

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting Date: November 28, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Heywood Chambers

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Deb Barber, D4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco, District 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kris Fredson, District 14 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raymond Zeran, District 9 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phillip Sterner, District 15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Molly Cummings, District 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Francisco Gonzalez, District 12 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present |

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Barber called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Approved

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Pacheco to approve the agenda. Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Pacheco to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Employee Recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit General Manager

Metro Transit General Manager Wes Kooistra introduced MTPD Chief Grates who presented awards to Community Service Officers Collin Benson, Charles Jacka and Nicholas Tracy; Assistant Transportation Manager Phuntsok Dhundup who presented an award to Assistant Transportation Manager (temp, Leadership Academy) Duane Moore; and Assistant Director – Bus Transportation Donathan Brown who presented awards to Instruction Manager Dan Stoffer and Training Assistant Manager Jovita Oghumah.

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director

MVST

Receipts for October are reported – Metropolitan Council received about \$30M in receipts which brings us to \$308M year to date versus a forecast of \$297M (about 104% of forecast).

State Economic Forecast

A new state economic forecast in development and should be released in the next couple weeks.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

D Line

D Line starts service this Saturday, December 3rd. This Wednesday at the Council meeting,

staff will provide an Information Item on the D Line which will include information about the grand opening festivities. Council members should have received an invitation to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Mall of America station at 10:00am.

December Service Changes

The December service changes will also go into effect on Saturday. These changes represent about an 8% reduction from current service levels, which we need in order to maintain service reliability in the face of our operator shortage. In the coming weeks, we are going to be talking to Council members about a project we are getting started and calling Network Now. Network Now will be a process for developing a plan that will guide our approach for investing in transit services as resource become available.

3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Dugan reported on preliminary passenger volumes at MSP airport during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Consent Business

1. There are no consent items on the agenda.

Non-Consent Business

1. **2022-280 JT SW:** 2022 Operating Budget Amendment – 4th Quarter

It was moved by Fredson, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2022 Unified Budget amendment as indicated, and in accordance with, the attached tables.

Metro Transit Finance Director Ed Petrie and Metropolitan Transportation Services Budget Manager Nikolas Hendrickson presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

Motion carried.

2. **2022-277 SW:** METRO B Line – Station Shelter Contract Option

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Fredson, that the Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an option on existing contract 19P385B with Duo-Gard Industries, Inc. for the fabrication and delivery of 43 bus rapid transit shelters for installation on the METRO B Line project, in an amount not to exceed \$1,460,070.

Metro Transit BRT Project Manager Frank Alarcon presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

Motion carried.

3. **2022-312:** METRO B Line – Hennepin County Joint Powers and Cooperative Construction Agreement

It was moved by Fredson, seconded by Zeran, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute agreement 22I046 with Hennepin County to receive approximately \$9,000,000 of funds for County-requested improvements along the METRO B Line corridor and for right-of-way management authority needed for construction of the B Line project.

Metro Transit BRT Project Manager Frank Alarcon presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

Motion carried.

4. **2022-307:** Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Braun Intertec Corporation Contract Amendment No. 3 for Quality Management Services, Contract 18P018

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Fredson, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the



Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Contract 18P018, Quality Management Services for the Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) Project, with Braun Intertec Corporation to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$10.4M for a total contract amount not to exceed \$54.2M.

Metro Transit Green Line Extension Project Director Jim Alexander presented this item.

Motion carried.

5. **2022-316:** Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Re-ratification of Emergency Declaration for Repairs to Currie Maintenance Facility

It was moved by Fredson, seconded by Pacheco, that the Metropolitan Council re-ratify the Emergency Declaration for Contract 21P387, with Ames Construction (Ames), for repairs to the Currie Maintenance Facility for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) project, in an additional amount not to exceed \$19,209.92 for a total amount not to exceed \$239,209.92.

Metro Transit Green Line Extension Project Director Jim Alexander and Metropolitan Council Procurement Director Jody Jacoby presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated this item could proceed as Consent to Council.

6. **2022-319:** 2022 Regional Solicitation Funding Program of Projects Selection

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Pacheco, that the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to fund 77 projects (see Attachment 1) selected through the Regional Solicitation process and include these projects in the draft 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Metropolitan Transportation Services Transportation Planning Manager Steve Peterson presented this item. TAB Liaison Peter Dugan and Chamblis provided comments and discussion points from the TAB meeting.

Motion carried.

7. **2022-320:** Carbon Reduction Program Funding Distribution

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council award 2023-2025 Carbon Reduction Program funds to 14 bicycle/pedestrian projects (see Attachment 1) as part of the 2022 Regional Solicitation and include these projects in the draft 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

Metropolitan Transportation Services Transportation Planning Manager Steve Peterson presented this item. Fredson asked if TAB discussed the third option or if that discussion happened after the meeting. Chair Barber stated that at the meeting it was more a discussion about funding the tied project but after the meeting staff looked back and decided to use the 2025 funds fully. Sterner asked what the points were between the 13th and 14th projects. Chair Barber cautioned that it's hard to compare projects in two different categories and submit based on different requirements.

Motion carried.

8. **2022-321:** 2022 Highway Safety Improvement Program Project Selection

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Fredson, that the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to fund 38 projects (see Attachment 1) through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) solicitation and include the projects in the draft 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

Metropolitan Transportation Services Transportation Planning Manager Steve Peterson presented this item. Chamblis stated that residents always voice the importance of safety and this is a great opportunity to meet their needs.



Motion carried.

Information

1. CMP

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Dave Burns and Tim Burkhardt with Alliant Engineering presented this item. Tim Burkhardt. Chamblis asked staff to consider defining how we are addressing the areas where there is not a lot of transit options. Fredson stated while the travel time index reflects the present, it would be nice to have a tool or score to anticipate future travel time indexes in areas where there is massive development/growth. Chair Barber expressed appreciation for doing outreach in the communities as congestion might feel different to different communities.

2. Semiannual FTA DBE report to FTA for FFY 2022

Metropolitan Council OEOO Assistant Director Ashanti Payne presented this item. Sterner asked at what point would a certain category not qualify for awards. Payne stated the best way to answer that questions is that from a compliance standpoint there is no consideration of not establishing our goal but from an equity standpoint we pay attention to those gaps and put our efforts to address those gaps. Chamblis stated there has been noticeable results in contracts requests and these reports are showing more organizations meeting the DBE goals. Chamblis added this is great progress but still have a ways to go and having a strategy and targeted outreach expressed is a good start.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:35p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of November 28, 2022.

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