

# Minutes

Committee of the Whole



**Meeting Date:** September 20, 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

Council Vice Chair Chamblis called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:03 p.m.

## Agenda Approved

Approval of minutes was moved to the end of the agenda due to the lack of a quorum. Council Members did not have any other comments or changes to the agenda.

## Information

### 1. Transit Rider Investment Program

Lesley Kandaras, General Manager, Metro Transit introduced the Transit Rider Investment Program (TRIP,) and presenter Leah Palmer, Interim Manager, TRIP. TRIP is an outcome of the 2023 legislative session that provides for: TRIP personnel deployment, fare payment inspection, administrative citation issuance, rider education and assistance, and improvements to the transit experience.

Council members had questions and comments regarding cost of administration and the revenue impact on operations, demographics related to those in need of social services, evaluation and training for ticket refusal, Narcan usage and safety issues, asking for identification, and wayfinding and prevention of fare evasion.

### 2. Equity Framework for Imagine 2050

Angela Torres, Senior Manager, Regional Planning, and C Terrence Anderson, Director of Community Based Research at the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Minnesota, presented the equity approach in "Imagine 2050," the 2050 regional plan. Torres and Anderson discussed the Equity Task Force, the draft regional equity statement, and the racial equity framework.

Council members had questions and comments regarding investment in rental housing and homeownership, environmental justice engagement, sustainability, and rural issues and engagement.

### 3. Scenario Planning: Transportation Findings

Baris Gumus-Dawes, Planning Analyst, Community Development, Dennis Farmer, Planning Analyst, Metropolitan Transportation Services, and Jonathan Ehrlich, Senior Manager, MTS Research, shared scenario planning and transportation findings. The key transportation concepts are vehicle miles traveled per capita, greenhouse gas emissions, job accessibility by car, job accessibility by transit, and transit market areas. Key findings include: dispersed scenarios make meeting state emissions reductions targets, and attaining our region's draft goal on climate mitigation, more difficult; reduced accessibility in dispersed scenarios may reduce the overall efficiency of the regional highway system; and most of the existing land development patterns stay the same in all scenarios, which limits the impacts of scenarios on transit market areas.

Council members had questions and comments regarding the working regional goals, travel shed, and job accessibility by transit.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Because a quorum of Council members was not reached, the approval of the minutes of the September 6, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole will be moved to the October 4, 2023 meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:33 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 20, 2023.

Approved this 4th day of October 2023.

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