

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: June 24, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Robert St Chambers

Members present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair, Deb Barber, D4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 12 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 8 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenzin Dolkar, District 15 |
- = present, E = excused

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Vice Chair Chamblis called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:00 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 Carter, Toni, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2024, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Employee recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit General Manager

Kandaras introduced COO Brian Funk who presented awards to Leah Palmer,

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director

Carlson reported on Metro Mobility ridership numbers, and reminded Council Members of the Transportation Committee location change back to Minneapolis.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Kandaras reported on the Safety and Security Action Plan and the Transit Rider Investment Program.

3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Dugan reported on the May and June TAB meetings. Carter, Tyronne asked about TAB makeup.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. 2024-158 SW: Streamlined TIP Amendment Request – Two Project Adjustments (Robbie King 651-602-1380)

2. 2024-159 SW: Streamlined TIP Amendment Request – MnDOT’s US 169, CSAH 9, and & MN 282 Interchange Improvements (Robbie King 651-602-1380)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Cameron.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. 2024-152: Joint Powers Agreement with the City of New Hope (New Hope Police Department) Contract #24I027 (Captain Joseph Dothseth 612-349-7200)

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) # 24I027 with the City of New Hope.

Cameron asked for details on emergency calls and the impetus for the recent contract.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Vice Chair Chamblis stated the item could go Consent to Council.

2. 2024-162 SW: METRO Blue Line Extension - Authorize SDEIS Public Hearings (Nick Thompson 612-349-7507, Kelcie Young 612-373-3886)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council authorize scheduling and conducting public hearings for the METRO Blue Line Extension (BLE) Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) on July 16, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m. at NorthPoint Conference Center, 1256 Penn Avenue North, Suite 5200, in Minneapolis and on Tuesday, July 23 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Brooklyn Park Library, 8500 West Broadway Avenue in Brooklyn Park.

Council Members asked for budget specifics and details on planning efforts.

Motion carried.

3. 2024-163: Procurement of 73 Biodiesel Forty-Foot Transit Buses, Contract 19P122E (Jeremiah Riter 612-349-500)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 19P122E with Gillig LLC to purchase (73) 40-foot buses for the Council’s regular route services in an amount not to exceed \$62,982,481.

There were no questions or comment from Council Members.

Motion carried.

4. 2024-164: Student Pass Agreement between Metropolitan Council and Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis Public Schools, Contract 24R003-03 (Dustin Crescini 612-349-7718)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to:

Enter into and execute a new 5-year Student Pass Agreement with the Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis Public Schools beginning August 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029 to provide Student Passes to eligible Students.

Council Members asked clarifying questions and requested follow-up.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Vice Chair Chamblis stated the item could go Consent to Council.

5. 2024-134: Amendment #1 with North Central Bus Contract 23P238 Metro Mobility Buses (Paul Colton 651-602-1668)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council



authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to contract 23P238 with North Central Bus to increase the number of buses purchased from 16 to 197 increasing the contract by \$28,638,764 for a cumulative not to exceed amount of \$31,117,724.

There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Motion carried.

6. 2024-135: Amendment #1 with Hogle Bus, Contract 23P239 MTS Small Buses (Paul Colton 651-602-1668)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to contract 23P239 with Hogle Bus to increase the number of buses purchased from 23 to 163, increasing the contract by \$21,143,001 for a cumulative not to exceed amount of \$25,417,817.

Chamblis asked about procurement process estimated timelines. Colton shared the goal is the end of 2025 to have the fleet replaced.

Motion carried.

7. 2024-155: Release of Restrictive Covenant and Quit Claim Deed for Apple Valley Gaslight Station (Heather Giesel, 651-602-1715)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Release of Restrictive Covenant and Quit Claim Deed for the Apple Valley Gaslight Station and its associated real property.

Carter, Toni, asked for additional context.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Vice Chair Chamblis stated the item could go Consent to Council.

8. 2024-156: Highway Harms Study Contract (Bethany Brandt-Sargent 651-602-1725)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 23P207 with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for consulting services for the Highway System Harms Study in an amount not to exceed \$980,000.

Chamblis voiced appreciation for the study.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Vice Chair Chamblis stated the item could go Consent to Council.

Information

1. Regional Solicitation (Steve Peterson 651-602-1819)

Council Members asked for details and clarification on the Regional Solicitation. Peterson explained the process of overprogramming.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:43 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 24, 2024.

Council contact:

Jenna Ernst, Recording Secretary



