

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: April 14, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Robert St Chambers

Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Deb Barber, D4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 8 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused | | |

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Barber called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:02 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Chair Barber.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Osman to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Employee recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit General Manager

Kandaras introduced Shoeb Behlim, Perry Gunderson and Thomas Ritenour, who presented awards to Her Cheng, Scott Clark, Zachary Crandall and Mike Miller.

Public Comment

1. A member of the public spoke to the committee about service hours.

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director
Carlson reported that MTS items are on today's agenda.
2. Metro Transit General Manager
Kandaras reported on the Gold Line opening.
3. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)
The TAAC report was deferred to a future meeting.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. 2025-81: Authorize Grant Agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (Arin Knutson 612-349-7643)
It was moved by Vento, seconded by Cameron.
Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. 2025-23: Procurement of 10 Metro Mobility Buses, Contract 25P038 (Jodi Janssen 651-602-1103, Paul Colton 651-602-1668)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Osman, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P038 with Northwest Bus Sales to provide ten buses utilizing the State of Washington Contract #06719 in an amount not to exceed \$1,608,000.

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

2. 2025-71: METRO Green Line Extension Communications System Contract 17P085 – Amendment No. 3 (Jim Alexander 612-373-3880)

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Osman, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to Contract 17P085 with Wabtec Transportation Systems, LLC that will add a not to exceed amount of \$3,448,597 for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$19,069,025

Council Members asked about ongoing contracts.

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

3. 2025-82: METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit, Contract 19P385F – Amendment 2 (Mike Ullmer 651-602-1957)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Cameron, that the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to contract 19P385F with Albrecht Sign Company that will add \$29,136.40 for a total not to exceed amount of \$828,949.33

Council Members asked about line-specific need.

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

4. 2025-96: Transit Planning Software, Contract 24P233 (Shaun Morrell 612-349-7706)

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the

Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract 24P233 with Remix Technologies, LLC, for transit planning tools in the amount not to exceed \$1,160,897

Council Members asked about specific use of the software and the breadth of the market.

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

5. 2025-100: METRO Green Line Extension Freight Rail Dispatch Contract 18P402 – Amendment No. 5 (Jim Alexander 612-373-3880)

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Osman, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to Contract 18P402 with Rail-Term to extend the contract term and add a not to exceed amount of \$212,522 for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$777,244.32.

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

6. 2025-110: Federal Transit Administration Authorizing Resolution 2025-11

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Osman, that the Metropolitan Council adopt FTA Authorizing Resolution, Resolution 2025-11, which demonstrates the authority of the Council to file for federal grants and delegates authority to act on behalf of the Council.

Council Members asked for details on the administration of the item.

Motion carried.

7. 2025-108: Transportation Committee Agenda Guide (Lesley Kandaras 612-349-7513, Charles Carlson 651-602-1761)

It was moved by Pacheco, seconded by Osman, that the Transportation Committee adopt the attached as its 2025 Agenda Guide

Council Members voiced appreciation for the working document.

Motion carried.

Information

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

Council Members provided feedback and asked clarifying questions. Chair Member noted that an investment in safety was a clear priority for the TAB.

2. 2025 Transit Information Modernization (Ben Rajkowski 612-349-7397, Laura Matson 612-349-7771, Bre Grand 612-349-7355)

Council Members discussed accessibility and asked for information on how customers reach out to communicate.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of April 14, 2025.

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