

<b>Project Approval:</b>	12/23/2023	<b>Project Manager:</b>	Craig Smith
<b>Estimated Project Cost:</b>	\$558,325		
<b>Execution Project Cost:</b>	\$558,325	<b>Execution Cost to Date:</b>	\$187,820
<b>Execution Start:</b>	10/7/2024	<b>Execution End:</b>	8/08/2026
<b><u>Funding Source for Project Cost</u></b>		<b><u>Vendor(s)</u></b>	
Federal award	80%	Trapeze Group	
Local match	20%		

## Project Status:

As stated in the Yard Management summary, on February 23<sup>rd</sup> through March 11<sup>th</sup>, SARTA completed Workforce Management / OPS Training & User Acceptance Testing (UAT) on-site at SARTA. This training is for process alignment & operational readiness for SARTA employees. The objective of this training is to enable operational readiness, not simply system familiarity.

Trapeze Implementation Consultants (ICs) were on-site and worked collaboratively with SARTA staff to map existing operational processes to OPS workflows, validate configuration decisions, and ensure the system supports SARTA's current operating practices—while highlighting opportunities for consistency and efficiency where appropriate.

The training sessions went very well, and all staff were taught accordingly. The training involved all the following roles at SARTA:

- Dispatchers
- Yard Management staff

- Operations supervisors and managers
- Administrative users involved in workforce or timekeeping activities

We are entering into finishing UAT and beginning Parallel Testing before we go-live in production. The actual Go-Live date has not yet been agreed upon, as some integrations with UKG and Yard Management must be completed.

The closest estimate for production/Go-Live is late May or early June 2026. This date was moved up from August 2026, given the training and testing that took place in Feb – March.

# Human Resources

Tammy Marie Brown  
Director



# HUMAN RESOURCES

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## NEW HIRES

Name	Position	Start Date
Mackenzie Threm	Customer Service Representative	4-6-26
Samuel Moore	CDL Coach Operator	4-13-26
Tatianna Johnson	CDL Coach Operator	4-13-26
Daniel Gosmer	CDL Coach Operator	4-13-26
Stephen Miller	CDL Coach Operator	4-13-26
Lashay Howell	CDL Coach Operator	4-13-26

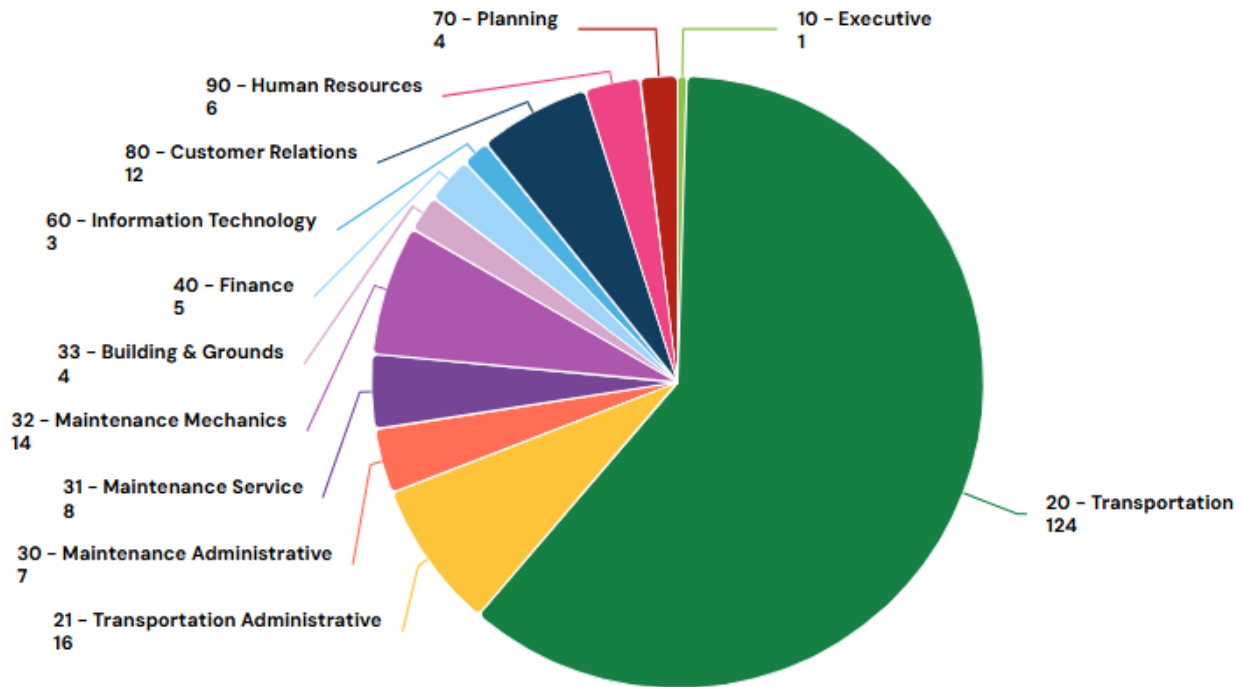
## CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

Position	Status
CDL Coach Operators	Posted
Maintenance Technician (Mechanic)	Posted

## RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND PROBATION RELEASES

Retirement	Termination	Layoff	Resigned	Death
0	1	0	0	0

## Total # of Current Employees



Department	Administration	Union	Total
Executive	1	0	1
Transportation	16	124	140
Maintenance	11	22	33
Finance	5	0	5
Planning	4	0	4
Customer Relations	12	0	12
Information Technology	3	0	3
Human Resources	6	0	6
<b>Total # of Employees</b>			<b>204</b>

### FMLA / Short-Term Disability

#### FMLA/Continuous Leave/Transitional work

- 0 on transitional work
- 5 employees on FMLA continuous leave
- 4 employees on FMLA intermittent leave
- 4 employees on Short-Term Disability

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## General Human Resources Functions

- All customer-facing team members have access to the Cintas ordering website, streamlining the order process and ensuring no team members can order beyond their allowance.
- The Stuff the Bus event will be on Friday, April 17. This year, our buses will collect food donations at over 17 stops, making it one of our largest food collections yet.
- On April 21, SARTA will be volunteering with Habitat for Humanity on a project build.
- Starting May 12, on the second Tuesday of every month, SARTA will volunteer at the Akron-Canton Foodbank, furthering our already established community partnership.
- The high-visibility uniforms for the maintenance team members have arrived. Overall, positive feedback from the team members for the uniform upgrade.

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## Training

- CPR training will continue for all drivers whose licenses expire within the coming months.
- One (1) CDL Coach Operator will complete training this week and be with drivers the following week. He will begin on the Extra Board in two (2) weeks.
- Three (3) CDL Coach Operators are currently in training and will test on April 28.
- Five (5) New CDL Coach Operators started on April 13.
- Two (2) CDL Coach Operators tested on March 24 and passed. They have been on the extra Board for the past two (2) weeks.
- Completed training on the new system on our bus and will continue training drivers, so that the bus can begin operating in rotation in the coming weeks.
- Training has begun for the new HR Administrator.

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## Stark County Safety Council

At the Safety Council's April session, the main question was, "Is your business prepared for the unexpected?" The Emergency Roundtable featured local experts in emergency management, infrastructure response, and community preparedness. Panelists included Matt Sweeney from Stark County EMA, Steve Gronow from Stark County Engineers, Steve Gast from the American Red Cross, Jim Knight from the Stark County Prosecutor's Office, and Aaron Stoller from the Jackson Fire Department. The discussion was moderated by SCSC Chair Brian Mayle of Brechbuhler Scales.

Each panel member was asked a specific question regarding emergency readiness, culminating in the central inquiry: "Is your business ready?" For organizations that are not yet prepared, it is essential to initiate readiness measures for all phases of an emergency.

SARTA plays a critical role in our communities during emergencies, so our preparedness is essential for both employees and the public. Mr. Finnicum will use the free and confidential American Red Cross

Ready Rating tool to evaluate our current plan, compare it with others, and identify areas for improvement. This process will help us address any gaps or considerations we may have overlooked.

# Resolutions



Stark Area Regional Transit Authority

Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

A Resolution To Dispose Of Obsolete And Unusable Vehicles

WHEREAS, this resolution authorizes the Executive Director/CEO to dispose of obsolete and unusable transit vehicles along with any associated assets that cannot be separated; and

WHEREAS, there are a total of seven (7) obsolete or unusable transit vehicles to be disposed of, including the following;

Unit	VIN	Mileage	Reason
1296	15GGB2711C1179966	736923	Useful life
1299	15GGB2717C1181074	766924	Useful life
1779	1HA6GUBG0HN000971	307483	Useful life
1880	1HA6GUBB7JN007622	284243	Totaled
1882	1HA6GUBB2JN007754	264357	Useful life
H201	1E9BFC817DR472002	10137	Useful life
5002	1N9APAF17EC084216	9034	Useful life

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees, that the Executive Director/CEO has the authority to dispose of these vehicles.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary-Treasurer

# For Your Information



STARK COUNTY

## 'Stuff the Bus' collects enough food for nearly 25,000 meals in Stark County area

Canton Repository

April 18, 2026, 10:18 a.m. ET

CANTON – The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank and the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority held its "Stuff the Bus" donation effort on April 17, collecting enough food for nearly 25,000 meals.

Two SARTA buses visited local businesses and organizations to pick up food in support of the Foodbank's Harvest for Hunger program.

Lake Center Christian School in Lake Township collected more than 7,000 pounds of food and helped load a bus.

Larry Fitzgerald, a former Arizona Cardinals wide receiver and a Pro Football Hall of Fame 2026 inductee, also participated with Hall of Fame staff members.

"You would be blown away by how many people have food insecurity in our country," Fitzgerald said in a prepared statement. "What the Foodbank is doing here to support this local community is really important, and the Hall of Fame, along with many others, is a great partner in providing essential resources for people that really need it."

In addition to Lake Christian and the Pro Football Hall of Fame, the buses also stopped at Fresh Mark, Gervasi Vineyard, AWP Safety, Shanklin Heating & Cooling, Timken Co., iCRYO Wellness Center and many others.

"SARTA has consistently shown up as a meaningful partner, finding impactful ways to support the Foodbank and our neighbors experiencing hunger," Foodbank president Dan Flowers said in a prepared statement. "We deeply appreciate their ongoing dedication to hunger relief and the strength of our continued partnership."

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