



GREENVILLE TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friday, January 23, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

GTA Operations & Maintenance Facility

205 Arcadia Drive - Board & Community Room

Greenville, SC 29609

Members Present: Mr. Stephen Astemborski, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. Sean Rusnak (Vice Chair),
Mr. John Slipke (Treasurer), Ms. Walker Smith, Mr. Barry Strohl, Ms. Amanda Warren (Chair)

Greenlink Staff: James Keel (Director)

Ms. Amanda Warren, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance (led by Mr. Barry Strohl).

Quorum Established.

Mr. Sean Rusnak made a motion to approve the December 18, 2025, GTA Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. John Slipke seconded the motion. There is no opposition. The motion carries.

No Public comments related to items on the agenda.

City's Monthly Financial Report for November 2025 (Presented by City Budget Administrator Kristina Junker):

- Accounts Receivable for December is \$3,069,706.88. There are no outstanding funds.
- Accounts Payable for December is \$3,838,957.49. This amount has either been paid or in the process of being paid.

GTA Board Invoices (Presented by City Budget Administrator Kristina Junker):

Date	Vendor	Description	Invoice #	Amount
1/6/26	Alfred Williams & Company	Chairs for Boardroom	481084	19,978.60
1/9/26	Alfred Williams & Company	Furniture & Chairs for Boardroom	481085	14,838.93
12/12/25	Amazon	Outdoor Mobility Scooter/Ergonomic Wheelchair	1YYC-VM4X-FXYX	1,923.77
12/12/25	Amazon	Wheelchair Bag for Bus	1CHL-MNG3-9PR6	12.99
1/2/26	Transit Resource Center	Bus Inspection for 1 Gillig Bus	11259	500.00
12/31/25	Burr Forman	General Counsel/Disposition of Real Property	1621815	310.00
1/1/26	Capstone Landscape Management, LLC	Monthly Landscaping Services	104094	4,532.00
11/13/25	Carolina Lawn & Tractor	UTV Harness Integration (Plow Kit)	01-168455	2,390.00
11/15/25	Carolina Lawn & Tractor	UTV Heavy Duty Snowplow Blade	01-168456	1,903.50
1/5/26	Carolina Lawn & Tractor	Spreader Harness, Hitch attachment & Display	01-169393	1,311.78
1/5/26	Carolina Lawn & Tractor	Spreader	01-169392	1,266.89
1/5/26	Carolina Lawn & Tractor	Spreader (Credit)	01-169387	-1,919.97
1/5/26	Carolina Lawn & Tractor	Hitch Attachment & Display (Credit)	01-169389	-1,246.49
12/31/25	City of Greenville	December Expenses	92999	779,119.15
12/24/25	Culinary Depot	Countertop Ice Dispenser	INV3420363	5,995.00
11/26/25	Dick Smith Ford	2026 Ford Escape	514364	28,265.00
12/10/25	Gillig	1 BEB Bus (VIN# 15GGB2811S3203684)	77815	1,212,560.00
1/8/26	Gillig	1 BEB Bus (VIN# 15GGB2813S3203685)	77816	1,212,560.00
12/23/25	Gimme-A-Sign Company	Maintenance Facility Entrance Signage	25707	2,907.60
12/1/25	Greene Finney	Final Invoice for FY24 Audit Services	19339	2,150.00
1/19/26	INEO Equans	E-Paper Bus Stop Signs; Equans Integration with TSP System	9532701149	116,902.29

11/13/25	Kimball Communications	6 Handheld Radios and Bases	45673	14,683.12
11/21/25	Kimball Communications	9 Radios for Buses	45697	33,943.87
12/19/25	Kimball Communications	Installation of Radios on Buses	45779	2,240.00
1/12/26	Mohawk Lifts LLC	Tire Alignment Machine	71894	53,129.03
12/12/25	MSS Solutions LLC	HVAC Inspection/Ongoing Tripping of Breaker	54712	763.70
12/26/25	MSS Solutions LLC	RTU 3 Condenser Fan Motor Replacement & Leak Repairs	55289	14,823.24
11/4/26	MSS Solutions LLC	HVAC & BMS Support, Annual Agreement	51281	31,728.00
11/30/25	Nelson Nygaard	Title VI Update & Public Engagement	91471	9,394.89
12/11/25	Piedmont Natural Gas	CNG Station Callout Service-12-5-25	41837-964	640.00
12/11/25	Piedmont Natural Gas	CNG Station Callout Service-12-09-25	41837-963RB	640.00
12/11/25	Piedmont Natural Gas	CNG Station Callout Service-12-01-25	41837-960	640.00
12/11/25	Piedmont Natural Gas	CNG Station Callout Service-11-25-25	41837-959	640.00
12/18/25	Piedmont Natural Gas	CNG Station Callout Service-12-18-25	41837-972	320.00
12/17/25	Piedmont Natural Gas	CNG Station Callout Service-40 Hr. Inspection Service	41837-969	950.00
1/9/26	Piedmont Natural Gas	CNG Station Callout Service-12-31-25	41837-977	640.00
1/1/26	Schindler Elevator	Annual Maintenance	4607343631	5,138.40
12/25/25	Sportworks Global LLC	3 Bike Racks	162906	8,712.47
12/11/25	Temple Inc.	Transit Signal Priority Equipment (2 Spare Parts)	INV0274239	8,904.00
12/18/25	Turbo Images	Decals & Graphics Installed on Buses	135120	23,256.00
12/26/25	Turbo Images	Production & Installation of Repair Parts for Bus	135300	1,042.87
12/26/25	Turbo Images	Production & Installation of Decal for 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe	13512	460.00
Total				\$3,618,950.63

Mr. Stephen Astemborski made a motion to pay invoices totaling \$3,618,950.63 subject to the availability of funds. Mr. John Slipke seconded the motion. There is no opposition. The motion carries.

