

August 20, 2025

Mr. Randy Meyer
Mayor
City of Sheboygan Falls
375 Buffalo Street
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

Re: CY 2026 Local Share Funding for Transit Services

Greetings,

The City of Sheboygan is currently underway drafting its budget for calendar year 2026.

The projected cost to the City of Sheboygan Falls is set at \$45,³⁴⁸337 for CY 2026. The City of Sheboygan Falls will be billed \$11,337 quarterly for services. This represents a 13 percent increase over 2025.

Additionally, the City of Sheboygan Falls will be billed a fixed cost annually to be used towards the replacement of vehicles used to provide public transit service to the community.

The amount is calculated using the following formula:

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} \$92,000 & \times & 50\% & / & 15 \\ \text{Cost of a new bus} & & \text{Percent bus is used in} & & \text{Average lifetime} \\ \text{(20\% Local Share)} & & \text{Sheboygan Falls and Kohler} & & \text{years of bus} \end{array}$$


This amount is equal to \$3,067.00 which is then allocated out between Sheboygan Falls (75%) and Kohler (25%) based on route mileage in each community. The City of Sheboygan Falls is responsible for \$2,300 annually from 2020-2034.

Shoreline Metro and Metro Connection have been able to maintain efficient and cost-effective public transit services but face the same challenges with labor as many other sectors. Investments in our team members was and continues to be a priority to ensure service remains reliable for our customers. Continued shortfalls in customer revenue and the loss of CDBG funds are being offset with the assistance of CARES Act and American Rescue Plan Act funds. These funds will also ease the burden on local share support from partnering municipalities, but will be exhausted in the next few years.

The City of Sheboygan Falls' commitment and investment in public transit services is more critical than ever as the local economy continues to grow post-pandemic and jobs remain strong in the service area.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the transit budget, other funding, or service levels. I can be reached by email at dmuench@shorelinemetro.com or telephone at 920-459-3140. Your community's commitment toward providing transit service is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Muench', with a stylized, cursive script.

Derek Muench
Director of Transit & Parking
City of Sheboygan
(920) 459-3140

**AGREEMENT FOR TRANSIT SERVICE
BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHEBOYGAN AND THE CITY OF SHEBOYGAN FALLS**

THIS AGREEMENT, made by and between the City of Sheboygan, a municipal corporation of the State of Wisconsin, with principal offices located at 828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, hereafter referred to as SHEBOYGAN; and the City of SHEBOYGAN FALLS, a Wisconsin city with principal offices located at 375 Buffalo Street, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, hereinafter referred to as SHEBOYGAN FALLS;

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, SHEBOYGAN currently owns and operates a transit system, providing service in the Sheboygan metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, SHEBOYGAN has established a transit commission (hereinafter referred to as COMMISSION) pursuant to § 66.1021, Wis. Stats., which commission is responsible for the maintenance and operation of SHEBOYGAN's comprehensive, unified local transportation system (hereinafter referred to as SHORELINE METRO); and

WHEREAS, both the Federal Transportation Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation assist in the subsidization of the operating deficit under formula grant programs; and

WHEREAS, SHEBOYGAN FALLS seeks to contract with SHEBOYGAN for the provision of public transit services from SHEBOYGAN to and within SHEBOYGAN FALLS; and

WEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is to set forth the terms and conditions under which transit service is to be provided by SHEBOYGAN to SHEBOYGAN FALLS.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. SERVICES & SERVICE LEVEL

During the term of this agreement, SHORELINE METRO shall operate regularly scheduled fixed route bus service to SHEBOYGAN FALLS as described in Attachment A. In addition, SHORELINE METRO will provide door-to-door accessible paratransit service to individuals unable to use the fixed route bus service in SHEBOYGAN FALLS in accordance with Adults with Disabilities Act of 1992 (ADA). SHORELINE METRO will also provide on-demand service on weekday evenings and Saturdays.

