

RTA Committee Meetings

June 17, 2025

Committee of the Whole

Chair: Mayor Paul A. Koomar

Executive Session

RTA Board of Trustees

June 17, 2025

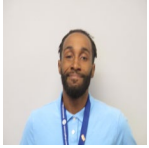
Public Comments – Agenda Items

- In person
- Phone: 440-276-4600
- Web form at www.riderta.com/events
 - Click/Select meeting event
 - Scroll to bottom to fill out form
 - Comments will be sent to Board and staff

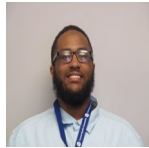
New Hires and Promotions

June 17, 2025

June New Hires



Dorien Millerton
Bus Operator



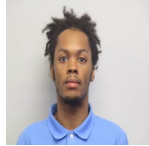
Darrell Applewhite
Bus Operator



Anwar Matar
Bus Operator



Keishaun Wills
Bus Operator



Darius Pearl
Bus Operator



Ronald Lemon
Bus Operator



Jeremiah Edwards
Rail Operator

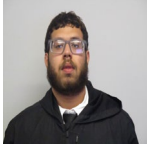


John Saddler
Rail Operator

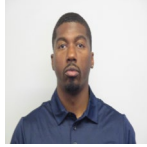


Errick Phillips
Rail Operator

June New Hires



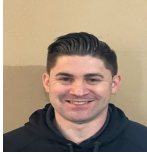
Antonio Boggan
Rail Operator



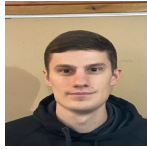
Sterling Edmonds
Rail Operator



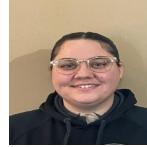
Yolanda Gilliam
Rail Operator



Brian Kovach
Transit Police Officer



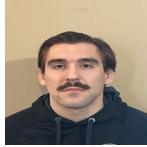
Max Allen
Transit Police Officer



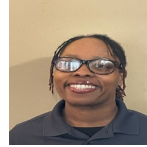
Mia Kizzee
Transit Police Officer



Michael Kincaid
Transit Police Officer

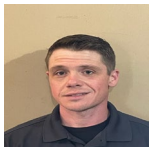


Daniel Hershberger
Transit Police Officer



Kimberly Jones
Transit Police Officer

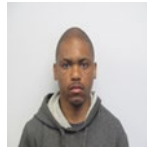
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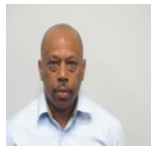
Robert McCue Jr.
Transit Police Officer



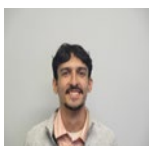
Ethan Deschene
Laborer
Safety Sensitive



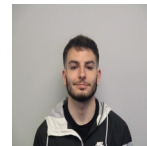
Audiase Brown
Laborer
Non-Safety Sensitive



Romell Ramsey
Laborer
Non-Safety Sensitive



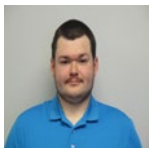
Claudio Casiano
Laborer
Non-Safety Sensitive



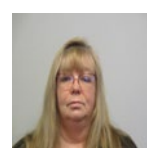
Max Weltman
Laborer
Non-Safety Sensitive