Trolley Update – Proposed 2026 Trolley Network Changes (Presented by Director James Keel):

- The City sent a request to make changes to the Trolley network downtown for the Game Day Trolley and 909 About Town Trolley routes. The 907 route served the parking decks downtown. Route 908 served several open parking lots that were closer to the Drive. Route 908 did significantly better than Rout 907. When the Game Day Trolley runs, the About Town Trolley (909) Route does not run. The About Town Trolley Route currently has three vehicles operating on it with a 12-minute frequency, which is the highest frequency we have ever offered relative to the trolley. We cannot operate the Game Day and About Town Service at the same time. Both routes have three vehicles running. We have a total of 4 trolleys, which are aging. Ridership is two and a half times higher on Route 908 than 907. Several parking lots that were being used by 908 riders are being developed and will not be available to serve baseball games. Staff came up with a new option. The Drive is hoping to use the County Square garage as the main garage and the Howe Street garage, which is under construction.
- The Game Day Trolley route number would be 921. This change would operate in lieu of 907 and 908. Two trolleys would be running with 2 or 3 stops. Expect to have 10-minute headways. Proposed Timeline: Seek GTA Board approval to move forward January 23, initiate public input process January 26, Host public meeting February 9-10, Report on feedback and request Board Approval February 26, Advertise/begin pilot testing of new route February 27, install new signage in March and launch route for the first Greenville Drive game April 2.
- The Trolley Program with GTA was launched in 2014 when new trolleys arrived. Trolleys serviced the Drive and Main Street. Trolleys did not operate at the same time. Ridership was high. Therefore, the City encouraged purchasing two more trolleys. Service began for the West Greenville and Augusta area. However, ridership has never developed. Service to zoo followed but was not successful. Stone Avenue ridership never developed. West Greenville service to the Art District was not successful.

Then tried service to Unity Park, which had decent ridership, but not comparable to the Main Street routes. Another challenge is that downtown is very successful. There is no Trolley Service during the TD market.

- Staff came up with a proposal they feel would work in coordination with TD Market. The new route would be number 910 Main Street. It would run from North Street down to Fluor Field. Greenlink will work with the Police to work around closures. There would be two trolleys with 24 stops exclusively on Main Street. Service will be discontinued to Heritage Greene, Unity Park, and the Village of West Greenville. There would be a continuous loop and the route would probably not be put on a schedule. The current 909 Route operates Friday from 4:00 – 11:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 11 pm and Sunday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm. Proposed 910 Route would operate Friday from 5:00 – 10:00 pm, Saturday 1:00 – 10:00 pm (after TD Saturday Market) and Sunday from 1:00 – 8:00 pm. Trolley routes are altered whenever there is a significant special event downtown to provide park and ride service for the event. The 2014 trolleys had a useful life of 10 years. The 2016 trolleys had a useful life of 7 years. The 2016 trolleys will soon need to be retired. We can overhaul the 2014 trolleys to extend their useful life. Staff will put together a concept where the two routes interact. Three trolleys would be running. We would reduce service on Main Street based on staffing. When Route 921 Game Day is active, Route 910 Main Street service will be reduced to only 1 trolley operating. Timeline will be like the proposed 921 route. The launch date for the 910 Main Street Route is proposed for April 3 with no pilot service on this route.
- Staff is seeking Board approval to move forward with the proposed trolley network change by initiating the public input process. Discussion ensues regarding how not having a standard schedule could impact ridership. Ms. Warren has concerns that people won't utilize trolleys without a standard schedule. Mr. Keels stated that communication takes place with hotels relative to when the trolley is running and not running. The Drive schedule will dictate how the Game Day Trolley will impact the frequency of the Main Street proposal. The Board needs to decide the matrix for success such as ridership or reliability and frequency. The Board must determine how much the public cares about the conveyance. Must decide whether the goal to get from point A to B with transit or if the goal to get from point A to B on a trolley. Another option is just focusing on providing trolley service for the Drive and not trying to navigate Main Street with trolleys.

Mr. David Mitchell made a motion for staff to move forward with the public engagement period for the proposed trolley network changes. Mr. Stephen Asemborski seconded the motion. There is no opposition. The motion carries.

GTA/Staff Member Reports:

- Mr. Keel stated that due to the uncertainty of the weather, service cancellations have been made for January 24 with service running from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. Ice is the primary factor with this decision. There will be no Trolley service on Saturday or Sunday. A decision will be made on Sunday regarding Monday operations.
- Relative to the Proterra buses, two of them are on and one is operational. The Fleet Manager and mechanics will look at everything needed to put them back in service. Greenlink serves as Emergency support transportation function for the City of Greenville and Greenville County.
- Greenlink has been quietly running 30-minute service this week with the new battery electric Gillig buses. Public advertising will be done to announce this service within the next week and Greenlink will be doing a marketing expo with the Michelin Foundation, who provided local funds for a portion of the vehicles.

No Public Comments related to items not on the agenda:

Mr. David Mitchell made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Seth Cochran with Eastside Transportation, who has not signed up to speak, to provide comments. Mr. Stephen Astemborski seconded the motion. There is no opposition. The motion carries.

Seth Cochran with Eastside Transportation stated he is familiar with trolley operations. A lot of questions the Board has relative to trolley route is something he has been thinking about for the past year or two. He has a meeting scheduled with James Keel to share information with him.

Mr. David Mitchell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. John Slipke seconded the motion. There is no opposition. The motion carries. The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by: Lorrie Brown Date: 2/26/26
Lorrie Brown, Board Secretary

Approved by: Amanda Warren Date: 2/26/26
Amanda Warren, Chair