

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting Date: September 27, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Charlie Zelle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Lilligren, District 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Vento, District 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 7 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 8 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenzin Dolkar, District 15 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Barber, District 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco, Jr., District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Cederberg, District 11 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present |

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 Chamblis, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public Invitation

No public comment.

Special Recognition

1. Kenya & Tanzania Parliament Delegation Visit. Members of Parliament from Kenya and Tanzania have traveled to the US to learn about policy solutions and program approaches to support good governance. Council members welcomed the guests.

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted (Item 1)

1. **2023-213:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Community Development Executive Director to execute grant agreements and amendments for:
 1. State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024/2025 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Program (Legacy),
 2. SFY 2024 Regional Parks Bonding Program (Bonding),
 3. SFY 2024 Legislatively Designated Pass-through Program (Pass-Through),
 4. SFY 2024 Regional Parks Modernization Program (Modernization), and

5. SFY 2024 Hazard Tree Removal/Ash Tree Replacement Program (Tree) up to the amounts indicated, and in accordance with the tables in the business item.

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business – Reports of Standing Committees

Community Development

1. Report on consent agenda.

Environment

1. **2023-185:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract 22P312 with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc., to provide services for the design of modifications to the Hastings sanitary sewer collection system in an amount not to exceed \$8,713,334.43.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

2. **2023-204:** That the Metropolitan Council revise Emergency Declaration 2023-103 for repairs of the maintenance hole for Interceptor 1-MN-330 at 27th Street West and Girard Avenue South in Minneapolis, from an estimated \$350,000 to an amount not to exceed of \$430,000.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Lilligren.

Motion carried.

3. **2023-205:** That the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached Emergency Declaration for repairs of the sink hole and Interceptor 7122 Low Head Crossing in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Cederberg.

Motion carried.

4. **2023-208:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 22P349A with Polydyne, Inc. to provide polymer to the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant in amount not to exceed \$2,399,000.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Osman.

Motion carried.

Management

1. **2023-159:** That the Metropolitan Council approve a sole source contract amendment for legal services for real estate acquisition for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project with Best & Flanagan LLP (19P037C) to increase the contract amount by \$150,000 to a total contract amount of \$1,525,000.

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried.

Transportation

1. **2023-189:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize Metro Transit staff to develop cleaning and repair standards for stations and vehicles as required by Minnesota Statutes section 473.412, including procedures for cleaning at defined minimum intervals, procedures for inspections at defined minimum intervals, methods for timely removal of graffiti and vandalism, methods for



timely repair of damages most impactful to the customer experience, and methods to measure and report on cleaning and repair activities.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by W.T. Carter.

Motion carried.

2. **2023-222 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into Memoranda of Understanding with Hennepin, Ramsey and Anoka counties for the Termination and Close Out of the Master Operations and Funding Agreement for Transitway Service for the METRO Blue Line, METRO Green Line and Northstar Commuter Rail.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Morales.

Council Member Barber thanked Metro Transit staff for their work on the two business items.

Motion carried.

Other Business

Other Business Adopted (Items 1-3)

1. **2023-229** That the Metropolitan Council approve Chair Zelle's recommendation to:
 1. Establish an internal advisory Climate Work Group through December 31, 2026.
 2. Appoint the following members to serve on the work group: Peter Lindstrom, Chair; Deb Barber; Chai Lee; and Sue Vento.
2. **2023-230:** That the Metropolitan Council approve Chair Zelle's recommendation to:
 1. Establish an internal advisory Housing Work Group through December 31, 2026.
 2. Appoint the following members to serve on the work group: Reva Chamblis, Chair; Tyronne Carter; Chai Lee; Diego Morales; and Wendy Wulff.
3. **2023-231:** That the Metropolitan Council approve Chair Zelle's recommendation to:
 1. Establish an internal advisory 2050 Regional Development Guide Work Group through December 31, 2025.
 2. Appoint the following members to serve on the work group: Toni Carter, Chair; Gail Cederberg; Judy Johnson; and Robert Lilligren.

It was moved by Zelle, seconded by Chamblis.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Quarterly Transitway Update

Nick Thompson, Deputy General Manager, Capital Programs, began with an overview of the presentation. Sophia Ginis, Director of Community Affairs, Metro Transit, shared information about the engagement framework for the METRO Network. Staff then shared updates on Gold Line BRT, Green Line Extension LRT, Purple Line BRT, and Blue Line Extension LRT. Alicia Vap, Gold Line Project Director, Jim Alexander, Green Line Extension Project Director, Craig LaMothe, Purple Line Project Manager, and Chris Beckwith, Blue Line Extension Project Director, shared information about the project status of each transitway including engineering and construction.

Council members had questions and comments regarding BRT construction near undeveloped land, Purple Line north terminus resolution and potential connection to Century College, and the effect of the new Purple Line alignment on the FTA rating.

Reports



Chair Zelle addressed potential impacts to the Council in the event of a federal government shutdown. Council members, the Regional Administrator, and the General Counsel did not have any reports.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 27, 2023.

Approved this 11th day of October 2023.

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