Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Monday, February 25, 2013

Committee Members Present:	Adam Duininck, Ch Edward Reynoso John Đoàn	air Lona Schr Steve Elki Roxanne S	
Committee Members Absent:	James Brimeyer	Jennifer Munt	Jon Commers

Committee Members Excused:

TAB Liaison:Robert Lilligren

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Duininck called the regular meeting of the Council's Transportation Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2013.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Elkins to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2013 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. Motion carried.

TAB LIAISON REPORT

Chair Duininck and TAB Liaison Robert Lilligren reported that the TAB met on 2/20/13 and heard presentations from Metro Council Chair Haigh about the Governor's proposed ¼ cent sales tax and heard from MnDOT Commissioner Charlie Zelle about TFAC recommendations to the Governor. The TAB also discussed a program year/funding priorities policy presented by MnDOT. MAP-21 provides less flexibility in moving projects from program years, and the TAB must manage projects in the region more aggressively, example: tightening sunset date requirements. The TAB plans to partner with MnDOT to manage regional projects.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Metro Transit

Metro Transit Deputy Director Bus Maintenance Rob Milleson presented employee recognition awards to Tom Loughren and Brad Stark, Mechanics in the Metro non-revenue shop. Loughren and Stark repair, replace, manufacture equipment that is not revenue earning (forklifts, snowplows, etc.) Loughren is also an electrician and worked on rewiring strobe lights on maintenance vehicles from high-voltage to LED and also is the "tech in charge" in the absence of the supervisor.

Metro Transit Deputy Director Bus Transportation Brian Funk presented the employee recognition award to Business Systems Analyst III Kevin Sederstrom for his work on the many and various bus systems used by the public and senior management (data tracking system, Hastus system, Transit Master/AVL system, etc.).

Metro Transit Police Chief John Harrington presented a plaque to Metro Transit Police Lieutenant Chuck Donaldson. The plaque was from the Administration to the 2013 Team of Inaugural Detail. Donaldson accepted the award on behalf of the group of officers who assisted in the Obama inauguration.

DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

Metro Transit General Manager Brian Lamb reported the following:



- 1. The first of two new generation vehicles is in service on HLRT.
- 2. Siemens Rail has recently contacted Metro Transit to see if Metro Transit employees are interested in appearing in a video that will be used for employee teambuilding at Siemens.

Metropolitan Transportation Services Director Arlene McCarthy reported:

- 1. McCarthy pointed out a recent picture in Passenger Transport magazine featuring Metro Transit vehicles.
- McCarthy and Guy Peterson have been in discussions about having joint Community Development/Transportation Committee meetings regarding the Regional Solicitation and the TPP. McCarthy and Peterson will be working on the plan for these meetings.

BUSINESS

Consent Items

Motion by Elkins, seconded by Đoàn to approve the item on the consent agenda. Individual item action is listed below. Motion carried.

2013-66: Authorization to Amend Transit Link Service Contract for Washington/SE Ramsey County Motion: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract 09P177 Washington/SE Ramsey County Transit Link with Midwest Paratransit Service in the amount of \$170,000 for an amended contract total of \$6,713,430.

Non-Consent Items

2013-43: 2013 Unified Capital Program Amendments

Metro Transit Director of Finance Ed Petrie presented this item. There were no questions or comments from committee members.

Motion by Schreiber, seconded by Elkins that the Metropolitan Council: That the Metropolitan Council:

- Amend the 2013 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing appropriation as follows: Metro Transit Carry Forward \$167,225,299
- Amend the 2013 Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) by adding spending authority as follows: Metro Transit
 \$ 10,580,248
- Amend the 2013 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing appropriation as follows: Metro Transit \$10,580,248

Motion passed.

2013-40: 2013 Unified Operating Budget Amendment

Metro Transit Director of Finance Ed Petrie presented this item. There were no questions or comments from committee members.

Motion by Elkins, seconded by Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2013 Metro Transit Operating Budget to increase appropriations by \$299,000. Motion passed.

