

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting Date: June 12, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Chambers

Members Present:

Chair, Deb Barber, D4

Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2

Tyronne 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

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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 4:01 p.m.

Agenda Approved

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Morales, seconded by T. Carter to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2023 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment

Kenn Peters, Metro Transit Driver, addressed the committee regarding rush hour fares.

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director

Charles Carlson, Director, Metropolitan Transportation Services, shared information about Transit Service Intervention Project implementation, Metro Mobility premium on-demand Taxi Service pilot program implementation, stakeholder engagement work with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Technical Advisory Committee, and TAB Regional Solicitation updates.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Brian Funk, Chief Operating Officer, Metro Transit, shared information about the Transit Service Intervention Project implementation, Allied Security service implementation June 1, and June 17 service changes. Funk also shared that the St. Paul Saints hosted Metro Transit on Friday, June 9. Next weekend is Pride weekend in Minneapolis; Metro Transit will participate in the Pride parade and Pride march. Metro Transit will also be present at Juneteenth events in Minneapolis. Next Transportation Committee Meeting will be the last at Robert Street before the meeting location transitions to Heywood for the second half of the year.

Council Members had comments regarding Juneteenth events, the public safety intervention RFP, engagement of contract services, and reporting.

3. Joint Labor Management Safety Committee
Andrew Brody and Tom Waste gave an update on JLMSC activities.
4. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)
No report.

Consent Business

No items on consent agenda.

Non-Consent Business

1. **2023-102 JT:** 2nd Quarter Budget Amendment

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by W.T. Carter, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2023 Unified Budget amendment as indicated, and in accordance with, the attached tables.

Council members asked for a brief overview of the budget process.

Motion carried.

2. **2023-112:** Resiliency Training, Contract 22P186

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Carter, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 22P186 with The Red Kite Project, to provide training services in an amount not to exceed \$1,806,723.

Council members had comments about the human services aspect of the job, similar to Metro Mobility.

Motion carried.

3. **2023-121 SW:** METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit – Electric Bus and Charger Purchase

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council (“the Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise bus purchase options utilizing the State of Washington’s Master Contract 06719-01 with New Flyer of America Inc, to purchase five sixty-foot electric buses and five electric bus chargers for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit project in an amount not to exceed \$10,844,000.

Council members discussed operating costs, battery range and mileage.

Motion carried.

4. **2023-130:** Electronic Validation Token Transit Mobile Ticket on Fastfare Farebox, Contract 23P077

It was moved by W.T. Carter, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Sole Source contract 23P077 with Token Transit, to provide electronic validation for mobile app tickets, including project planning assistance in coordination with Genfare and ticket design in an amount not to exceed \$711,000.

Council members discussed the mobile app feature, incentives, and security.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:36 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 12, 2023.



Approved this 26th day of June 2023.

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