Charles Skarupa
Electronic Equipment
Maintainer



Jacob Lucas
Electronic Equipment
Maintainer



Patricia Jaenke
Workers Compensation &
Disability Examiner

June New Hires



William Cox
Senior Claim Adjuster

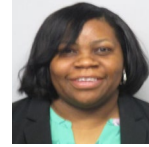
June Promotions



Zane Patterson
Project & Performance Leader



Kimberly Wright
Manager – Customer
Experience



Fawntaine Walls
Talent Acquisition
Team Leader

Resolutions

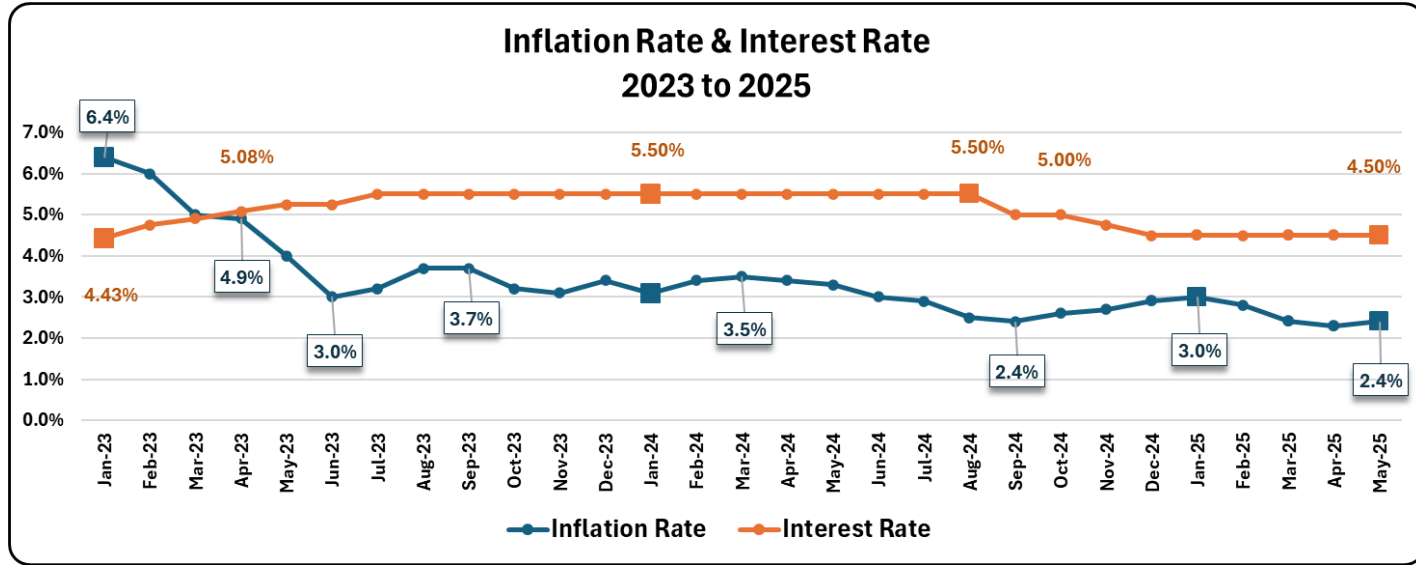


Secretary/Treasurer Update

Board of Trustees

