

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting Date: July 13, 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 Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:01 p.m.

Agenda Approved

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2022 regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public Invitation

Add any notes of conversation here.

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 1-9)

1. **2022-143:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Approve Three Rivers Park District's Luce Line Regional Trail Master Plan.
 2. Approve Three Rivers Park District's Medicine Lake Regional Trail Master Plan.
 3. Approve Three Rivers Park District's Shingle Creek Regional Trail Master Plan.
 4. Approve Three Rivers Park District's Northeast Diagonal Regional Trail Master Plan.
 5. Require Three Rivers Park District, prior to initiating any construction of new or updating of existing paths, trails, bridges, or any other construction project, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.
2. **2022-144:** That the Metropolitan Council accept the Regional Parks System state fiscal year 2023 operation and maintenance report, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. State Fiscal Year 2023 O&M Distribution (Revised)*

Agency	Reported Actual 2021 O&M Expenses	Estimated Distribution Amount
Anoka County	\$6,684,803.92	\$842,594.17
Bloomington Parks	\$679,345.74	\$82,554.28
Carver County	\$1,547,576.01	\$160,324.25
Dakota County	\$8,172,431.02	\$620,491.25
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB)	\$26,250,050.47	\$2,514,713.15
Ramsey County	\$7,548,194.19	\$849,153.39
Saint Paul Parks	\$18,500,821.60	\$1,357,125.55
Scott County	\$2,018,400.76	\$172,141.35
Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) - Hennepin & Scott	\$43,680,775.25	\$2,957,249.53
Washington County	\$5,077,548.49	\$433,653.08
TOTAL	\$120,159,947.45	\$9,990,000.00

*Table 1 has been revised since the MPOSC and CDC presentations to reflect the updated allocation amounts following the completion of the 2021 Visitor Study. These are the final allocation amounts for 2023. Final allocation amounts were presented to MPOSC on July 7, 2022.

3. **2022-161:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source Amendment #1 to contract #19P343 to increase the contract by \$1.62 million for total contract value of \$2,265,492.99.
4. **2022-174:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City of Blaine 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 regional parks.
5. **2022-175:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City of Lakeville to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts, natural resources, and surface water management.
6. **2022-177:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the proposed amendments of the Livable Communities Advisory Committee bylaws as shown in the Attachment.
7. **2022-179:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source contract 22P194 with Trapeze Software Group, Inc., for software enhancements in an amount no to exceed \$1,500,000.
8. **2022-182:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the Priority Waters List for resource decision use by Council staff. The list is included as an attachment to the following Business Item.
9. **2022-186:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the total cost, add two new federal funding sources and change a program year for MnDOT’s and the City of Bloomington’s I-494 mobility projects on I-494 from East Bush Lake Road to Minnesota Highway 77.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Cummings.

Motion carried.



Non-Consent Business – Reports of Standing Committees

Community Development

2022-176: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award 9 Tax Base Revitalization Account grants as shown in Table 1 below.
2. Authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Table 1. Tax Base Revitalization Account Grant Recommendations

Applicant	Recommended Seeding Equitable Environmental Development Projects	Recommended Amount
Minneapolis	Coliseum	\$72,500
Minneapolis	Native American Community Clinic	\$50,000
Minneapolis	2500 East Lake	\$46,600
Applicant	Recommended Contamination Cleanup Projects	Recommended Amount
Minneapolis	Northrup King Residential	\$527,400
Saint Louis Park EDA	Wooddale Station Redevelopment	\$477,000
Minneapolis	Calvary Apartments	\$678,500
Saint Paul	115 Plato	\$110,100
Saint Louis Park EDA	Wooddale Apartments	\$184,300
Golden Valley	Business Center	\$464,400
Total Recommended (All Grant Categories)		\$2,610,800
Balance		\$139,200

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

Environment

1. **2022-183:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award, negotiate and execute an Innovative Water Conservation Pilot Project Grant Agreement with St Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) recommended by staff in the total amount of \$250,000 for the years 2022 - 2024.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Chamblis.

Motion carried.

2. **2022-184:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement or agreements with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and Upper Sioux Community for excavation monitoring for tribal cultural resources during the construction of the five projects identified in the Lake Minnetonka Facility Plan. The cumulative value of this agreement or agreements will not exceed \$600,000.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Cummings.

Council Member Lilligren asked if this is the first joint powers of agreement. Staff replied yes, and there will be more.

Motion carried.



