

Metropolitan Transportation Services Director Arlene McCarthy reported the following:

1. Metro Mobility recently updated its hours of operation by community based on the fixed route local schedule. This was implemented on February 22, 2013. Since the implementation of the changes, there have been concerns and frustration voiced by Metro Mobility riders in Eden Prairie, Chaska and Chanhassen at the loss of evening service hours during the weekday. In order to transition customers into these new hours, Metro Mobility will roll back the weekday evening service levels to the previous service hours through June 1, 2013, allowing customers the opportunity to complete ongoing scheduled evening events in this area. Metro Mobility will send a letter notifying these customers of the temporary extension of hours the week of March 11.
2. Sadly, Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC) member Bruce Lattu recently passed away. Bruce represented Council districts 11 and 12 upon his appointment to the TAAC in 2007. At the time of his death Bruce was employed by MnDOT as the disability programs coordinator in its Office of Diversity. He will be deeply missed. The solicitation process for a new committee member will likely be deferred until redistricting is completed.

BUSINESS

Consent Items:

Motion by Elkins, seconded by Smith to approve the items on the consent agenda. Individual item actions are listed below. Motion carried.

2013-82: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for the Wayside Rest at the Rock Island River Pier Project on the Great River Road (TH 56) in Dakota County

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a Dakota County project in 2013 for the Wayside Rest at the Rock Island River Pier on the Great River Road (SP# 019-060-010) with a total cost of \$880,000.

2013-83: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for CSAH 10 & Ramsey Co. Rd. H Intersection Improvements (SP #062-620-004) and Bridge Replacement and Ramp Reconstruction at the Ramsey Co. Rd. H TC Arsenal Entrance (SP #6284-162)

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to move the CSAH 10 & Ramsey Co. Rd. H intersection improvements project (SP# 062-610-004) from 2013 to 2015.

2013-84: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for I-35E MnPASS Managed Lane Extension Study

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the I-35E MnPASS Managed Lane Extension Study in 2013 with a total cost of \$756,250.

2013-64: Closed Circuit TV Maintenance and Service Contract

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council approve the award of a contract for Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Maintenance and Installation to Alarm & Communications Systems, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for a two year period with a one-year option to extend.

Non-Consent Items:

2013-85: Authorization to Execute Agreements for Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Express Service and METRO Red Line Station-to-Station BRT Service

MTS Assistant Director Gerri Sutton presented the item. There were no questions from committee members. Arlene McCarthy noted that staff was working on a recommendation, which should be ready to bring to the committee at its March 25 meeting.

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Smith, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute multiple sole source agreements with Minnesota Valley Transportation Authority (MVTA) for:

1. Cedar Avenue BRT Express Service and Public Facility Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$585,000 for 2013;

2. Cedar Avenue Red Line Station-to-Station BRT Service, including Pre-Revenue activities, and Public Facility Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$2,120,000 for 2013.

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

2013-81: Principles for Southwest LRT Major Scoping Decisions

Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann and Chris Weyer, Assistant General Manager Transit Systems Development/SWLRT, presented the item. CM Brimeyer suggested adding language to the last principle regarding public involvement to reflect that the Council has established an input process for the flow of information.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Đoàn, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the following guiding principles, not listed in order of priority or weight, to be applied when determining the Southwest LRT (SWLRT) project scope during Preliminary Engineering:

- Comply with current federal and state laws, rules and guidelines;
- Follow Regional Transitway Guidelines, regional policies and regional plans adopted by the Metropolitan Council and follow best business practices of the Council;
- Follow SWLRT Design Criteria, including criteria for safety and security;
- Positively impact (increase) the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) rating criteria;
- Positively impact (increase) ridership;
- Positively impact (increase) land use, economic development and access to affordable housing by coordinating with local station area plans;
- Positively impact (increase) equity so that community benefits and burdens are equally shared;
- Positively impact (increase) environmental benefits;
- Positively impact (increase) use of the intermodal transportation network including bus, light rail, trails and sidewalks;
- Positively impact (decrease) or not impact the project schedule;
- Positively impact (decrease) capital cost;
- Positively impact (decrease) operating cost; and
- Actively engage and encourage input from interested and impacted stakeholders.

Motion passed.

INFORMATION

1. Mall of America Update

Pat Jones, Assistant Director, Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities, presented the item and responded to questions from committee members about specific features of the transit station and sources of funding for the project.

2. Metro Transit Facilities Energy Conservation

Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities Assistant Director Pat Jones and Senior Engineer Jim Harwood presented the item and responded to committee member questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, there was a motion by Schreiber, seconded by Đoàn to adjourn the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 5:02 p.m. Chair Duinck called to order the Public Hearing for the proposed amendment to the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

A public comment report will go to the Transportation Committee at its April 8 meeting.

Liz Maday
Recording Secretary