

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

December 12, 2016

LOCATION: Metro Transit F.T. Heywood Chambers, Minneapolis, MN

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

Committee Members Absent:

TAB Liaison Present: none

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Schreiber called the regular meeting of the Council's Transportation Committee to order at 4:06pm on December 12, 2016 in the Metro Transit F.T. Heywood Chambers, Minneapolis, MN.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chair Schreiber made a change to the agenda. Information Item #3 will be deleted. It was moved by Munt, seconded by Letofsky to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried. It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Elkins to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2016 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Metro Transit

The following people were presented an Employee Recognition Award for their work:

Metro Transit Manager, Creative Services Sharon Feiner presented the award to Metro Transit Communications Specialist Kathy Gaul.

Metro Transit Chief of Police John Harrington presented the award to Metro Transit Police Officer Brooke Blakey.

TAB LIAISON REPORT

The TAB had not met since the 11/28/16 Transportation Committee meeting, so there was nothing to report.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIRECTOR AND METRO TRANSIT GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

Metropolitan Transportation Services Director Nick Thompson reported:

The 610 highway connection is completed and open to traffic.

Last Friday afternoon the 35 E MnPASS extension to Hugo opened up. This is the first of its kind in the country, as there is a portion of the project converts an underutilized general-purpose lane as a MnPASS lane in the morning peak. This is part of a pilot project, which is being watched nationally.

The Gold Line LPA was adopted, which marks a major milestone. Currently in the process of Metropolitan Council taking over the next phase (project development phase); starting transition from county to Metropolitan Council for project management.

Metro Transit General Manager Brian Lamb reported:

Reminded Committee members this is the last meeting of 2016 and that in January through June, meetings will be held in St. Paul.

Last week our social media specialist partnered with frontline staff from across the agency to put together a holiday message that have been posted on our social media channels. The video was shown to the Committee.

BUSINESS

Consent Items:

1. There were no consent items on the agenda.

Non-Consent Items:

1. **2016-269 SW:** Agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for METRO Red Line Metropolitan Transportation Services Manager Contracted Transit Services John Harper presented this item. There were no questions or comments from committee members.

It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Rodriguez:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute sole source agreements with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for:

1. Cedar Avenue express service and public facility maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$740,550.
2. Cedar Avenue Red Line Station to Station BRT Service and public facility maintenance not to exceed \$5,455,850.

Motion carried.

2. **2016-270 SW:** Authorization to Execute 2017 Agreements with the Counties Transit Metropolitan Transportation Services Manager Administration Heather Agesen-Huebner presented this item. There were no questions or comments from committee members.

It was moved by Dorfman, seconded by Munt:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute agreements with the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) to receive funds in 2017 for the following projects:

Capital:

- 1) Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) - \$137,906,594
- 2) Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT) - \$66,000,000
- 3) Orange Line BRT (I-35W South) - \$8,000,000

Operating:

- 1) Cedar Avenue BRT Express Service - \$169,614
- 2) I-35W South Express Service - \$353,343
- 3) Light Rail Service (Blue Line and Green Line) - \$24,536,206
- 4) Northstar Commuter Rail Service - \$6,972,395
- 5) Red Line BRT Service - \$1,552,850

Motion carried.

3. **2016-268 SW:** Approve RALF Loan to Lakeville for Parcel at I35 and CSAH 5

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Connie Kozlak presented this item. Kozlak stated that the City of Lakeville has requested that the loan amount be changed from \$720,000 to \$750,000.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Elkins to approve the amendment to the proposed action. Motion carried.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Elkins:

That the Metropolitan Council approve a Right of Way acquisition (RALF) loan of up to \$750,000 to the city of Lakeville to purchase 17395 Kenwood Trail, Lakeville, which is a parcel of land needed for reconstruction of the northbound exit ramp at CSAH 5 and I-35.

Motion carried.

4. 2016-271: MOU and agreements with Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Transportation Advisory Board funding for the Travel Behavior Inventory
Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Jonathan Ehrlich presented this item. Rodriguez expressed her thanks for Jonathan's work on this item. Dorfman asked if the TBI would address specific circumstances, for example senior living residence has concern that Metro Mobility hours do not work for them and there have been demographic changes. Ehrlich responded that the TBI looks at observed and known travel behavior. The Regional helps to look at what people might do if options were available, and can provide estimates of usage where transportation services do not exist, and can act as an aid for a potential study.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Elkins:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to:

- Negotiate and execute a Memorandum or Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Transportation Advisory Board regarding long-term funding for the Travel Behavior Inventory.
- Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, for distribution of federal funds.

Motion carried.

5. 2016-256 SW: Subordinate Funding Agreement with Hennepin County for County funded trails at Beltline, Wooddale, Blake
Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann, SWLRT Project Director Jim Alexander and SWLRT Deputy Project Director Joan Hollick presented the items. There were no questions from Committee members.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items: 2016-256 SW, 2016-257 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016 263 SW, 216-248 Revised SW and 2016-265 SW.

It was moved by Munt seconded by Rodriguez:

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) to receive funds from Hennepin County (County) in the amount of \$2,605,000.

Motion carried.

6. 2016-257 SW: Subordinate Funding Agreement with St. Louis Park for City funded Lynn Ave Extension, Louisiana Trail Underpass, Beltline and Wooddale Trail Stairs
Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann, SWLRT Project Director Jim Alexander and SWLRT Deputy Project Director Joan Hollick presented the items. There were no questions from Committee members.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items: 2016-256 SW, 2016-257 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016 263 SW, 216-248 Revised SW and 2016-265 SW.

