

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: September 22, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Heywood Chambers

Members present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair, Deb Barber, D4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 8 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | <input type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Victor Obisakin, District 15 |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present |

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 not being present, Committee Vice Chair Chamblis called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:05 p.m. A quorum was reached before the committee heard and approved any business items.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

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

Agenda approved

Vice Chair Chamblis stated the committee would proceed with information items until a quorum is reached for business items. Council Members did not have any additional comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Carter, Toni to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025, special meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Employee recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit General Manager

Lesley Kandaras introduced Facilities Manager Bryan McEvoy who presented an award to Lead Public Facilities Worker Mary LaRoue; and Assistant Transportation Manager/Chair of Advancing Women in Transit Carlisha Sesler and Assistant Transportation Manager/Co-Chair of Advancing Women in Transit Latina Larmee who presented an award to Facilities

Technician James Mulcare.

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director

Charles Carlson informed the committee on the Federal Transit Administration's triennial review that will be occurring September 23 through September 25.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Lesley Kandaras reminded the committee about the Renew the Blue light rail shutdown that is occurring from September 22 through October 4.

3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

No report.

Consent business

1. There were no consent items on the agenda.

Non-consent business

1. **2025-224:** Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Edina (Edina Police Department) and the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD), Contract #25I094

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Osman, that the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") # 25I094 with the City of Edina.

There was discussion on how these JPA's provide clarity for both MTPD and local agencies. There was also discussion on what other JPA's are present, and that MTPD is working to ensure all JPA's are in a similar format/template.

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

2. **2025-226:** Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County (Ramsey County Sheriff's Office) and the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD), Contract #25I089

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") # 25I089 with Ramsey County.

Metro Transit Police Department Administration Manager Joe Reichstadt and Captain Erin Dietz presented this item. Council members did not have any questions or comments.

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

3. **2025-229:** Transportation Policy Plan Amendment 1: Blue Line Extension and Gold Line Extension Public Comment Report and Adoption Consideration

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Osman, that the Metropolitan Council accept the 2050 TPP Amendment 1 public comment report and adopt Amendment #1 (attached), changing the Blue Line Extension transitway alignment and funding and adding the Gold Line Extension transitway to the fiscally constrained plan.

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Bradley Bobbitt presented this item. Council members did not have any questions.

Motion carried.

4. **2025-237:** Transit Control Center Motorola Radio Upgrade, Contract 25P187



It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 25P187 with Motorola Solutions to provide radio console upgrades for the Transit Control Center (TCC) expansion project in an amount not to exceed \$3,200,000.

Metro Transit Transit Control Center Manager Carri Sampson and Communication Systems Manager Chad LeVasseur presented this item. Council members discussed similarities with other 911 call centers setups and the benefits to having the training room in close proximity.

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

5. **2025-238 SW:** Airport Employee Dial-a-Ride Service, Contract 23P201 – Amendment 1

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Carter, Toni that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to contract 23P201 with Transportation Plus, Inc. that will increase the contract value by \$650,000 for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$4,131,500.

Metropolitan Transportation Services Contracted Services Manager John Harper presented this item. Council members discussed the program overall and how transportation is a common barrier to connecting immigrant communities to employment. Harper stated MTS has connected with Metropolitan Airport Commission (MAC) staff and Metro Transit Service Development to help find alternatives transportation options for participants.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Minnesota GO Vision Update

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Senior Manager Steve Peterson introduced Whitney Mason with MnDOT who presented this item.

2. Electric Vehicle Public Charging Needs Analysis

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Tony Fischer presented this item. There was discussion around federal involvement and differences in charging levels/cost to user.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of September 22, 2025.

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