

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting Date: June 22, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Deb Barber, District 4
- Molly Cummings, District 5

- John Pacheco, District 6
- Robert Lilligren, District 7
- Abdirahman Muse, District 8
- Raymond Zeran, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Susan Vento, District 11

- Francisco Gonzalez, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Kris Fredson, District 14
- Phillip Sterner, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present, E = excused

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Council Member Barber called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Approved

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2022, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public Invitation

Mark Hughes shared his concerns regarding Metro Mobility service hours and would like someone to follow up with him.

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 1-16)

1. **2022-104:** That the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Work Order 1 ("WO #1"; Contract #22I003A), issued under the Master Partnership Contract (#22I003) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation ("MnDOT") for concrete and bituminous plant inspections related to construction of the Green Line Extension Project ("Project") in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.
2. **2022-105:** That the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Work Order 10 ("WO #10") 22I003J issued under the Master Partnership Contract (#22I003) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation ("MnDOT") for plant inspections related to construction of the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project ("the Gold Line") in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.
3. **2022-128:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City of Ramsey to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.

2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Land Use.
4. **2022-138:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City of Plymouth to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
 3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for wastewater, forecasts, housing, and natural resources.
5. **2022-139:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Approve the Rush Creek Regional Trail Land-for-Facilities exchange described in the body of this report.
 2. Approve the consent to easement on 0.439 acres of land and consent to temporary easement on 5.40 acres of land within the Rush Creek Regional Trail corridor, as illustrated in Figure 3, in exchange for two grade separated trail crossings.
 3. Require Three Rivers Park District, prior to initiating any new development of the regional trail corridor, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.
6. **2022-141:** That the Metropolitan Council amend the Regional Parks System Competitive Equity Grant Program 2019 Fund Distribution Plan to allow for an additional one-year extension for the awarded grants.
7. **2022-142:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Approve a grant of up to \$385,590 to Washington County to acquire the 3.82-acre Wald property located at 11500 Grey Cloud Trail South, Cottage Grove, for Grey Cloud Island Regional Park.
 2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
8. **2022-150:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract 22R006 with Intersection Media LLC, for transit advertising revenue services with a minimum annual guaranteed (MAG) revenue of \$59,650,000.
9. **2022-151:** That the Metropolitan Council establish a date to conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2023 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan. The hearing will take place on August 15, 2022, at 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers.
10. **2022-152:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Approve the attached Joint Powers Agreement between the Metropolitan Council and the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) for the administration of the Community Choice Demonstration program.
 2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Council.
11. **2022-160:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an administrative settlement on Parcel 340 (Helmo) in an amount not to exceed \$6,150,000, for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project ("Project")."
12. **2022-163:** That the Metropolitan Council approve resolution 2022-12 authorizing the Regional Administrator to apply for Section 5311 Formula Grants for Rural Areas funding for 2022 from the Minnesota Department of Transportation to support Transit Link dial-a-ride services for the 2023 calendar year.
13. **2022-164:** That the Metropolitan Council ratify the Emergency Declaration for Information



Services Staff Augmentation Services in an amount not to exceed \$3,999,999.

14. **2022-165:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to:
 1. Enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for Calendar Year 2023 to provide funding for public commuter rail service in Sherburne County, Minnesota, for an amount up to \$1.7 million per year.
 2. Execute the attached Resolution of the Governing Body (Metropolitan Council) to enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2023.
15. **2022-166:** That the Council adopt the proposed amendment (attached) to the 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
16. **2022-167:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing in October 2022 to gather input on the draft facility plan for the 1-MN-320 reconstruction project, MCES Project No. 809205.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Lee.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business – Reports of Standing Committees

Community Development

1. **2022-157:** That the Metropolitan Council award four Livable Communities Act Predevelopment Grants totaling \$475,000 as shown Table 1 below.

Table 1. Recommended Grant Projects and Funding Amounts

Applicant	Recommended Project	Award Amount
City of Brooklyn Center	International Food Village	\$100,000
City of Minneapolis	Jema River	\$150,000
City of Minneapolis	Re+4RM Project	\$150,000
City of Saint Paul	African American Community Development Center	\$75,000

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Lee.

Motion carried.

Environment

1. **2022-168:** That the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached Emergency Declaration for repairs to the Seneca headworks belt.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Sterner.

Motion carried.

Management

1. **2022-163:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 82 AFL-CIO, effective for the period May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2025.

It was moved by Gonzalez, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

Transportation

1. **2022-134:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 82 AFL-CIO, effective for the period May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2025.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Lilligren.