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Economic Conditions

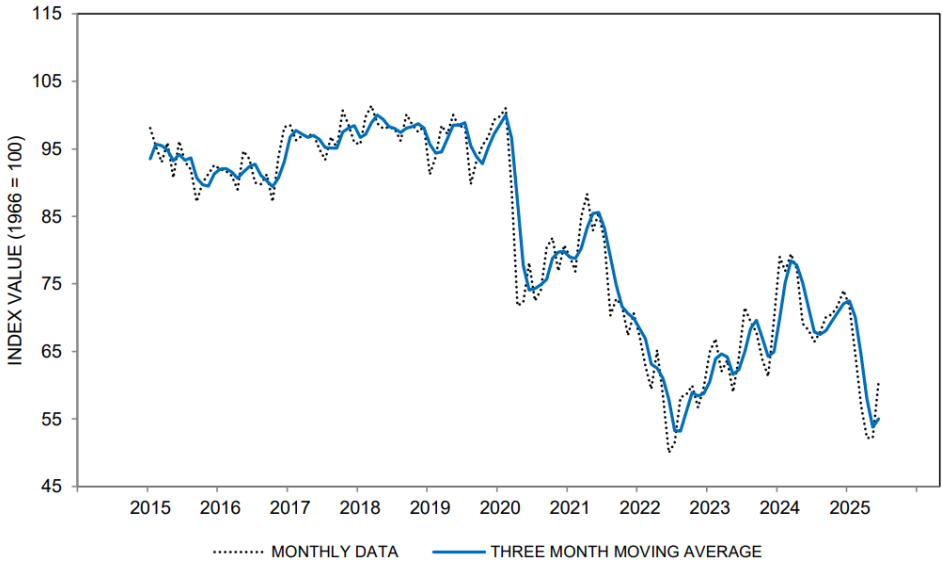




Consumer Confidence

Survey of Consumers – University of Michigan

THE INDEX OF CONSUMER SENTIMENT

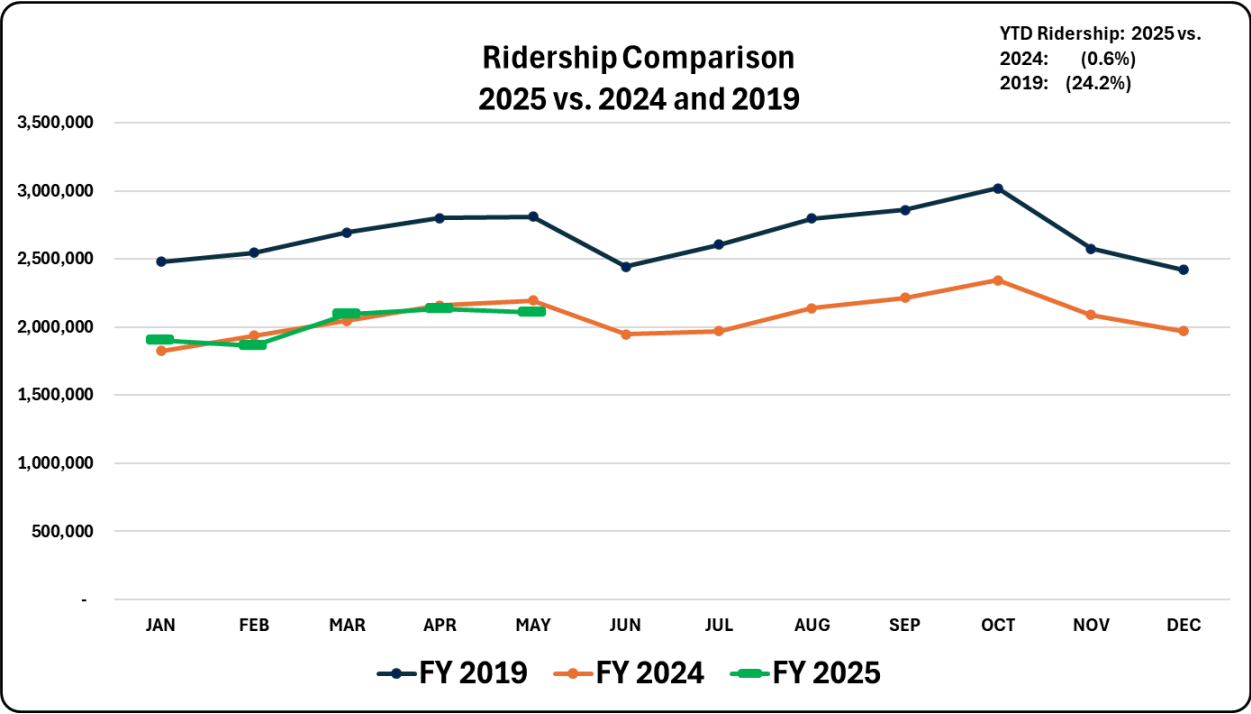


Preliminary Results for June 2025

	Jun 2025	May 2025	Jun 2024	M-M Change	Y-Y Change
Index of Consumer Sentiment	60.5	52.2	68.2	+15.9%	-11.3%
Current Economic Conditions	63.7	58.9	65.9	+8.1%	-3.3%
Index of Consumer Expectations	58.4	47.9	69.6	+21.9%	-16.1%



