

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting Date: September 12, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Heywood Chambers

Members Present:

Chair, Deb Barber, D4

Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2

Molly Cummings, District 5

John Pacheco, District 6

Raymond Zeran, District 9

Francisco Gonzalez, District 12

Kris Fredson, District 14

Phillip Sterner, District 15

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Call to Order

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

Agenda Approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Gonzalez, seconded by Pacheco to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2022 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director

Regional Solicitation

A public outreach effort yielded 560 responses. The effort was a survey seeking input on distribution of funding in the process. Participants showed strong interest in bicycle/pedestrian investment compared to modal range TAB has recommended. This tracks with a high number of applications received (69 of the 155 project applications were for bicycle/pedestrian projects). Separately, Regional solicitation scenarios have been developed and will be presented to TAB in two weeks. Staff will bring this to the Transportation Committee's next meeting. In addition to the traditional "midpoint" scenario, in response to both the number of applications received and public input we developed a bike/ped heavy scenario that would bring that mode to the high end of the adopted range.

MVST

Motor Vehicle Sales Tax receipts through August 2022 have been compiled. The Council received \$34.25M for August 2022, which is more than 110% of forecast. Metropolitan Council Actual YTD Receipts are \$244.4M, which is \$9M above forecasted (\$235.4M) or about 104% of forecast. These receipts are good news, but as always it comes with a reminder that MVST can be difficult to predict so we budget at 95% of forecast to hedge against this volatility.

Micro Transit

On Saturday, staff joined some members of this committee for the Metro Transit micro launch at the West Broadway Open Streets event. Micro is a new all-day rideshare service within a

2.5 mile zone in north Minneapolis- bounded by 394, 94, Wirth Park, and West Broadway-Golden Valley Road. This is a one-year pilot project where customers can request a small bus on-demand and travel within the zone. While it's a Metro Transit program, this is a significant partnership effort between Metro Transit, MTS, and other partners. Special thanks for staff efforts to get the service ready for service.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Supplemental Security

As part of Metro Transit's Safety & Security Action Plan, contracted security officers began working at the Franklin Avenue Station this past Saturday. Two security officers will be at station through the day and night. The plan is to add security at Lake Street in a few weeks. They will work very closely with the Metro Transit Police Department and will contact our operations center if there are medical emergencies or illegal behavior on the platform. The security officers will also be working closely with Facilities for maintenance or facility issues that need to be remedied.

Staff Efforts at Recent Events

Many departments and employees have been going above and beyond to provide a positive transit experience for people riding transit to and from major events in our region. This includes providing special State Fair service. Ridership this year was notably higher than last year. Also yesterday was also a big day with both a Twins game and the Vikings home opener. Thanks to all staff for the efforts that go into making sure people who are using transit to attend those events have a good experience.

3. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)

At the September 7th meeting, TACC members heard and had a robust discussion on Metro Transit's Safety & Security Action Plan.

Consent Business

1. There are no consent items on the agenda.

Non-Consent Business

1. **2022-241 JT:** 2022 Budget Amendment – 3rd Quarter

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Cummings, 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. Gonzalez asked if the overhauls of the LRV equipment were expected/consistent with the lift of the vehicle. Petrie responded that the repairs are within the manufacturer's specifications based on miles/hours of service.

Motion carried.

2. **2022-250:** 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Gonzalez, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.
2. Certify that the Twin Cities Metropolitan Planning Process is addressing major issues facing the metropolitan planning area and is being carried on in conformance with all applicable federal requirements of:

23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;

Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 USC 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;

49 USC 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;

Section 1101(b) of Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub L. 114-357) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in US DOT funded projects;

23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;

The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38;

The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

Section 324 of title 23, U.S.C regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and;

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

3. Certify the TIP conforms to the provisions of 49 CFR part 20 regarding lobbying restrictions on influencing certain federal activities.
4. Find that the TIP is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, which is in conformance with applicable federal transportation and air quality regulations.
5. Find that the TIP meets all applicable federal requirements.
6. Find that the TAB provided adequate opportunity for involvement from the public, agency and transit operators through its regular process and public comment period.
7. Transmit the 2023-2026 TIP along with these comments to the Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item. Chamblis asked how responders engaged via social media (comments, likes, etc.). Barbeau responded that he believed a combination of both but would confirm with communications staff.

Motion carried.

3. **2022-237 SW:** METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Contract Award for Contaminated Materials, Contract 22P005

It was moved by Gonzalez, seconded by Cummings, that the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract 22P005 with KLJ Engineering, LLC for construction contaminated materials services for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project ("Project") in an amount not to exceed \$1,313,226.43, contingent upon approval by the Gold Line BRT Executive Change Control Board (ECCB).

Metro Transit Interim Project Director Gold Line Alicia Vap introduced Metro Transit Gold/Purple Line Environmental Compliance Lead Lisa Elliott who presented this item. Gonzalez asked if there is an expectation that there are harder to handle chemicals that might be found. Elliott responded that there is always that risk in an area with a developmental history but there are contingency plans in the contract if something were to be found, the contractor must stop work and formulate a plan for safe removal. Cummings asked if there was concern there were only two proposers. Vap responded that the two proposers were well qualified and that KLJ Engineering, LLC has several sub-contractors as well as this being specialized work.

Motion carried.

4. **2022-245:** METRO Gold Line Acquisition of Parcel 200 (3M)



It was moved by Gonzalez, seconded by Cummings, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an administrative settlement on Parcel 200 (3M) in an amount not to exceed \$3,420,000 for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Project”).”

Metro Transit Capital Project Administration Director Robin Cauffman presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

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

5. **2022-246:** METRO Gold Line Acquisition of Parcel 318 (Regan)

It was moved by Gonzalez, seconded by Cummings, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to acquire Parcel 318 (Regan) at the appraised amount of \$1,007,800, for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Project”).

Metro Transit Capital Project Administration Director Robin Cauffman presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

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

6. **2022-247:** Minneapolis Bus Garage Construction Contract Amendment, Contract 19P000A

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Gonzalez, that the Metropolitan Council authorize additional change order authority for the Minneapolis Bus Garage construction contract 19P000A, with Heywood Bus Constructors, a Joint Venture, by an additional \$1,700,000 above the currently authorized construction change order authority of \$11,311,591, for a revised change order authority of \$13,011,591 (11.5% of initial contract value).

Metro Transit Engineering Manager Robert Rimstad presented this item, providing an update on the construction of the new bus garage as well. Zeran asked who the joint venture was between and Rimstad stated it was a joint venture between Adolfsen & Peterson Construction and Knutson Construction. Gonzalez asked how many employees are going to be based in the new building. Rimstad responded that if the garage was operating full capacity of buses and staffed, there could be approximately 400 full time employees between operators, mechanics, facility maintenance, janitorial, material management staff.

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

Information

1. Q3 Metro Transit Strategic Operations Plan Update

Metro Transit Strategy and Performance Manager Rachel Dungca, Equity and Inclusion Senior Manager Celina Martina and Finance Director Ed Petrie presented this item. Several members expressed appreciation of this work. Gonzalez asked if there could be more broad questions asked to customers/employees such as “Would you recommend your friends/family to ride Metro Transit/work at the Metropolitan Council”. Dungca responded that there is existing customer satisfaction survey’s done approximately every 2 years that do ask broader questions like that and that the Metropolitan Council’s employee survey asks this question from employees.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the

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