Council member Pacheco stated he will support the item since the discussions he had with council members and staff. Council member Muse stated he will support the item if we fulfill our commitment to ongoing engage with residents. Council member Barber stated there was a lot of discussion at Transportation Committee and all questions were answered and they committed to ongoing public engagement.

Motion carried.

2. **2022-158:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) take action to advance the proposed route modification for the METRO Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project (“Project”) as outlined in the April 18, 2022 Route Modification Report and to direct staff to proceed with design and additional environmental evaluation.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Lilligren.

Council Member Lilligren expressed appreciation to the project staff for their work, the process, and engagement with the project. Council Member Wulff stated the ridership numbers have not been updated and has concerns with the cost of the project, so she is voting no. Council member Chamblis said there are current issues, but the community and region will benefit in the future and supports the item. Barber thanked council member Lilligren and Council member Chamblis for their involvement with the project and for meeting with the community.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye:	14	Barber, Chamblis, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Zeran
Nay:	1	Wulff
Absent:	5	Cummings, Lindstrom, Johnson, Vento, Chair Zelle

Joint Reports

1. **2020-140 JT:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and Advisory Comments and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Vermillion to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. The City needs provide to the Council the date the Watershed approves the final Local Water Management Plan, and the date the City adopts the final Local Water Management Plan. We also request that the City provide the Council with a copy of the final adopted Local Water Management Plan that will be included in the final Plan document that the City adopts, if it differs from the version in the Plan submitted to the Council on December 31, 2018.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts and water supply.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

2. **2022-156 JT:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and Advisory Comments and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Bethel to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.



2. Require the City provide to the Council the date the City adopted the final Local Water Management Plan, and a send a copy of the final Local Water Management Plan if it differs from the draft version, dated September 2019.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts, housing, and water supply.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Zeran.

Motion carried.

Other Business

1. **2022-145:** That the Metropolitan Council endorse the Metro Transit Safety and Security Action Plan Areas of Work to advance the Metro Transit Police Work Group’s recommendations and establish a quarterly reporting requirement.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Lee.

Council Member Barber thanked and recognized Council Member Chamblis for her leadership on Transit safety as the chair of the police work group and thanked Lesley Kandaras. Council Member Lilligren stated this is important work, impressed with the collaboration, and is supportive.

Motion carried.

2022-178: That the Council approve Chair Zelle’s recommendation to:

1. Establish a 2050 Transportation Policy Plan Advisory Work Group to advise and guide Council staff throughout the development of the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP). Representation on the Work Group would include the following:

Representation
One TAB member from Hennepin or Ramsey counties
One TAB member from Carver, Dakota, or Scott counties
One TAB member from Anoka or Washington counties
One TAB member from Minneapolis or Saint Paul
Two TAB members from suburban cities
Three TAB members from modal or citizen representatives
One Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)
One Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
Four Metropolitan Council members
One Minnesota Council on Disability
One Metro Transit
One Suburban Transit Association

2. Appoint the following Metropolitan Council members to serve on the Work Group: Deb Barber, John Pacheco Jr., Francisco J. Gonzalez

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Gonzalez.

Motion carried.

Information

1. 2050 Regional Development Guide: Values, Vision, and Goals – Update on Engagement



(Michael Larson, 651-602-1407)

Michael Larson, Planning Analyst in the Community Development Division provided an update on the 2050 Regional Development Guide: values, vision, and goals review process, engagement to date, next steps for outreach and engagement, and emerging themes.

Council Member Wulff asked if elected townships and city officials are included in the stakeholder list and to include the smaller cities and towns. Council Member Lee youth groups.

2. Green Line Extension Project Update (Jim Alexander, 612-349-3880; Nick Thompson, 612-349-7507)

Jim Alexander, Project Director, provided an update on the Green Line Extension project, construction update including Statewide economic benefits, project scope, revised project schedule and cost process, civil construction, systems contract work, Franklin O&M Facility modifications, public involvement, and tours and events. Ashanti Payne, Office of Equal Opportunities, provided an update on DBE achievements and workforce updates. Nick Thompson provided an update on the next steps project budget.

Council member Pacheco asked for more detailed information in the presentation. Council member Chamblis stated a lot of work has already been done and encouraged everyone to take a tour and request regular updates on the project. Council member Lilligren had a question about meeting participation goals. Council member Gonzalez had questions about the project outcomes.

Reports

Council Member Barber reported the Metro Transit Rodeo is this weekend.

Regional Administrator Mary Bogie provided an update on the staffing shortage.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 8, 2022.

Approved this 22nd day of June 2022.

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