Ridership through May 2025

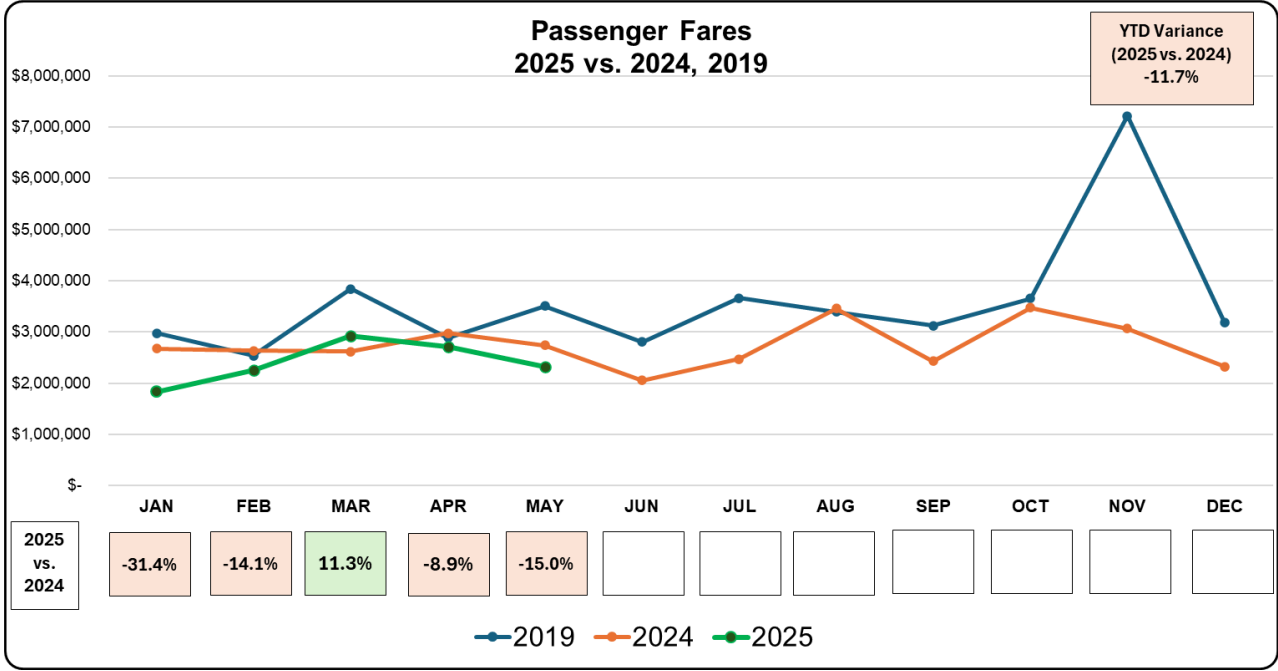


YTD Ridership (in millions)

