

Grand Rapids Public Utilities

September 23, 2026

Operational and Capital Updates

GRPU Management Team



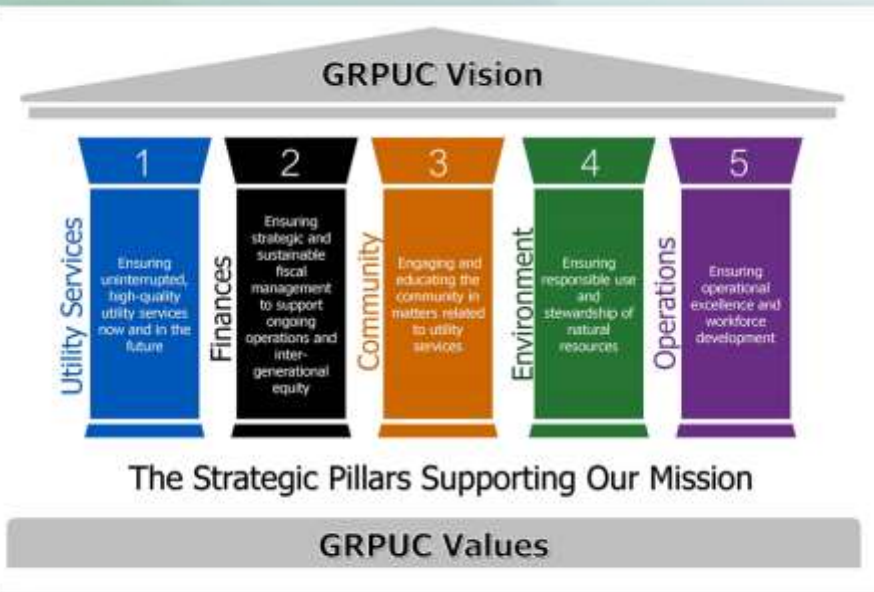
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MISSION VISION VALUES

WHO WE ARE

Grand Rapids Public Utilities (GRPU) is a statutory municipal utility established by the city of Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission (GRPUC) provides full control, operation and management of the GRPU electric power distribution system, the water production, treatment and distribution systems, and the wastewater collection and treatment systems.



Our Vision

Our vision is to be a dynamic public asset for the thriving community of Grand Rapids, enhancing lives and fostering growth through excellence in the provision of essential utility services.



Our Mission

Our mission is to empower GRPU team members to deliver safe, reliable, affordable, sustainable, and customer-focused utility services for our community.



Our Values

Safety

We hold paramount the well-being of our employees and the public in all operations.

Integrity

We uphold ethical standards and foster trust with all stakeholders.

Customer Focus

We prioritize customer needs and satisfaction in all our decisions and actions.

Efficiency

We maximize resources to provide cost-effective services without compromising quality.

Reliability

We consistently deliver high-quality utility services and strive for uninterrupted access.

Sustainability

We employ environmentally responsible practices in our operations and services.

