Quick Facts on Middle Tennessee’s Transit Organizations
Some Characteristics of Bus Riders

- Customers who choose to ride make up 32% of ridership while those who rely on mass transit make up 68%.

- In terms of trip purpose, about 50% of trips are for work purposes; with social (20%), school (10%), shopping (8%), and medical (7%) trips making up the remainder of dominant trip purposes.

- “Frequent” riders, using service at least once a day, make up 72% of ridership.

- 24% of riders began using service within the previous year.

- 85% of riders walked to transit service, with 2/3 coming from within ¼ mile.

- 58% of all riders have household incomes below $30,000 annually.

- Only 3% of riders are over age 65, and only 6% are under age 18.
Bus Service

Annual Service Hours

- Service Hours
- Riders

Annual Ridership

- 12,000,000
- 10,000,000
- 8,000,000
- 6,000,000
- 4,000,000
- 2,000,000
- 0
Funds come from a mix of sources:

- MTA Self-Generated - $16.8 M
- Local (Metro) - $40 M
- State - $4.6 M
- Federal - $12.2 M

Fiscal Year 2016
Total Budget: $73.6 million
Relationship to RTA of Middle Tennessee

- Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee (RTA) is an independent Authority created under State Legislation.

- Nashville MTA is contracted to manage RTA services under a fee for service agreement.

- Funding comes from Membership Dues, Federal and State Funding, and Local Contributions based on services provided.

- Board of Directors composed of mayors of member communities, TDOT, and Governor’s appointees.
RTA Quick Facts

• Annual Ridership: More than 850,000 passenger trips

• Express Bus Routes: 10

• Music City Star Regional Train began in 2006

• Operating Budget: $9.5 million

• RTA Property: 6 train stations in Davidson and Wilson counties (Riverfront, Donelson, Hermitage, Mt. Juliet, Martha, Lebanon)
2006-2010 does not include vanpool riders.
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