

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting Date: June 26, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Robert St Chambers

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Deb Barber, D4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 11 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tenzin Dolkar, District 15 |
- = present, E = excused

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Barber called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:01 p.m.

Agenda Approved

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Carter, Tyronne to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Employee Recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit General Manager

Kandaras introduced Transit Information Senior Manager Ben Rajkowski who presented awards to Data Coordinators Nathan Bakken and Ella Brakob, Senior Transit Information Installer Dan Kelehan, and Lead Schedule Display Coordinator Scott Bergevin. Not present but also awarded were Transit Information Installer Nhatoua Xiongblaxang, Transit Information Support Specialist Tariq Muwahid, Graphic Production Specialist Christina McHenry, and Senior Graphic Designer Leah Janz.

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director

Carlson reported on upcoming Council action and public comment periods.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Kandaras introduced Deputy General Manager Bus Operations Brian Funk who presented on the recent Metro Transit service for the Taylor Swift concert and Pride festivities. Council Members discussed the weekend's events.

3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Dugan reported on last week's TAB meeting.

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted

1. 2023-135 SW: 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Two New Projects (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1705)
2. 2023-136 SW: 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Two Project Cost Increases (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1705)

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Carter, Toni.

Council Members had no questions or comments.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business

1. 2023-117: Northstar SCADA and PACIS System into Light Rail Systems (Michael Guse 612-341-5759, Laura Vedder 651-602-1730)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Dolkar, that the Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a sole source agreement with Wabtec to program Northstar SCADA and PACIS into the existing Light Rail systems in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.

Council Members discussed the master contract and DBE goals.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection Chair Barber noted the item could proceed consent to Council.

2. 2023-131: Positive Train Control, Maintenance Support Agreement, Contract 23M005A (Jeremy Spilde 612-349-7092)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute sole source Contract 23M005A with Wabtec Railway Electronics to establish a maintenance support agreement for the NorthStar Commuter Rail Positive Train Control system in an amount not to exceed \$990,000.

Council Members did not have questions or comments.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection Chair Barber noted the item could proceed consent to Council.

3. 2023-129 SW: Transit Fare Elimination Pilot Implementation (Dennis Dworshak 612-349-7364, Christin Kuennen 651-602-1689)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Dolkar, that the Metropolitan Council:

Implement the legislatively mandated transit fare elimination pilot program on Metro Transit Route #32 and #62 from July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024;

From July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024, provide all regular route service free of charge to individuals who are certified as disabled under the Americans with Disability Act requirements of the Federal Transit Administration or certified as eligible for special transportation service under Minnesota Statutes section 473.386, subdivision 2a; and

Direct staff to submit the required legislative report on the pilot program by February 15, 2025.

Council Members discussed the pilot program's details and future impact.

Motion carried.

4. 2023-127: Small Bus Procurement – 6 Buses MVTA (Paul Colton 651-602-1668)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Model 1 (formerly Creative Bus Sales) for up to 6 accessible low floor buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

Council Members discussed the current low-floor buses in the fleet.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection Chair Barber noted the item could proceed consent to Council.

Information

1. There were no items on the information agenda.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of June 26, 2023.

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