3. **2022-185:** That the Metropolitan Council authorized staff to negotiate an amendment to the original St. Paul Inflow and infiltration Demonstration Grant agreement (18M123) and authorize the Regional Administrator to approve and execute the amended agreement.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Lee.

Motion carried.

Management

1. **2022-197 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) Local 432 (Full-Time Police Officers).

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried.

2. **2022-198 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) Local 203 (Supervisors – Sergeants/Lieutenants).

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Gonzalez.

Motion carried.

3. **2022-199 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) Local 192 (Part-Time Police Officers).

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Wulff.

Council Member Vento asked why the full-time and part-time officers are in different bargaining units. Marcy Cordes responded and will follow-up.

Motion carried.

Transportation

1. **2022-169:** That the Metropolitan Council (“the Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to:

1. Negotiate and execute Amendment #1 to METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line) Capital Grant Agreement #211042 with the Gold Line Joint Powers Board (JPB) increasing the total grant amount to be received by the Council for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Project”) to an amount not to exceed \$195,915,033 to equal the Counties’ total project share of \$240,167,103; and
2. Refund the excess funds received from the Gold Line JPB for the Gold Line Capital Grant Agreement #191063 of \$30,897,015 back to the Gold Line JPB to be available for the METRO Gold Line Capital Grant Agreement #211042.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Gonzalez.

Motion carried.

2. **2022-171:** That the Metropolitan Council (“the Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract 21P320 with Ames Construction, for civil construction of the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Project”) in an amount not to exceed \$247,954,229.63, contingent upon receipt of Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) from the Federal Transit Administration and approval of the LONP work from the Gold Line Joint Powers Board.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Cummings.

Motion carried.

3. **2022-172 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council (“the Council”) authorize the Regional



Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract 22P098 with SRF, Inc., for construction contract administration and inspection services for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Project”) in an amount not to exceed \$13,565,256.44.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Lee.

Motion carried.

4. **2022-173:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 22P031 with HNTB, to provide environmental and peer review services for the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Project”) in an amount not to exceed \$3,646,800.43.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

5. **2022-187 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to:
 - Enter into an agreement with the University of Minnesota for a Universal Pass Agreement for registered students at the University of Minnesota for the period of August 15, 2022 to August 14, 2026.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Sterner.

Council Member Barber expressed thanks to staff and all the work that has been done. Council Member Fredson recognized the support of the student body. Council Member Vento stated there might be interest in other districts. Barber replied we are continuing to work with other schools.

Motion carried.

Other Business

1. **2022-196:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the following two-year appointments through July 2024 to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee:

Development Finance

- James Terrell

Development (2 openings)

- James (Kou) Vang
- Alondra Cano

Transportation

- Samantha McKinney

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Lilligren.

Council Member Vento and Council Member Lee expressed thanks to Katie Driscoll and staff for their work and involvement.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Purple Line Update

Craig Lamothe, Project Manager, provided an update on the Purple Line project. He presented the potential BRT Route modifications, screening process, six distinct route options, and technical evaluation criteria.



Liz Jones, Outreach and Engagement Lead, presented the community engagement, communications, evaluation, feedback, and decision timeline.

Council Member Lilligren asked about the CBAC selection process. Liz Jones said they received applications and went through a selection committee. Council Member Chamblis asked if there is an engagement plan for students at Century College. Jones stated they have engaged with students and plan to meet with them this summer and fall. Chamblis also asked about ridership on Route 219. Lamothe said the ridership has been down but will reevaluate when students are back in school. Council Member Vento commented on Century College and its interest in the Purple Line. Council Member Lee commends the Gold Line CBAC and the outreach staff. Council Member Wulff had questions regarding dedicated right-a-ways and requirements. Lamothe stated we are following FTA requirements of at least 50% to qualify for the program. Council Member Gonzalez asked why the White Bear City Council decided not to support the project, the impact, and if changes to the route could be considered in the future. Lamothe stated the new Council and Mayor have concerns about the number of bus trips, size of buses, dedicated lanes, and parking. Lamothe said the impact is the risk to the project and funding, and to change things in the future would be difficult.

Reports

Council Member Sterner stated he had a nice experience on the METRO Green Line LRT.

Council Member Lindstrom provided an update from the Environment Committee and on the gas explosion in the sewer lines a couple weeks ago. He gave praise to staff and everyone who assisted.

Regional Administrator Mary Bogie reported we'll be gearing up for the state fiscal year 2024-2025 budget.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 13, 2022.

Approved this 27 day of July 2022.

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