

Metropolitan Council

Meeting date: May 22, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 22, 2019

Subject: Transportation Committee Meeting, Resolution 2019-10

District(s), Member(s): All districts

Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. § 13D.04, *Metropolitan Council Bylaws*

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Division/Department: Metro Transit

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolution 2019-10 to set the regular meeting schedule of the Transportation Committee, effective beginning July 1, 2019.

Background

The Metropolitan Council and other public bodies that are subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law are required to adopt a schedule of their regular meetings. (Minn. Stat. § 13D.04, subd. 1.)

The Council establishes its regular meetings, and the regular meetings of its committees, by resolution.

The Council-adopted schedule of regular meetings currently provides that regular meetings of the Transportation Committee are held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 4 p.m. These regular meetings are held at the Robert Street offices January through June and at the F.T. Heywood (Heywood) offices July through December.

However, the Heywood Chambers are currently closed for construction, and there are not suitable places to hold Transportation Committee meetings at Heywood aside from the Chambers.

Resolution 2019-10 would establish that regular meetings of the Transportation Committee are held at Robert Street beginning on July 1, 2019. Following Heywood Chambers construction, Metro Transit intends to return to the Metropolitan Council with a subsequent resolution to return regular meetings of the Transportation Committee to Heywood for a portion of each year.

Rationale

This resolution will allow the Transportation Committee to hold regular meetings at Robert Street effective beginning July 1, 2019.

A resolution is required in order to make the July-December 2019 Robert Street meetings “regular” meetings. If the Council or one of its committees decides to hold a meeting at a time or place different than the time or place of a regular meeting, that meeting is a “special meeting” for which the Council must give at least three calendar days’ notice of the “date, time, place, and purpose of the [special] meeting.” Minn. Stat. § 13D.04, subd. 2(a). Agenda items for a special meeting can be removed, but business or information items not on the posted notice of the special meeting cannot be added or considered at the committee meeting.

Thrive Lens Analysis

By adopting this resolution that sets regular meetings at Robert Street beginning on July 1, 2019, the Transportation Committee meeting schedule is clearer to members of the public. This supports Thrive principles of collaboration and accountability.

Funding

There is no cost associated with this resolution.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this resolution.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 Robert Street North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1805

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING LOCATION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

- WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Council is subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law which requires the Metropolitan Council to adopt a schedule of regular meetings that identifies the time and place of the Metropolitan Council's regular meetings. (Minn. Stat. § 13D.04, subd. 1); and
- WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Council Bylaws require the Metropolitan Council to set its regular meeting schedule by resolution; and
- WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Council-adopted schedule of regular meetings currently provides that regular meetings of the Transportation Committee are held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 4:00 p.m. These regular meetings are held at the Robert Street offices January through June and at the Fred T. Heywood offices July through December; and
- WHEREAS, Due to construction at the Fred T. Heywood offices, the Transportation Committee will not have an adequate place to hold meetings that is easily accessible by the Metropolitan Council Members and members of the public for the remainder of 2019; and
- WHEREAS, Holding regular meetings of the Transportation Committee at the Robert Street location from July-December 2019 will allow the Transportation Committee to meet without the complications associated with Fred T. Heywood construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution:

Beginning July 1, 2019, the regular meetings of the Transportation Committee will be held at 390 Robert Street North in Saint Paul, Minnesota, on the second and fourth Monday of each month, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Nora Slawik, Chair

Elizabeth Sund, Recording Secretary