

Business Item

Metropolitan Council



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Appointments to the METRO Blue Line Extension Project Decisions Board

District(s), member(s):	All
Policy/legal reference:	MN Statutes Section 473.3999 and Council Policy FM 15-1 Income/Grants
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Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the METRO Blue Line Extension Project Decision Board (PDB). The following terms run until December 31, 2030:

- Charlie Zelle
- Reva Chamblis
- Alternate – Anjuli Cameron

Background

On September 13, 2023, the Metropolitan Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the 2023-2024 Blue Line Extension Capital Grant Agreement (CGA) #221038 with Hennepin County and Hennepin Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA). Section 6.01 of agreement #221038 establishes a PDB to provide additional policy oversight for major project decisions and expenditures for the Blue Line Extension. This is in addition to the oversight already provided by the Metropolitan Council and does not change or modify any Metropolitan Council decision authority, policies or procedures. The PDB will take the place of the Executive Change Control Board (ECCB) utilized in earlier phases of the project.

The PDB is comprised of two Metropolitan Council members and three Hennepin County Commissioners. The Metropolitan Council appoints its two members, the Hennepin County Board appoints two Commissioners and HCRRA appoints one commissioner to carry out duties assigned in the agreement and the bylaws that will be adopted by the PDB. An affirmative decision of the PDB requires at least one vote from a member appointed by the Metropolitan Council and at least one vote from a member appointed by Hennepin County or HCRRA.

Rationale

Recommended appointments for the METRO Blue Line Extension PDB are necessary for the METRO Blue Line Extension project to continue its work. The suggested board members have been serving on the METRO Blue Line Extension Corridor Management Committee and are well versed in project details.

Thrive lens analysis

Investment in high-quality transportation options will advance the Thrive outcome of prosperity by making the region more economically competitive through increased workers' access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation. The Metro Blue Line Extension advances the Equity outcome by distributing transit resources throughout the region and improving access to jobs, educational opportunities, and health services to diverse communities.

Funding

There is no funding directly associated with this action.

Small business inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small business associated with this action.

