

# Minutes

Committee of the Whole



**Meeting Date:** September 6, 2023

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Steet

## Members Present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Tyronne Carter, District 3
- Deb Barber, District 4
- John Pacheco Jr., District 5

- Robert Lilligren, District 6
- Yassin Osman, District 7
- Anjuli Cameron, District 8
- Diego Morales, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Gail Cederberg, District 11

- Susan Vento, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14
- Tenzin Dolkar, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
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## Call to Order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:05 p.m.

## Agenda Approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

## Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

## Information

1. Discussion of Blue Line Extension Capital Grant Agreement and Green Line Extension Funding

Nick Thompson, Deputy General Manager, Capital Programs, shared background and answered questions regarding the METRO Blue Line Extension Capital Grant Agreement and Green Line Extension funding. Thompson began with an overview of transportation finance, new fiscal commitments, and the Regional Sales Tax. Thompson then shared information about the METRO Green Line Extension project costs, schedule, and opening, as well as an overview of the Green Line Extension funding agreement framework. Thompson then shared information about the METRO Blue Line Extension, as well as multi-modal transportation and a history of light rail transit (LRT) versus bus rapid transit (BRT), and the Transitway Advancement Policy and enterprise risk.

Council members had questions and comments regarding the scope of the agreement with regard to current and future projects, the amount of relief provided to the counties, specific funding amounts, the timeline and obstacles of the Kenilworth Trail, sales tax revenue, flexibility and usage of federal funds and sales tax revenue, and stability of 5307 funding. Council members also discussed the METRO Green Line Extension condo dispute, enterprise risk and the Transitway Advancement Policy, lack of benefit to the rest of the region with the agreement, the impact of this agreement on funding decisions for future projects, and

transparency and timing of decisions.

### **Adjournment**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

### **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole meeting of September 6, 2023.

Approved this 20th day of September 2023.

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