

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting Date: May 22, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Robert St Chambers

Members Present:

Chair, Deb Barber, D4

Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2

Tyrone Carter, District 3

Anjuli Cameron, District 5

John Pacheco Jr., District 6

Diego Morales, District 9

Susan Vento, District 11

Toni Carter, District 14

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 4:04 p.m.

Agenda Approved

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Vento 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 Morales, seconded by Carter, Toni to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Employee Recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit General Manager

Interim GM Kandaras introduced Materials Management Manager Chris Haefner who presented awards to Assistant Manager Jason Adams, Supervisor Jonathan Schwab, Lead Stockkeeper Michael Anderson, and Lead Stockkeeper John Baker; and TCC Manager Carri Sampson who presented awards to Transit Control Center Supervisors Alyssa Super, David Barnhart, Eli Miller, Mark Wiand, Michael Holsten, Keith Cartier.

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director

Director Carlson reported on legislative updates generally, previewing a more robust update to come from Judd Schetnan.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Interim GM Kandaras reported on the recent light rail facility, the unplanned suspension, and the Green Line operations tour.

3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Dugan gave a brief history of the TAB and reported information from the most recent TAB meeting, specifically the relationship between work from home and transportation.

4. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)

TAAC Vice Chair Darrell Paulson gave a brief history of the TAAC and reported on the most recent TAAC meeting.

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted

1. 2023-114 SW: 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: New Projects (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1705)
2. 2023-115 SW: 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Fare Collection Equipment Cost Increase (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1705)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Cameron.

There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business

1. 2023-95 SW: METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Contract Award for Woodlane Park and Ride (22P425) (Steve Barrett 651-602-1993)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council (“the Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 22P425 with Donlar Construction for construction of the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Woodlane Park-and-Ride facility in an amount not to exceed \$18,312,000.

Council Members asked about environmental construction features such as solar panels, Barrett said the space is being set up to accommodate that in the future.

Motion carried.

2. 2023-109: Master Contract for Construction Support Services, Contract 22P393 (22P425) (Julie Brenny 612-349-7444)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract 22P393 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., for construction support services to support Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Motion carried. Hearing no opposition, Chair Barber stated the item could go consent to Council.

3. 2023-113 SW: Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program Application (Tony Fischer 651-602-1703)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Services Division to develop and submit a grant application, and related materials for the Federal Highway Administration’s Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program;
2. If successful, authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a grant agreement to receive the funds.

Council Members asked about measurement tools.

Motion carried.

4. 2023-111: 2040 Transportation Policy Plan Administrative Modification – Transitway Advancement Policy (Cole Hiniker 651-602-1748)



It was moved by Vento, seconded by Cameron, that the Council approve the attached administrative modification to the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) to establish a transitway advancement policy for transitway projects requesting a change to the TPP.

Council Members discussed resolutions of support.

Motion carried. Hearing no opposition, Chair Barber stated the item could go consent to Council.

Information

1. FTA DBE Program Semi-Annual Report (Trina Bolton, OEEO Small Business Specialist, 612-349-7567; Ashanti Payne, OEEO Assistant Director, 651-602-7660)

Council Members discussed context and history for the Council DBE goals.

2. Quarterly Service and Workforce Update (Adam Harrington 612-349-7797, Brian Funk 612-349-7514)

Council Members discussed route timing.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of May 22, 2023.

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