2013-65: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line): Authorization for Additional Change Order Authority for the Three Major Construction Contracts

Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann and CCLRT Project Director Rich Rovang presented this item. Member Đoàn questioned how the project can be 89% complete, yet over a year from opening/running. Fuhrmann answered that construction is 89% complete; there is still vehicle testing, safety certification, etc.



Motion by Elkins, seconded by Smith, that the Metropolitan Council authorize additional change order authority for the Central Corridor (Green Line) LRT Civil East, Civil West and Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) Contracts as follows:

Civil East – an additional 0.65% (\$1,333,223) above the currently authorized construction contract change order authority of \$17,606,673 to a revised change order authority of \$18,939,896;

Civil West – an additional 0.5% (\$569,020) above the currently authorized construction contract change order authority of \$8,535,300 to a revised change order authority of \$9,104,320;

Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) – an additional 2.5% (\$1,078,485) above the currently authorized construction contract change order authority of \$5,392,423 to a revised change order authority of \$6,470,908. Motion passed. Hearing no objection, Chair Duininck stated that this item could proceed to the full Council as a Consent item.

2013-67: Accept West Suburban Service Changes Concept Plan for Pubic Review

Metro Transit Senior Transit Planner Steve Mahowald presented this item. Schreiber asked a question as to how riders are polled (and that evening public hearings may be difficult for transit-dependent riders to attend). Mahowald said that there will be information leaflets on the buses and staff will be on the buses as the hearing date(s) get closer. He also stated that there will be other ways to comment (email, US Mail).

Motion by Elkins, seconded by Smith, that the Metropolitan Council accept the West Suburban Service Changes Concept Plan for public review.

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

2013-69 SW: Northstar Commuter Rail: Authorization to Execute Overpass Agreement for Anoka Station with BNSF Railway (BNSF)

Metro Transit Director Northstar Commuter Rail Ed Byers presented this item. There were no questions or comments from committee members.

Motion by Reynoso, seconded by Đoàn, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Overpass Agreement with BNSF Railway (BNSF) for the Anoka station. Motion passed.

2013-70: The Interchange – Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Grant Agreement Metro Transit Principal Engineer Robert Rimstad presented this item. There were no questions or comments from committee members.

Motion by Elkins, seconded by Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an additional Subrecipient Grant Agreement (SGA) with HCRRA for transfer of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds for the development of The Interchange project. Motion passed. Hearing no objection, Chair Duininck stated that this item could proceed to the full Council as a Consent item.

2013-73 SW: Real Time Signs Contract - Red Line

Metro Transit Asst. Director Facilities Engineering Pat Jones presented this item. There were no questions or comments from committee members.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Đoàn, that the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Egan Companies, for furnishing and installing Real-Time Signs and Annunciators at seven Red Line BRT facilities, at a cost of \$633,870.

Motion passed.

2013-75 SW: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for MnDOT TH 5 Bridge Redeck (#6201-86) Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Heidi Schallberg presented this item. There were no questions or comments from committee members.



Motion by Elkins, seconded by Reynoso, that the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the \$15 million MnDOT TH 5 Bridge Redeck project from TH 55 to Davern Street in St. Paul (#6201-86). Motion passed.

INFORMATION

1. MAP-21 Update

MTS Deputy Director Finance & Planning Amy Vennewitz introduced Koryn Zewers and Mark Gieseke from MnDOT, who presented this item. A MAP-21 group has made recommendations to MnDOT Sr. Management regarding projects in the TIP and STIP. Zewers/Gieseke explained the impacts of MAP-21 on regional projects - both TAB and MnDOT Metro District projects, and answered questions from committee members regarding funding and revenue assumptions, centralized decision-making, non-motorized projects, future year's projects.

2. METRO Red Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update

Metro Transit Asst. Director Facilities Engineering Pat Jones, Metro Transit Principal Engineer Claudius Toussaint, Paul Lamb-URS, and MTS Director Arlene McCarthy presented this item including major elements, milestones & timelines, proposed schedules and projected ridership.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