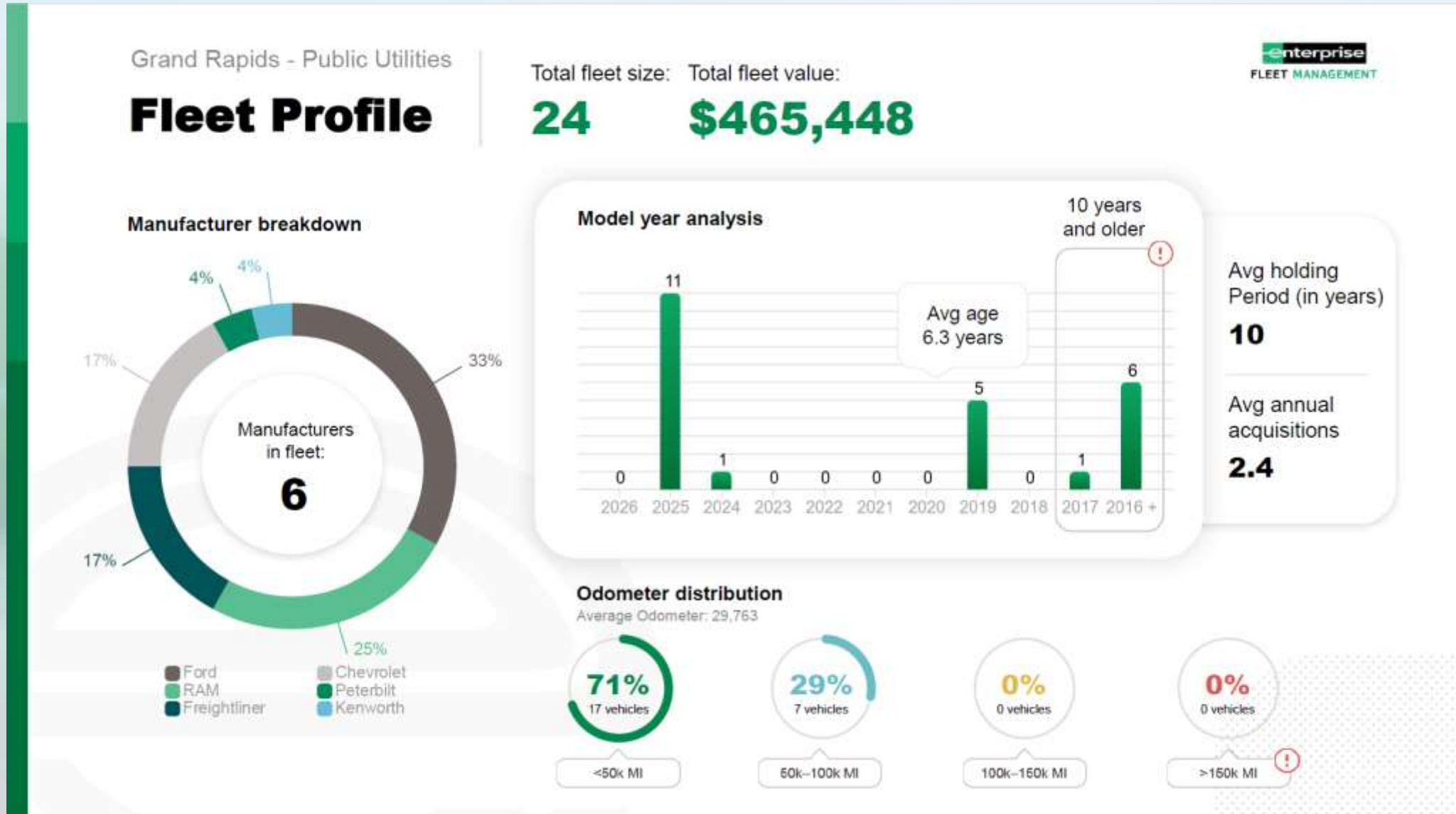
Transparency

We openly share information and decision-making processes, promoting informed community involvement.



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Operations: Enterprise Fleet Analysis by Taylor Bird





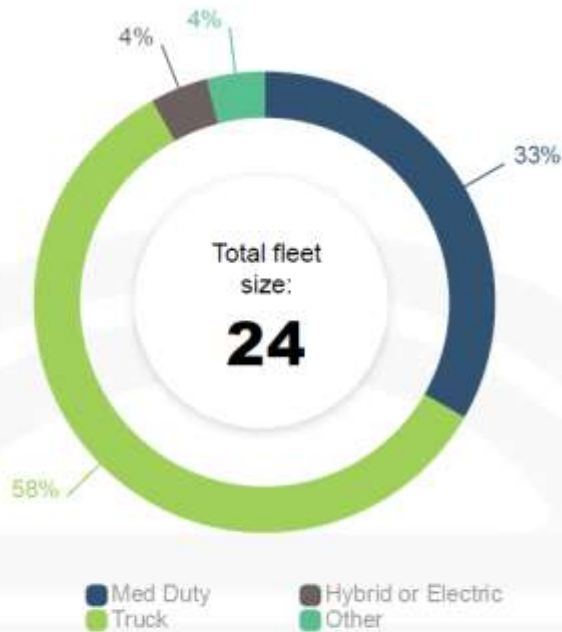
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Vehicle Classes

Vehicle class overview



Vehicle Type	Quantity	Avg Age	Avg Annual Mileage
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1/2 Ton Pickup Quad 4x4	6	1.3	5,697
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1 Ton Pickup Quad 4x4	3	1.3	4,857
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1 Ton Cab Chassis	3	11.7	5,603
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3/4 Ton Pickup Ext 4x4	1	7.3	3,507
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Compact Pickup Quad 4x4	1	2.3	2,706
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Med Duty Cab Chassis	6	12.0	5,173
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1 1/2 Ton Cab Chassis	2	6.3	2,148
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Electric Pickup	1	1.3	6,526
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Other	1	7.3	1,976
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Totals/Averages:	24	6.3	4,724
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enterprise
FLEET MANAGEMENT

Vehicle types

9

Avg Odometer

29,763



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Current Equity Position - \$10,352.16

Equity on Flagged Vehicles \$27,500.00

24 vehicles in fleet

Owned Leased



KEY OBSERVATIONS

*Maintenance decreased by 34% based on your 2025 data

*Original Analysis was off of 16 vehicles, now showing 24 vehicles total

*EFM has sold 8 vehicles thus far for \$96,404 vs. \$101,000 estimated off 12 (\$2,400 higher per vehicle)

*Average fuel price per gallon increased 29%, but due to better MPG overall fuel has decreased even with a larger fleet

*Vehicle price increase was based off of make/model selection and overall industry price increase