Any changes to the level of bus service as described in Attachment A will require the prior approval of the COMMISSION and the appropriate legislative body of SHEBOYGAN FALLS. Such changes in service levels may require a corresponding adjustment in the percentage share of the Local Match for Services to SHEBOYGAN FALLS.

2. FARE STRUCTURE

During the term of this agreement, the COMMISSION shall be solely responsible for setting bus fares.

3. DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

SHEBOYGAN designates SHORELINE METRO as the provider of the services set forth in this agreement.

4. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

SHEBOYGAN FALLS agrees to pay SHEBOYGAN an amount equal to its proportionate share of projected annual net operating deficit incurred by SHORELINE METRO. In 2026, this amount is equal to **\$45,348**. SHEBOYGAN FALLS agrees to make quarterly payments in four equal installments of **\$11,337** during the calendar year due on or before the following dates: March 30, June 30, September 30, and December 31. SHEBOYGAN shall invoice SHEBOYGAN FALLS for such payments prior to each date.

Additionally, SHEBOYGAN FALLS will be invoiced a fixed annual cost to be used towards the replacement of vehicles used to provide public transit to the community.

The amount is calculated using the following formula:

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} \$92,000 & \times & 50\% & / & 15 \\ \text{Cost of a new bus} & & \text{Percent bus is used in} & & \text{Average lifetime} \\ \text{(20\% Local Share)} & & \text{Sheboygan Falls and Kohler} & & \text{years of bus} \end{array}$$

This amount is equal to \$3,067.00 which is then allocated out between Sheboygan Falls (75%) and Kohler (25%) based on route mileage in each community. SHEBOYGAN FALLS would be responsible for **\$2,300.00** annually from 2020-2034 and will be paid as part of the fourth quarter payment to SHEBOYGAN.

SHEBOYGAN may assess a penalty for payments that are not made within 30-days of invoice date equivalent to 1% of the payment amount.

5. INSURANCE

SHEBOYGAN shall carry and keep in force insurance coverage insuring SHEBOYGAN against liability for personal injuries or property damage arising out of the operation of such bus service, and covering each and all of the buses used by SHEBOYGAN in service provided to SHEBOYGAN FALLS.

6. OPERATING AUTHORITY

SHEBOYGAN shall have sole and ultimate authority and responsibility for the operation, control, and direction of bus service operated within SHEBOYGAN FALLS, pursuant to this agreement, and in accordance with terms herein.

7. RECORDS/INFORMATION

SHEBOYGAN shall, at the request of SHEBOYGAN FALLS, provide any and all information pertaining to the operations of SHORELINE METRO as long as providing such information is consistent with SHEBOYGAN policy. Information may include such things as meeting notices, minutes, policies, procedures, notifications, etc. Such requests shall be presented to SHEBOYGAN via writing and such requests shall be made ten (10) days in advance.

8. MEDIATION OF DISPUTES

Any disputes over the interpretation of application of this agreement which cannot be resolved by the parties shall be submitted to a mediator before any legal action may be taken in a court of law. Said mediator may be a representative of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

9. FORCE MAJEURE

In no event shall SHEBOYGAN be deemed to be in default of any provision of this agreement for failure to perform, where such failure is due to strikes, walkouts, riots, civil insurrections or disorders, act of God, adverse weather conditions, or for any other cause or causes beyond the control of SHEBOYGAN.

10. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this agreement one hundred and twenty (120) days following delivery of a written notice to the other party. If SHEBOYGAN FALLS terminates this agreement, SHEBOYGAN FALLS will agree to pay for pro-rated service costs up to and including the last day of service.

11. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall remain in effect until modified or terminated and will be binding upon the parties mutually and upon their successors and assigns.

