

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: May 28, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Tyronne Carter, District 3
- Deb Barber, District 4
- John Pacheco Jr., District 5

- Robert Lilligren, District 6
- Yassin Osman, District 7
- Anjuli Cameron, District 8
- Diego Morales, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Gail Cederberg, District 11

- Susan Vento, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14
- Vacant, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:04 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Council Member Pacheco.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2025, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

No member of the public indicated they would like to speak.

Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-6)

1. **2025-24:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract 25P212 with North Central Bus & Equipment, Inc. for 5 replacement transit vans in an amount not to exceed \$650,000. This purchase is contingent upon the approval of a joint powers agreement (JPA) between the Metropolitan Council and the State of North Dakota Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The approval of the JPA is scheduled to be presented to Management Committee and then Metropolitan Council, same week, on May 28th.
2. **2025-97:** That the Metropolitan Council approve resolution 2025-9 authorizing the Metropolitan Council to Apply for Section 5311 Formula Grant for Rural Areas funding from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to support Transit Link dial-a-ride services for the 2026 calendar year.
3. **2025-117:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Construction Agreement with the city of Brooklyn Center for the replacement of their pipe segment upstream and downstream of Meter 112 along with rehabilitation of adjacent city sewer pipes as a part of Meter 112 Rehabilitation, ES Project No. 805611, for an amount not to exceed \$950,000.
4. **2025-119:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 24P096 with Shank Constructors, Inc for Metro WRRF Primary & Secondary Rehabilitation & Renewal Phase 1 project in an amount not to exceed \$44,042,500.
5. **2025-120:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2025-12 authorizing the acquisition and condemnation of real estate property for the Fridley Interceptor 4-NS-521 Rehabilitation, ES Project No. 808612.
6. **2025-121:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the City of Ramsey to sell one parcel purchased with Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund loan number L0603 for the appraised value and forward those funds to the Council in satisfaction of this loan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. No reports.

Environment

1. No reports.

Management

1. **2025-124:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the renewal of its railroad liability insurance, effective 6/1/25-6/1/26, for the Northstar Commuter Rail Operations in an amount not to exceed \$2.6M.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

2. **2025-130 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Cooperative Agreement 251057 with the State of North Dakota to allow for the purchase of five Driverge Ford Transit Vans for South West Transit Prime Service.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Morales.



Motion carried.

Transportation

1. No reports.

Joint reports

1. No reports.

Other business

1. **2025-38:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the following 4-year term appointments to the Audit Committee:
4-year term (Appointment through January 1, 2029)
 - District 5 Deanna Pesik — Chief Compliance & Ethics Officer, Ramsey County
 - District 15 Scott Zaczkowski — Director of Internal Audit, Metropolitan Airports Commission

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

Information

1. No reports.

Reports

CM Barber reported that she attended the groundbreaking of the new interchange at Highways 169 and 282/County 9 Highways, which included the governor, legislators, current & former mayors, and senators.

CM Johnson appreciated the team working on Highway 55 transit from Minneapolis to Medina and gave thanks to Transportation Committee Chair Barber for her efforts. CM Johnson also recognized Community Development and Community Relations staff for presenting on the future of a nexus study relating to housing and is encouraged by a partnership with Plymouth in the work.

CM Vento reported that she attended the South St. Paul Local Issues meeting which announced the South St. Paul Education Foundation is awarding \$605,750 in scholarships to 145 students in the South St. Paul school district. CM Vento remarked the scholarships are indicative of a thriving community.

Regional Administrator Ryan O'Connor acknowledged the hard work of the Government Relations team during the legislative session and appreciated their engagement and perseverance. RA O'Connor noted there was a Safe and Strong University Avenue press conference earlier in the day. RA O'Connor appreciated the work on the Safe and Strong University Avenue initiative along the Green Line Light Rail Train and gave thanks to Chief Dotseth for his significant role in bringing the partners together. He noted that everybody should expect a safe and welcoming ride every time they use transportation in this region.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 28, 2025.

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