2019:	13.3
2024:	10.2
2025:	10.1



Passenger Fares

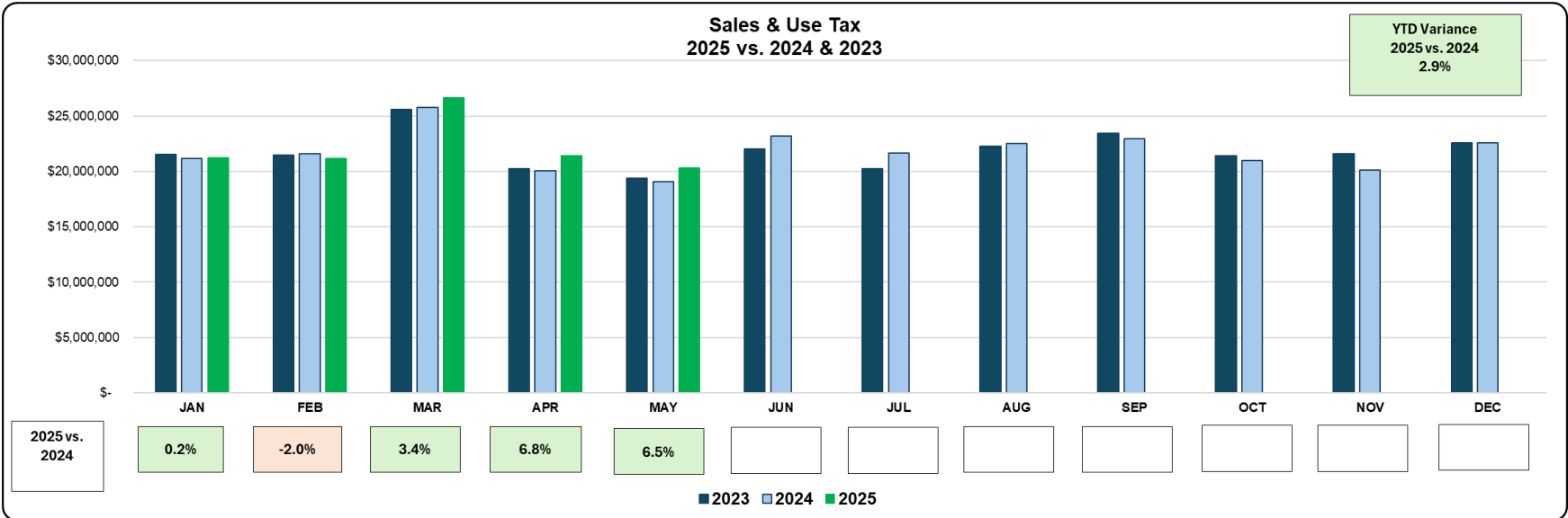


**YTD Passenger
Fares
(in millions)**

2019: \$12.2
2024: \$10.9
2025: \$9.7



Sales & Use Tax





Selected Data

Total Long-Term Debt – 12/31/2024	\$ 22.3 million
Average Investment Yield – YTD	4.05%
Cash and Investments:	
Unrestricted (General Fund)	\$ 34.2 million
Restricted	<u>331.1 million</u>
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS	<u>\$365.3 million</u>
\$10 million transferred from Revenue Stabilization Fund to General Fund	

Questions

General Manager, CEO Report

India L. Birdsong Terry

June 17, 2025

Main Office Building HVAC Units Replacement



May 19-21, 2025 | Cleveland, Ohio

- GCRTA had five HVAC units successfully replaced on the roof of the Main Office Building
- W. 6th St. sidewalk was closed for crane operations
- Trolley service rerouted to W. 6th & St. Clair
- ADA Office remained open for project duration
- Project completed on time

Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA)



May 27, 2025 | Press Release

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award with special recognition for GCRTA's 2025 Budget and Budget Document

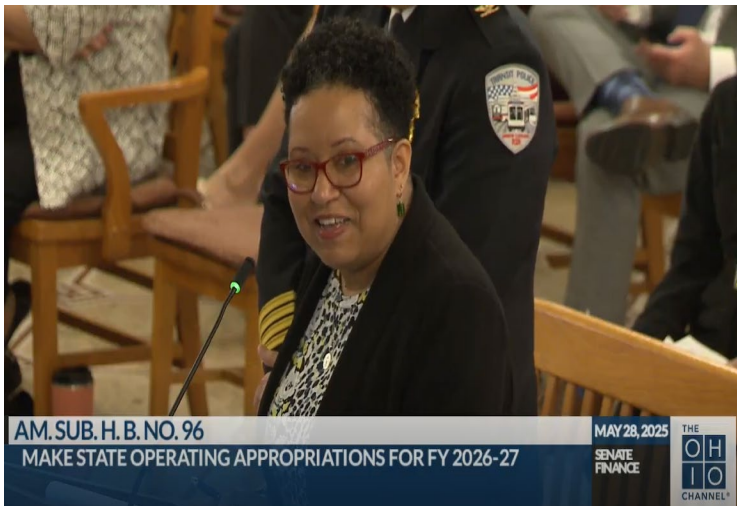
- 37th consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
- The 2025 Budget Book received special recognition for its Long-Range Operational Financial Plans

