

**OFFICIAL PUBLICATION  
DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (DART)  
COMMISSION MEETING – April 1, 2025 CHERRY STREET, DES MOINES, IA 50309  
[The above Commission Meeting was held in a hybrid format].**

**Commissioners/Alternates Present and Voting:**

Dean O'Connor, Todd Shafer, Angela McKenzie, Chris Coleman, Connie Boesen (zoom), Paula Dierenfeld, Angela Connolly, Bridget Montgomery, Russ Trimble (zoom), Tom Hadden, Joseph Jones (zoom) and Lauren Campbell

**Commissioners Absent:**

Michael McCoy, Andrew Borcharding and Ross Grooters

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Bridget Montgomery called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Notice of the meeting was duly published.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice Chair Bridget Montgomery requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

It was moved by Dean O'Connor and seconded by Todd Shafer to approve the April 1, 2025, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

- 6A. Commission Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2025
- 6B. State Consolidated Grant Funding Application FY 2026
- 6C. FY 2026 State PTIG Grant Application
- 6D. June 2025 Service Change Approval
- 6E. Title VI Program Approval
- 6F. Computerized Wheel Alignment System Approval
- 6G. Adsplosure Contract Approval
- 6H. February Consolidated Financials

It was moved by Dean O'Connor and seconded by Todd Shafer to approve the consent items. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2023 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY RATES**

Amber Dakan, Finance Director, provided a brief background on the FY2026 Budget.

Vice Chair, Bridget Montgomery opened a Public Hearing at 12.14 p.m. to discuss the DART FY2026 budget and tax levy rates and asked for comments from the floor.

Heather Armstrong, Garland Armstrong and Thomas Washington all spoke during the public hearing concerning DART route observations. No comments were related to the FY 2026 DART budget.

Heather Washendorf commented through the online chat concerns regarding ongoing legislative changes potentially impacting the FY 2026 DART budget.

Vice Chair, Bridget Montgomery closed the Public Hearing of the FY2026 Budget and Tax Levy Rates at 12.22 p.m. No action was taken.

**7A – ACTION** – Approve FY2026 Budget and Tax Levy Rates

It was moved by Angela Connolly and seconded by Todd Shafer to approve the FY2026 Budget and Tax Levy Rates as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION** – REIMAGINE DART CONCEPTS with Jarrett Walker & Associates

**ADJOURN**

Vice Chair Bridget Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 1.41 p.m.

**\*\*\*OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE NEXT DART COMMISSION MEETING DATE IS HEREBY PUBLISHED:**

**The next regular DART monthly Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the DART Multimodal Room at 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Both in-person and virtual options for attendance of the May 6, 2025 Commission meeting will be offered as follows: (1) Commission members, staff, and the public will be allowed to attend this Commission meeting in person in the DART Multimodal Room at 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, Iowa; and (2) Commission members, staff, and the public will be allowed to attend this Commission meeting via a virtual platform such as Zoom. Participation directions for such virtual meeting option are as follows:**

**<https://ridedart.zoom.us/j/81807906910?pwd=omcZKbfVgHEKuiwoTXMV9bZifLZcpe.1&from=addon>**

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