

# Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

April 27, 2015

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Lona Schreiber Jennifer Munt, Steve Elkins, Katie Rodriguez, Marie McCarthy, Cara Letofsky, Gail Dorfman, Deb Barber. Jon Commers

**Committee Members Absent:** Edward Reynoso

**TAB Liaison Present:** None

## CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Schreiber called the regular meeting of the Council's Transportation Committee to order at 4:05 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2015 in the Metropolitan Council Chambers.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Letofsky to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Elkins to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. Motion carried.

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Metro Transit

Metro Transit Director Bus Transportation Christy Bailey introduced Rueter Garage Assistant Transportation Manager Bobby Andress, who presented the recognition award to outstanding operator Kirby Brown.

Metro Transit Police Chief John Harrington presented awards to Metro Transit Police Officers John Grant and Todd Gross.

## TAB LIAISON REPORT

Rodriguez stated that she had given a report from the TAB to the full Council at their last meeting, but also gave a brief update on the Regional Solicitation at this Transportation Committee meeting.

## METRO TRANSIT GENERAL MANAGER AND DIRECTOR OF METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORTS

MTS Deputy Director Planning & Finance Amy Vennewitz had nothing to report.

Metro Transit General Manager Brian Lamb introduced Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann and Assistant General Manager TSD-SW Craig Lamothe who gave an update on Southwest Light Rail Transit.

## BUSINESS

### Consent Items:

Motion by Elkins, seconded by Rodriguez and passed to approve the following consent items.

1. 2015-88: Authorization to Amend Capital Grant Agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend a Customer Facility Repairs and Improvements agreement (SG-2014-094) with the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) in the amount of \$600,000 for a revised total of \$1,000,000.

2. 2015-90: Authorization to Amend Contract 13I057 for Transit Link Service

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract 13I057 with Scott County for an additional \$450,000, for a new contract total of \$1,869,149 and to extend the termination date to October 4, 2015.

**Non-Consent Items:**

1. 2015-87: Authorization to enter into a Construction, Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the St. Paul Saints Baseball Club, Inc.

Metro Transit Assistant Director Facilities Engineering introduced Project Manager Engineering Construction Mark Leemon who presented the item. Members asked questions about the possibility of using permeable pavement for the parking lot surface, and Leemon explained that the soils in the area would not allow for that.

Motion by Commers, seconded by Elkins:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Construction, Operation and Maintenance Agreement with the St. Paul Saints Baseball Club related to the development of a parking located on undeveloped Council property east of the existing Green Line Operations & Maintenance Facility, contingent on FRA incidental use concurrence.

Motion passed. Hearing no objection, Chair Schreiber said that this item can proceed to the full Council as a consent item.

2. 2015-86: Approve reconstruction of eastbound I-94 from the East 7<sup>th</sup> Street Exit to the Mounds Boulevard Entrance in the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County, Review #21381-1

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Steve Peterson presented this item. There were no questions from committee members.

Motion by Commers, seconded by Elkins:

That the Metropolitan Council approve a request by MnDOT to reconstruct eastbound I-94 from the East 7<sup>th</sup> Street Exit to the Mounds Boulevard Entrance in the City of Saint Paul, conditional upon any significant changes in the design of the proposed project being subject to further review and approval by the Metropolitan Council prior to construction.

Motion passed. Hearing no objection, Chair Schreiber said that this item can proceed to the full Council as a consent item.

3. 2015-89: Authorization to Award Metro Mobility Fuel Contract to Mansfield Oil Company  
Metro Mobility Provider Liaison Greg Schuck presented this item. There were no questions from committee members.

Motion by Munt, seconded by Elkins:

That the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Mansfield Oil Company to supply gasoline for Metro Mobility Demand and Agency contracts for a two-year term from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2017 with an option for an additional one-year extension in an amount not to exceed \$15,226,214.

Motion passed.

**INFORMATION**

1. Customer Satisfaction Survey Results

Metro Transit Director Marketing Bruce Howard presented this item and stated that the entire report (200+ pages) is available on the Metro Council website.

2. Northstar Operations Update

Metro Transit Director Commuter Rail John Paul Zanaska presented this item. Dorfman asked if it is possible to track the destinations of Northstar riders (whether they are transferring to Green Line,

express or local buses, bicycling, etc.) Zanaska responded that most riders can be tracked because they are Go-To cardholders and Northstar Riders choose all of the modes mentioned by Dorfman.

3. Travel Behavior over Time: changes in Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel and Cohort Analysis of Travel Behavior

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Jonathan Ehrlich introduced Greg Lindsey, Jessica Schoner and Michael Iacono-U of M who presented this item.

4. PA Intersection Conversion Study

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Steve Peterson presented this item and answered a question from Barber that specific intersections that are already grade-separated, but still contain bottlenecks, are not part of this study. There may be further study needed.

5. Transit On-Board Survey

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Jonathan Ehrlich presented this item and answered a question from Schreiber that the survey participation level from riders is very good and many riders are willing to share their information. "Survey takers" will be hired and the survey taking will not interfere with the drivers.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.