12. LOCAL MATCH FOR SERVICES

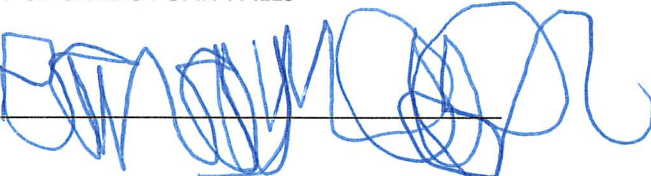
SHEBOYGAN shall, on an annual basis, determine the local share responsibility for SHEBOYGAN FALLS. This amount will be based on the level of service desired by SHEBOYGAN FALLS for the calendar year. The local match is comprised of total costs of providing service, total revenues from service, and federal and state funding mass transit aids. Costs of providing service are calculated annually.

The local share for the service level provided to SHEBOYGAN FALLS for 2025 is **\$45,337**. Any changes to the service level, operational costs and revenues, changes in state mass transit aids or changes in federal mass transit aids may cause the local share to change. SHORELINE METRO shall notify SHEBOYGAN FALLS during the budget process of its local share contribution for the following year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed their hands and seals

DATED THIS 3rd DAY OF September, 2025.

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN FALLS

BY: 

Name: Randy Meyer

Title: Mayor

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

BY: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

ATTEST:

Brianna Baesemann

Title: _____
Name: City Clerk

ATTEST:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Name: Brianna Baesemann

ATTACHMENT A

Level of Service for 2026

1. FIXED ROUTE - Weekdays (Monday through Friday)

<u>Route</u>	<u>Daily Trips</u>	<u>Run Times</u>	<u>Headway</u>	<u>% Billed</u>
20 North	4	5:45 a.m.	:60 min.	75%
		7:15 a.m.	:60 min.	75%
		11:15 a.m.	:60 min.	75%
		12:15 p.m.	:60 min.	75%
20 South	4	1:45 p.m.	:60 min.	75%
		4:15 p.m.	:60 min.	75%
		5:45 p.m.	:60 min.	75%
		7:15 p.m.	:60 min.	75%

2. FIXED ROUTE – Saturdays

<u>Route</u>	<u>Daily Trips</u>	<u>Run Times</u>	<u>Headway</u>	<u>% Billed</u>
20 North	2	8:15 a.m.	:60 min.	75%
		9:15 a.m.	:60 min.	75%
20 South	3	11:45 a.m.	:60 min.	75%
		2:15 p.m.	:60 min.	75%
		3:15 p.m.	:60 min.	75%

3. PARATRANSIT - Weekdays (Monday through Friday)

Service shall be provided from 5:15 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. on weekdays and 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays. Trips may be taken in accordance with Shoreline Metro policy.

NOTES:

- No service will be provided on major holidays including New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.
- Service on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve may be altered depending on the day of the week these holidays fall on in a particular year.

ATTACHMENT B

New Fare Schedule for 2026

Adult

Cash Fare.....\$2.00 per trip

Student

Cash Fare.....\$2.00 per trip

Punch Card\$11.00 (20 punches)

Senior Citizen/Disabled

Cash Fare.....\$1.00 per trip

Punch Pass\$10.00 (20 rides)

All Customers

Monthly Pass.....\$50.00

30-Day Pass (App Only).....\$45.00

Day Pass\$4.00

Day Pass (6-pack)\$18.50

Children Under 5 years of ageFREE w/ Fare Paying Adult

Paratransit.....\$4.00 per one-way trip

NOTES:

- Children under 5 years of age may ride free when accompanied by a fare paying adult passenger.
- Students must be under high school age or younger enrolled full time at a primary or secondary school.
- Senior citizens and individuals with a disability may ride at the reduced fare upon presentation of proper identification recognized by Shoreline Metro. Identification cards are available for eligible disabled customers.
- Fixed route fares may be purchased digitally (no fee) using the HotSpot app available in Google Play and the Apple Store.
- Paratransit customers may schedule trips using the Metro Connection On-Demand app available in the Google Play and the Apple Store.