

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: January 22, 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
- Tenzin Dolkar, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present

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.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2025, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

No members of the public indicated they wished to speak.

Information

Brian Ryks, CEO of the Metropolitan Airports Commission, presented an update.

Non-consent business

2025-2: JT SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2025 Unified Budget as amended and in accordance with the approved tables.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Lilligren. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye	11	Johnson, Chamblis, Dr. Carter, Pacheco, Lilligren, Morales, Lindstrom, Vento, Carter, Wulff, Zelle
Nay	0	None
Absent	6	Barber, Osman, Cameron, Cedarberg, Lee, Dolkar

Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-19)

1. **2025-1:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 - Approve the 2025 Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan.
 - Direct staff to submit the 2025 Annual PHA Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
2. **2025-4:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt Revision 7 of the Bus Transportation Agency Safety Plan and the Light Rail Transportation Agency Safety Plan for Metro Transit as required by 49 CFR Part 673.
3. **2025-5:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt Revision 4 of the Agency Safety Plan for Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) as required by 49 CFR Part 673.
4. **2025-7:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Contract Amendment Authorization (CAA) #2 for Contract 23M006 with Remix Technologies LLC for transit planning tools (Transit, Streets, and On-demand Planning) for a term no longer than three months, in the amount not to exceed \$65,625.
5. **2025-8:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P168 with Securitas to provide security officer services for the Council in an amount not to exceed \$11,287,728.
6. **2025-9:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for the Coon Rapids Interceptor Rehabilitation, Project Number 808609, per the attached Resolution Number 2025-1.
7. **2025-10:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for the Forest Lake Interceptor 7029 Rehabilitation, Project Number 808603, per the attached Resolution Number 2025-2.
8. **2025-11:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 21P055 with McGough Construction for the Metro Plant Fourth Incinerator Design-Build Project in an amount not to exceed \$258,732,297.
9. **2025-12:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add two new projects:
 - Construct charging stations at the Sherburne County Government Center in Elk River (SP# 071-596-015)
 - Purchase five electric vehicles for Sherburne County Government Center in Elk River (SP# 071-596-016)
10. **2025-13:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the total cost of the following projects:
 - Roadway reconstruction on Cedar Lake Road S from Rhode Island Avenue to Kentucky Avenue, and Louisiana Avenue from West 23rd Street to Interstate 394 in Saint Louis Park (SP# 163-296-007).
 - Four to three lane conversion on Dale Street from Grand Avenue to Iglehart Avenue in Saint Paul (SP# 062-653-017).
11. **2025-14:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following projects:
 - Installation of 19 electric vehicle charging ports for public use at various stations located at county-owned buildings in Hennepin County;
 - Installation of charging stations within one mile from selected exits on Interstate 94.

[Note: 2025-14 reflects the action that is consistent with item's agenda title and the Transportation Committee's proposed action. In this item's committee report, a prior



Council action was erroneously listed. To allay any confusion, the proposed action is as stated above and a redlined correction to the committee report will be posted on the January 22, 2025 Council meeting web page.]

12. **2025-15:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a new regionally significant project to extend E-ZPass lanes, reconstruct mainline pavement, improve drainage, rehabilitate bridges, and add ADA improvements on I-494 from Penn Avenue to 34th Avenue, I-494 from US 169 to MN 100, and I-35W from 86th St to 76th Street.
13. **2025-16:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment for contract 20P148 with Celwell Services, LLC to transition supporting regional Travel Demand Management (TDM) activities to the enterprise version of OneCommute \$643,607.05 for a total contract value not to exceed the amount of \$887,059.
14. **2025-18:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to: Negotiate and execute new 5-year Metropass Agreements with the Metropass Customers with a renewal period of January 1, 2025 – 2030 to provide Metropasses to eligible employees.
15. **2025-20:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P036 with Motor Coach Industries, Inc. to exercise purchase options utilizing the State of Washington's Master Contract #06719 for three, forty-five-foot coach buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,300,000.
16. **2025-21:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate execute contract 25P210 with North Central Bus Sales utilizing Sourcewell Contract #063020-BBB for twenty-one expansion and ten replacement small buses in an amount not to exceed \$5,256,050.
17. **2025-26:** That the Metropolitan Council ratify the Emergency Declaration for repairs of the brick liner for Interceptor 1-SP-234 between George Street and Stevens Street in Saint Paul, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.
18. **2025-27:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 - Find that the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) had an adequate public participation process for the development and review of its 2025-2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), including preparation of an assessment of environmental effects (AOEE) for 2025 projects with potential environmental effects.
 - Find that the 2025 CIP projects are in conformance with the region's Aviation System Plan in the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan and consistent with Council policy.
 - Approve the proposed 2025 CIP runway rehabilitation and extension project at Lake Elmo Airport that meets the dollar threshold and significant effects criteria for Council approval.
19. **2025-28:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Option A 2025 safety performance targets based on the 2020-2024 Minnesota Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) goal, which advance a long-term goal of zero deaths:
 - Number of all fatalities: no more than 74
 - Fatal injuries per 100 million VMT: no more than 0.26
 - Number of all serious injuries: no more than 464
 - Serious injuries per 100 million VMT: no more than 1.64
 - Pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and serious injuries: no more than 115



Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. No reports.

Environment

1. No reports.

Management

1. No reports.

Transportation

1. **2025-22:** That the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P211 with Gillig, LLC to exercise purchase options utilizing the State of Washington’s Master Contract #06719 for thirty-eight replacement and five expansion heavy duty buses of various sizes in an amount not to exceed \$35,093,000.

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Lindstrom.

Motion carried.

Joint reports

1. No reports.

Other business

1. None.

Information

1. Jim Harwood and Jeremiah Riter gave an update on the Zero Emission Bus Transition Plan.

Reports

1. Chair Zelle provided information on the upcoming State of the Region address on January 30th, 2025, at Allianz Field.

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 January 22, 2025.

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