

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: August 26, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Heywood Chambers

Members present:

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

Call to order

A quorum not being present, Committee Chair Barber called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:04 p.m.

Agenda approved

Chair Barber stated that due to no quorum, all business items would be deferred to the September 9, 2024 Transportation Committee meeting.

Approval of minutes

Due to no quorum, approval of the minutes of the August 12, 2024 Transportation Committee was deferred until the next meeting.

Employee recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit General Manager

Metro Transit General Manager Lesley Kandaras introduced Strategic Initiatives Director John Levin who introduced Research, Data and Analysis Senior Manager Rachel Dungca who presented awards to: Principal Data Scientist Matt Broughton, Senior Data Scientist Kara Fisher, Senior Data Scientist Shanta Hejmadi, Senior Researcher Rachael Jones, Principal Data Scientist Joey Reid and Data Scientist Sadixa Sanjel.

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director
No report.
2. Metro Transit General Manager
No report.
3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)
No report.

Consent business

Consent business items were deferred to the September 9, 2024 meeting due to no quorum present.

1. **2024-195:** Metro Mobility on Demand Services, Contract 19P049A – Amendment 4
2. **2024-230 SW:** Streamlined TIP Amendment Request: MnDOT’s University Avenue Improvements Projects in Fridley and Blaine
3. **2024-231 SW:** Streamlined 2024-2027 TIP Amendment Request – MnDOT MN 3 Video Analytics Pilot

Non-consent business

Non- consent business items were deferred to the September 9, 2024 meeting due to no quorum present.

1. **2024-188 JT:** 2024 Budget Amendment – 3rd Quarter
Metro Transit Finance Director Ed Petrie and Metropolitan Transportation Services Finance Director Heather Giesel presented this item. No questions or comments from Council members. Chair Barber stated this item would proceed to Council without a recommendation from the Transportation Committee.

After the conclusion of the meeting, it was determined that this item would be brought back for approval by the Transportation Committee.

2. **2024-204:** Disposition of Chicago-Lake Transit Center
3. **2024-215:** Public Hearing on Proposed Network Now Concept Plan Service Expansion and Discontinuation of Suspended Routes
4. **2024-220:** Authorization to Purchase Property – Material Management Storage Building
5. **2024-219:** 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

Information

1. Riverview Transitway Update

Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Capital Programs Nick Thompson introduced Jennifer Jordan with Ramsey County who presented this item. Council members discussed the public engagement process and stressed the importance of meeting with businesses, Tribal leaders and local emergency services. Council members expressed concern with losing a large portion of on street parking (in the streetcar options), a potential construction on spiritual tribal land and cars operating on the same lane as street cars.

2. 2024 Second Quarter Ridership Report
Metropolitan Transportation Services Contract Transit Services Manager John Harper and Metro Transit Principal Data Scientist Joey Reid presented this item. Council members appreciated the information from staff and Chair Barber stated it was helpful to see the demand response services data separated out from other modes.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:27p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of August 26, 2024.

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