

# Minutes

Transportation Committee



**Meeting date:** February 24, 2025

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** Robert St. Chambers

## Members present:

Chair, Deb Barber, D4

Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2

Tyronne Carter, District 3

John Pacheco Jr., District 5

Anjuli Cameron, District 8

Diego Morales, District 9

Susan Vento, District 12

Toni Carter, District 14

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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 4:00 p.m.

## Agenda approved

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

## Approval of minutes

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2025, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Employee recognition – Metro Transit

### 1. Metro Transit General Manager

Metro Transit General Manager Lesley Kandaras recognized members of the Black History Committee for their contributions and introduced Revenue Operations Supervisor Traci Williamson who briefed Council members on the history and current work of the Black History Committee members. The Black History Committee members who received awards were: Traci Williamson, Tenille Warren, Al Sesler, Carlisha Lyles, Ruby Daniels, Camille Mitchell, Demetre Muhammad, Devona Love, Paris Dunn and Peter Jackson. Also receiving an award but not in attendance was Maureen Perryman.

## Reports

### 1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director

Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director Charles Carlson provided an update on the Regional Solicitation redesign.

### 2. Metro Transit General Manager

Metro Transit General Manager Lesley Kandaras invited Council members to attend the Black History celebration at North Loop Garage on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and the Transit Employee Appreciation Events the week of March 17<sup>th</sup> – exact details to be shared soon.

### 3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

No report.

## Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. **2025-60 SW:** Streamlined 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Request – MnDOT’s CSAH 83 Dual Turn Lane Study Consultant Services  
  
Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add consultant services for a study of dual turn lanes on CSAH 83 (Canterbury Rd) near US 169 in Shakopee.
2. **2025-61 SW:** Streamlined 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Request – MnDOT’s I 394 Auxiliary Lane, Bridge, Retaining Wall, Signal, and Intersection Modification Project  
  
Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost of MnDOT’s I-394 auxiliary lane, bridge repair, retaining wall, signal, and intersection modification project.
3. **2025-62:** Adoption of Adjusted Infrastructure Federal Performance Measures  
  
Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the adjusted federal infrastructure performance measure targets in order to align with the revised MnDOT statewide targets.
4. **2025-63:** Authorize Grant Agreement with SouthWest Transit for FFY 2020 CMAQ 494 Service  
  
Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with SouthWest Transit (SWT) for operation of a deviated fixed route service along the I-494 corridor between Eden Prairie and the Mall of America in the amount of \$4,323,505.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Morales.

**Motion carried.**

## Non-consent business

1. **2025-33:** METRO G Line – Approval of Final Corridor Plan  
  
It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Morales, that the Council approve the METRO G Line Final Corridor Plan to establish the number and location of stations included in the project.  
  
Metro Transit ABRT Planner Laura Greteman presented this item. Several council members thanked staff for their work and stated excitement for the project.
- Motion carried.**
2. **2025-49:** Tentative Developer Agreement with the City of Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Flaherty & Collins for Central Station Block  
  
It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Tentative Developer Agreement with the City of Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Saint Paul HRA) and Flaherty & Collins outlining key milestones for redevelopment of the Central Station Block.  
  
Metro Transit TOD Senior Project Manager Jason Schmidt presented this item. Chamblis asked how many units are affordable housing and if there were units in the plan that were non-rental. Schmidt stated the proposal is for 300 market rate units, but any affordable units will be selected during the negotiation process and all units being proposed are rental. Robert Flaherty with Flaherty & Collins provided additional details regarding why the proposal is for rental units.

**Motion carried.**

3. **2025-55:** Master Contracts for Bridge Inspection Services, Contract 24P041



It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contracts 24P041A and 24P041B for bridge inspection services that will support Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$2,900,000 as follows:

Organization	Contract Number	Contract Amount
Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.	24P041A	\$1,350,000
Collins Engineers, Inc.	24P041B	\$1,550,000

Metro Transit Senior Project Administrator Julie Brenny presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated this item could proceed as consent to Council.**

4. **2025-56:** Master Contract for Zero Emission Bus Transition Plan (ZEBTP) Advisory Services, Contract 24P095

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P095 with Hatch Associates Consultants, Inc, to provide zero emission bus transition plan (ZEBTP) advisory services that will support Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

Metro Transit Senior Project Administrator Julie Brenny presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated this item could proceed as consent to Council.**

5. **2025-57:** METRO F Line – Amendment 1 to MnDOT Master Partnership Contract Work Order #12 (22I003L)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Morales, that That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Amendment 1 to Work Order #12 (22I003L) issued under 22I003, the Master Partnership Contract (“MPC”), with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (“MnDOT”) to receive approximately \$1,310,000 in additional funding.

Metro Transit ABRT Agreements Lead Reed Sherlock presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated this item could proceed as consent to Council.**

6. **2025-65:** 2550 Walnut Street, Bay A Lease Extension, Contract 20P231 for Material Management Light Rail Parts Storage

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the contract amendment 20P231 to extend the lease with 2550 Walnut LLC, for the 5-year lease agreement in the amount of \$1,350,001.

Metro Transit Material Management Manager Chris Haefner presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated this item could proceed as consent to Council.**

7. **2025-66:** Solid Waste and Recycling Material Removal, Contract 20P040 – Amendment 4

It was moved by Carter, Tyronne, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment for contract 20P040 with Waste Management Inc that will add \$132,500 for a total contract value not to exceed \$990,000.



Metro Transit Sustainability Manager Jeff Freeman presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated this item could proceed as consent to Council.**

## Information

1. Quarterly Service Changes and Workforce Update

Metro Transit Deputy General Manager/Chief Operating Officer Brian Funk and Deputy General Manager of Administration and External Affairs Alyssa Haugen presented this item. Carter, Toni asked about evening service.

2. Transportation Committee Workplan

Metro Transit General Manager Lesley Kandaras and Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director Charles Carlson reviewed this item with Council members.

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of February 24, 2025.

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