Vehicle Type	Quantity	Avg Age	Avg Miles Per Year
TRUCK	22	6.5	0
CAR	2	4.0	0
VAN	0	0.0	0
SUV	0	0.0	0
Totals/Averages:	24	5.4	4,533

2023 compared to 2026

16 vehicles	Total vehicles in fleet	24 vehicles	↑
11 years	Average Age	5 years	↓
62,700 mi	Average Odometer	29,763 mi	↓
5,700 mi	Avg Miles Per Year	4,533 mi	↓
12 mpg	Average MPG	22 mpg	↑
16 years	Holding Period	5 years	↓
\$38,561	Average Delivered Price	\$45,396	↑
\$	Average Resale	\$20,654	
80 mT	C02 Emissions (mT)	44 mT	↓



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Enterprise Fleet – Procurement Cycle

- Vehicle bids are typically released mid-year (approximately July) for the following model-year vehicle
- GRPU will budget the year in advance for planned vehicle replacements
 - Example: Budget in 2027 for a 2028 model-year vehicle
- Finalize vehicle selection and pricing once bids are available late summer/early fall
- Target delivery: Winter 2027/2028 for 2028 model-year vehicles

Recommended 2027 Fleet Activity

- Replace one truck (Electrician)
- Existing truck will be sold/removed from the fleet
- New 2028 model truck purchase to be included in the 2027 budget

Engaging and Educating the Community (EC)

Operations: Tall Timber Days by Julie Kennedy

- GRPU participated in the 2026 Tall Timber Days Parade
- 6 GRPU employees participated, along with 28 family members and friends
- Handed out candy, fruit snacks, Goldfish crackers, and glow sticks along the parade route
- A fun opportunity for employees and their families to connect with the community and represent GRPU
- Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the day a success!



Engaging and Educating the Community (EC)

Operations: Caring Fund by Julie Kennedy

Customers can choose to **round up their monthly GRPU payment to the next whole dollar.**

The rounded-up amount is donated to the **Caring Fund**, administered by the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation.

It's an easy **neighbor-to-neighbor way to help**—often just a few cents at a time.

Sign up through the **Programs** page on the GRPU website.

Learn more at www.grpuc.org or visit us on Facebook



Public Utilities Caring Fund

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES CARING FUND
a little change can change a lot!

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
GRAND RAPIDS AREA

Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission (GRPUC) has partnered with the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation to help our neighbors in need. When you choose to round your bill up to the next dollar, GRPUC donates that difference to **GRPUC Caring Fund** at the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation. All of the Caring Fund donations will be used for your neighbors in utility crisis by providing small grants for emergency needs. *While each donation is less than a dollar, when we share a little, we make a big difference in our local community.*

This is not an automatic program. You must sign up to be part of this neighbor-to-neighbor solution. You may complete the back of this card and return it with your bill, or complete a form available online at www.grpuc.org. For more information, call: 218-326-7024.



Use and Stewardship of the Natural Environment (NE)

Capital: Project Close Out: Landfill Cover Project by Julie Kennedy

Description: Phase 1-4, Kettle D is a closed landfill that is in the post-closure care period. Leachate generation from this closed landfill currently averages around 3 truck loads per day and should be closer to 15 truck loads per year.

Purpose: The new geosynthetic membrane cover will drastically reduce leachate generation which is required to exit post-closure care period.

Success: The new cover will reduce leachate generation requiring less management in the future, allow the landfill to exit post-closure care, and provide operation flexibility in the WWTP staffing schedule.



Close Out Phase: Final Budget to Actual						
Dept	Project #	Strategic Goal	Status	Consultant / Contractor	Internal Labor	Total Project
485	WTCP8505	NE-1	Budget	\$2,580,350	\$19,650	\$2,600,000
			Actual	\$1,488,883	\$19,472	\$1,508,355
			Budget to Actual	58%	99%	58%

Operational Excellence (OE)

Operations: August Safety Summary by Julie Kennedy

Safety Topic This Month:

Safety Brad trained required employees on Job Briefings and Tailgates on September 16

Safety Committee Program Review This Month:

The Safety Committee met on September 17 and reviewed Job Briefings and Tailgates

Incidents Reported last Month by Department: (thru August workdays)

Administration: None

Business Services: None

Electric: None

Water-Wastewater: One

Cumulative Incidents for 2026

Recordable Incidents	2
Lost Time Days 2026	0
Restricted Days 2026	0
First Aid Only (not recordable)	0

Total FROI 2

Recordable Incident 5-year History

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
ADMIN	0	0	0	0	0
BUS SVCS	0	1	0	0	0
ELEC	0	0	1	0	0
W-WW	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	0	1	1	0	2

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Upcoming Commission Meetings

Work Session: October 14, 2026

Regular Meeting: October 28, 2026



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