



2013-273: Authorization to Lease MCI Buses to St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission  
Motion: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to lease two 2001 model year MCI coach buses to St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission.

2013-275: Approval of Amendment to the 2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area  
Motion: That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area to allow reallocation of \$195,000 from Staff salaries and other consultant items to the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study.

2013-285: Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement with the University of Minnesota  
Motion: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with the University of Minnesota for up to \$625,000 for the purchase of one 30' Gillig Hybrid Bus.

2013-287: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for TH 149 and TH 55 in Eagan  
Motion: That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the scopes of the TH 149 project (SP#195-010-010) and the TH 55 project (SP#195-010-011) and change the budget for TH 149 project to a total cost of \$2,361,000 with \$1,888,800 of federal funds and \$472,200 of local funds.

2013-288: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for Bridge No. 9 over the Mississippi River in Minneapolis  
Motion: That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the scope for Bridge No. 9 over the Mississippi River (SP#141-090-038) to Pier 3 concrete repair and installation of full height concrete encasement and also increase the local funding amount and total project cost by \$20,000 to a total of \$1,320,000.

## **Non-Consent Items**

2013-286 SW: Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension): Project Scope and Budget  
Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann presented the item. SWLRT Dir. Design & Engineering Jim Alexander and SWLRT Project Director Chris Weyer were also present to answer any questions if needed. Fuhrmann updated the committee on the project scope and proposed recommendation, project budget recommendation and project schedule. Members of the public were given an opportunity to speak, fifteen people testified. Chair Schreiber thanked them for their testimony indicating that the Committee appreciated hearing from them all.

Motion by Munt, seconded by Elkins to recommend the proposed action:  
That the Metropolitan Council:

- (1) adopt the attached Resolution to direct the Southwest LRT Project Office (SPO) to proceed with Project Development;
- (2) prepare and submit Municipal Consent Plans on the Southwest LRT (SWLRT) Project to Hennepin County and the five host cities, Eden Prairie, Hopkins, Minneapolis, Minnetonka and St. Louis Park with, among other features, 14.5 mile light rail transit line extension of the Green Line, 15 new LRT stations, a shallow LRT tunnel through the Kenilworth Corridor, an Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) in Hopkins and a western terminus at Southwest station in Eden Prairie; and
- (3) hold a joint public hearing with the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority on the plans on November 19, 2013.

Commerz offered an amendment to the motion (below) to direct Project Office staff to work with the City of Minneapolis to further investigate technical issues related to the Kenilworth Corridor and to forward the item to the full Council without a recommendation, which was seconded by Brimeyer.

Commerz stated that the amended motion is proposed in order to retain space for constructive dialog with the City. Chavez asked if the motion is intended to result in more studies being conducted or to further the conversation. Brimeyer stated that the intent is to continue the conversation with the City. Elkins stated that if the amendment passes here at the Transportation Committee, it is imperative that the Metropolitan Council acts on Wednesday 10/16 in order for the project to stay on schedule. Committee members noted the need to begin the municipal consent process with the cities and Hennepin County. Following the discussion, the amended motion was accepted by Munt and a vote was taken.

Amended motion:

That the Metropolitan Council:

- (1) adopt the attached Resolution to direct the Southwest LRT Project Office (SPO) to proceed with Project Development;
- (2) prepare and submit Municipal Consent Plans on the Southwest LRT (SWLRT) Project to Hennepin County and the five host cities, Eden Prairie, Hopkins, Minneapolis, Minnetonka and St. Louis Park with, among other features, 14.5 mile light rail transit line extension of the Green Line, 15 new LRT stations, a shallow tunnel through the Kenilworth Corridor, an Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) in Hopkins and a western terminus at Southwest station in Eden Prairie;
- (3) hold a joint public hearing with the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority on the plans on November 19, 2013; and
- (4) direct Project Office staff to work with the City of Minneapolis to further investigate technical issues related to the Kenilworth Corridor.

Forward to the full Council without recommendation.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

## **INFORMATION**

There were no information items presented at this meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.