It was moved by Munt seconded by Rodriguez:

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) to receive funds from the City of St. Louis Park (City) in the amount of \$2,062,928.

Motion carried.

7. 2016-258 SW: Subordinate Funding Agreement with City of Hopkins for Blake Trail Stairs
Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann, SWLRT Project Director Jim Alexander and SWLRT Deputy Project Director Joan Hollick presented the items. There were no questions from Committee members.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items: 2016-256 SW, 2016-257 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016 263 SW, 216-248 Revised SW and 2016-265 SW.

It was moved by Munt seconded by Rodriguez:

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) to receive funds from the City of Hopkins (City) in the amount of \$30,000.

Motion carried.

8. 2016-259 SW: Letter of Agreement with City of Hopkins for Downtown Station Parking Structure
Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann and SWLRT Project Director Jim Alexander presented this item. Councilmember Dorfman asked if the housing development is a done deal. Also, did we had any involvement in it and have any leverage to say to the developers along SWLRT and BLRT that we'd like to see a percentage be 'affordable housing'. Alexander responded that, yes it's a done deal and no we did not have any involvement. Fuhrmann also stated that the leverage is a key question as the local cities assemble their comprehensive plans.

It was moved by Munt seconded by Letofsky:

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Letter Agreement with the City of Hopkins (City) related to the acquisition of public parking and a public pedestrian and bicycle lobby (Property) from the City.

Motion carried.

9. 2016-260 SW: Subordinate Funding Agreement with MnDOT for Commissioner funded Local Work
Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann, SWLRT Project Director Jim Alexander and SWLRT Deputy Project Director Joan Hollick presented the items. There were no questions from Committee members.

This item was included in an omnibus motion.

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That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the amount up to \$2 million.

Motion carried.

10. **2016-261 SW:** Subordinate Funding Agreement with St. Louis Park for City funded Local Work Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann, SWLRT Project Director Jim Alexander and SWLRT Deputy Project Director Joan Hollick presented the items. There were no questions from Committee members.

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It was moved by Munt seconded by Rodriguez:

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) with the City of St. Louis Park (City) in the amount up to \$1.6 million.

Motion carried.

11. **2016-262 SW:** Subordinate Funding Agreement with Hopkins for City funded Local Work Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann, SWLRT Project Director Jim Alexander and SWLRT Deputy Project Director Joan Hollick presented the items. There were no questions from Committee members.

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It was moved by Munt seconded by Rodriguez:

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) with the City of Hopkins (City) in the amount up to \$950,000.

Motion carried.

12. **2016-263 SW:** Subordinate Funding Agreement with Minnetonka for City funded Local Work Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann, SWLRT Project Director Jim Alexander and SWLRT Deputy Project Director Joan Hollick presented the items. There were no questions from Committee members.

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It was moved by Munt seconded by Rodriguez:

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) with the City of Minnetonka (City) in the amount up to \$2.5 million.

Motion carried.

13. 2016-248 SW Revised: Subordinate Funding Agreement with the City of Eden Prairie towards the construction of the SWLRT Project
Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann, SWLRT Project Director Jim Alexander and SWLRT Deputy Project Director Joan Hollick presented the items. There were no questions from Committee members.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items: 2016-256 SW, 2016-257 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016 263 SW, 216-248 Revised SW and 2016-265 SW.

It was moved by Munt seconded by Rodriguez:

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) with the City of Eden Prairie (City) in the amount up to \$8.2 million.

Motion carried.

14. 2016-265 SW: Subordinate Funding Agreement with Hennepin County for County funded Local Work

Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann, SWLRT Project Director Jim Alexander and SWLRT Deputy Project Director Joan Hollick presented the items. There were no questions from Committee members.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items: 2016-256 SW, 2016-257 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016 263 SW, 216-248 Revised SW and 2016-265 SW.

It was moved by Munt seconded by Rodriguez:

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) with the Hennepin County (County) in the amount up to \$4.2 million.

Motion carried.

15. 2016-267 SW: Property Transfer Agreement with HCRRA

Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann and SWLRT Project Director Jim Alexander presented this item. Councilmember Dorfman asked if Metropolitan Council was responsible for the cost of replacement or repairs of the tracks, to which Alexander explained that it is anticipated that a separate agreement with Twin Cities and Western Railroad would include a provision for an annual fee or stipend to be paid to the Council, which would be used towards capital replacement and repairs.

It was moved by Munt seconded by Elkins:

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Property Transfer Agreement (Agreement) between the Council and HCRRA related to the transfer of ownership of property as a permanent, in-kind contribution for the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (Project).

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. Highway 169 Mobility Study Update

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Cole Hiniker and MnDOT Project Manager Brad Larsen presented this item. There were no questions from Committee members.

2. Regional Solicitation Draft Funding Scenarios

Metropolitan Transportation Services Manager, Transportation Planning presented this item. Prompted by a question from Rodriguez, Peterson explained that the TAC recommended to give 0% inflation to projects (key decision going to TAB next week). Commers asked if the roadway expansion projects are in the TPP, to which Peterson responded that all projects had to go through the Interchange Review Committee prior to submission (committee did look at consistency with TPP). Some projects are currently listed in the TPP while others will be with the update.

~~3. Arterial BRT Quarterly Update~~

Chair Schreiber revised the agenda to delete this information item.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.

Becky Davidson
Recording Secretary