

**Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Monday, February 11, 2013

Committee Members Present: **Steve Elkins, Chair** **Lona Schreiber, Vice Chair**
 Edward Reynoso **Adam Duinick** **Jon Commers**
 John Đoàn **Jennifer Munt** **Roxanne Smith**

Committee Members Absent: **James Brimeyer**

Committee Members Excused:

TAB Liaison: **Robert Lilligren was not present at this meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Elkins called the regular meeting of the Council's Transportation Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2013.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Smith to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Commers to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2013 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann reported the following:

1. AECOM, the project contractor/engineer for the Washington Avenue Bridge retrofit/rehabilitation project received the ACEC Grand Award for its work on the project. Rich Rovang (Metro Transit) and Patrick Watts (AECOM) were present and spoke about the challenges of the project. Rovang and Watts were also invited to give a technical paper in Washington D.C. last month concerning the project
2. A second award from ACEC was given to Sr. Manager Transitway Development Charles Carlson and Director Service Development John Levin for their work on the Arterial Transitway Study and design. SRF Consulting was the lead on the project.
3. Metro Transit continues to improve communications with riders. "Riders Almanac" was launched last week with the help of Director of Marketing Bruce Howard and Manager of Public Relations John Siqveland. The riders almanac is located within the metrotransit.org website. My Metro Transit is also a new tool at the metrotransit.org website that helps customers customize their use of Metro Transit services.
4. From the operations side: In 2012 1370 buses left Metro Transit bus garages each day and were on time 99.7% of the time, LRT vehicles on time 99.6%, and Northstar on time 99.7% each day.
5. February is Black History Month. This year's theme at Metro Transit will be "It's Your Health". There will be a program, buffet lunch and keynote speaker Oneal Hampton (contestant from the Biggest Loser TV show) at Metro Transit on Friday 2/22 at 11:45 am.

Metropolitan Transportation Services Director Arlene McCarthy reported:

1. A reminder that open houses for Nicollet/Central Alternatives analysis will be held 2/12, 2/13, and 2/14 at various locations. Members may be contacted about the project.

2. At the federal level, the deadline is nearing for potential sequesters. These sequesters will impact all USDOT, FHWA and FTA, and highway and transit funding levels. \$85 billion in spending cuts is scheduled with the first sequester on March 1.

BUSINESS

Consent Items

There were no consent items on the February 11, 2013 agenda.

Non-Consent Items

2013-56 SW: Rescind BI 2013-16 and Approve Contract with Trapeze Group

Metro Mobility Senior Manager Paul Colton presented this item and answered questions from committee members concerning the continuity of project manager between Mentor and Trapeze Group. Colton indicated that the Mentor staff will continue to lead the project as stated in their original proposal.

Motion by Schreiber, seconded by Smith that the Metropolitan Council:

- 1) Rescind Business Item 2013-16 approved by the Council on January 23, 2013 and;
- 2) Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Trapeze Group for AVL/MDC equipment, programming, warranties and training in an amount not to exceed \$1,420,794.

Motion passed.

2013-4: Authorization to Execute Sole Source Contract for HASTUS Upgrade

Metro Transit Director Service Development John Levin presented this item. There were no questions from committee members.

Motion by Munt, seconded by Reynoso, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source contract with GIRO, Inc. in an amount of \$1,010,419 to upgrade the HASTUS software system to Version 2013.

Motion passed. Hearing no objection, Chair Elkins stated that this item could proceed to the full Council as a consent item.

INFORMATION

1. Bicycle Planning Update

MTS Planning Analyst Steven Elmer presented this item. The Regional Bicycle System Master Study is a joint study between Metro Council and MnDOT. Elmer discussed the expectations of the study, deliverables and timeline. Members asked if there will be an opportunity to prioritize projects in the study. Arlene McCarthy explained that this will be a part of the TPP process. Chair Elkins stated that the council members can be called upon to recruit cities to participate, if needed, in using Cycloplan.

2. 2012 Regional Ridership Report

MTS Manager Contracted Transit Services John Harper presented regional ridership totals for 4th quarter and year end 2012. Members requested information about the different types of rides and subsidies per ride.

McCarthy and Levin stated that much of this information will be included in the Fare Study report that will be presented at a meeting in the near future.

3. I-35W North Corridor

MTS Manager Systems Planning Connie Kozlak introduced Bill Goff – MnDOT, who presented this item and the various alternatives. There will be two public meetings (Tues. 2/19 and Thurs. 2/21). The study will be complete in the spring of 2013. There is no definite timeframe for implementation of alternatives at this time.

4. Transit Police Update

Transit Police Chief John Harrington presented the update on the assessment and progress report on Transit Police activities including the mission statement, hiring goals, innovative ideas (relating to homeless, youth &

gangs, chronic crime), policing strategies, on-board goals. In response to requests from committee members, Harrington stated he would provide information on the implementation study (spreadsheet of the issues defined by the department) and information on the number of part time officers compared to other departments throughout Minnesota.

5. Mall of America Master Plan

Due to time constraints, this item will be rescheduled for the February 25, 2013 Transportation Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.