Ohio Senate Finance Committee Testimony

May 28, 2025 | Columbus, Ohio

- We joined SARTA, SORTA, and COTA in testifying against House Omnibus Amendment H.C. 2285-1, following up on testimony earlier this month before the Ohio Senate Finance Committee
- Advised the amendment would jeopardize 1.5M annual student trips, undermine a cost-effective CMSD partnership, and raise concerns about the potential to undermine federal funding
- Emphasized the proposal would disproportionately impact urban school districts, limiting access for thousands of students traveling to charter, parochial, and suburban schools

<https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/finance/video/ohio-senate-finance-committee-5-28-2025-205886>



India Birdsong Terry, General Manager & CEO
Michael Gettings, Deputy Chief of Transit Police

COMTO Transit Trailblazer Honors

May 29, 2025 | La Ville Lumiere Restaurant, Cleveland

The Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO), in partnership with HNTB, hosted the inaugural Transit Trailblazer Honors – a celebration recognizing outstanding contributions to the transportation industry

- Alfred Goerlich, Legacy in Transit Award
- Naomi “Aunt Abby” Sanford, Pioneer of Progress in Transit Excellence Award
- Joseph Uherc, Golden Service Award



GCRTA Bus Rodeo



Amon Brantley, Kamaljit Pooni, and Lakita Chisloman

May 31, 2025 | West Park Station

- 1st Place Amon Brantley, Operator – Triskett District
- 2nd Place Kamaljit Pooni, Operator – Triskett District
- 3rd Place Lakita Chisloman, Operator – Hayden District



GCRTA Paratransit Bus Rodeo



May 31, 2025 | West Park Station

- 1st Place – Dwayne Randolph, Operator - Paratransit District
- 2nd Place – James Smith, Operator - Paratransit District
- 3rd Place – Bonita Kimbrough, Operator - Paratransit District

Bonita Kimbrough, James Smith, Dwayne Randolph

Customer Experience Team Update

New department initiatives include:

- Going to Gemba
- Employee Riders Council



- Nick Biggar – Sr Director, Customer Experience & Performance Mgmt
- Kim Wright – Manager of Customer Experience
- Zane Patterson – Project & Performance Leader

Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP) Legislative Advocacy Day

June 5-6, 2025 | Washington, D.C.



- GCRTA joined more than 90 civic, business, and public sector leaders from Northeast Ohio to advocate in Washington for infrastructure, economic development, and mobility needs across the region
- Engaged directly with USDOT, FTA, members of Congress, and the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to elevate GCRTA's role and build visibility with federal leadership
- Strengthened relationships with local and federal partners, including a tour of WMATA's Metro Integrated Command and Communications Center (MICC), where we gained best practices in technology and operations

José C. Feliciano, Natoya Walker Minor, Mayor David E. Weiss India
Birdsong Terry, Floun'say R. Caver

Elevate the East Mural Nationally Honored



June 2025 | Land studio – Cleveland

LAND studio received a 2025 National Mural Awards Community Award for their work on **Elevate the East: RTA Woodhill Mural** – a 728-foot-long wall of art that celebrates the identity of Cleveland's Buckeye-Woodhill neighborhood

A collaboration between LAND, Burten, Bell, Carr Development Inc., Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, and the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

Cleveland artists Derek Brennan and Chad Fedorovich led the mural project, assisted by artists Alicia Vasquez, Christa Freehands, Isaiah Williams and Dayz Whun

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Summit

June 11, 2025 | Cleveland, Ohio

The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission hosted a TOD Summit that brought together public, private, non-profit, philanthropic, and institutional partners to build more TOD in Cuyahoga County

Presenters:

- India L. Birdsong Terry, General Manager & CEO
 - Leadership Panel Participant
- Jim Rusnov, Senior Real Estate Manager
 - Partner Speaker



Engage Cleveland Lunch With Leaders



June 12, 2025 | The Aviator Restaurant, Brook Park, OH

- GCRTA General Manager & CEO, India L. Birdsong Terry along with other leaders participated in a series of round table discussions with emerging professionals throughout the region
- Themes of the event included:
 - Professional development opportunities
 - Management communication styles
 - Career mapping and project balance

Questions