

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: October 13, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Heywood Chambers

Members present:

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| ☐ Chair, Deb Barber, D4 | ☒ Tyronne Carter, District 3 | ☐ Anjuli Cameron, District 8 |
| ☒ Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | ☒ John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | ☒ Toni Carter, District 14 |
| ☒ Judy Johnson, District 1 | ☒ Yassin Osman, District 7 | ☐ Victor Obisakin, District 15 |
| | | ☒ = 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 being present, Committee Vice Chair Chamblis 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 Vice Chair Chamblis.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Carter, Tyronne to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2025, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director
No report.
2. Metro Transit General Manager
No report.
3. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)
No report.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. **2025-247:** METRO G Line – Joint Powers Agreement (25I038) with City of Saint Paul
Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Agreement 25I038 (“Agreement”) with the City of Saint Paul relating to construction of the METRO G Line project.
2. **2025-248:** METRO G Line – Joint Powers Agreement (25I048) with City of Little Canada
Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Agreement 25I048 (“Agreement”) with the City of Little Canada relating to construction of the METRO G Line project.
3. **2025-249:** METRO G Line – Joint Powers Agreement (25I049) with Ramsey County
Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Agreement 25I049 (“Agreement”) with Ramsey County related to construction of the METRO G Line project.
4. **2025-250:** METRO G Line – Joint Powers Agreement (25I050) with Dakota County
Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Agreement 25I050 (“Agreement”) with Dakota County related to construction of the METRO G Line project.
5. **2025-251:** METRO G Line – Joint Powers Agreement (25I066) with City of West Saint Paul
Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Agreement 25I066 (“Agreement”) with the City of West Saint Paul related to construction of the METRO G Line project.
6. **2025-254:** Authorize Grant Agreement with Plymouth for their NW Greenway Park and Ride Transit Facility Improvements
Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with the City of Plymouth, a Replacement Service Provider (Suburban Transit Provider), for improvements at the Northwest Greenway Park and Ride in the amount of \$1,121,386.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Carter, Toni.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. **2025-246:** METRO G Line – Real Estate Acquisition and Condemnation, Resolution 2025-23
It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Osman, that the Metropolitan Council pass Resolution 2025-23 declaring the METRO G Line Project as a public purpose, authorizing acquisition of all real estate interests necessary for the Project, and authorizing staff to initiate condemnation proceedings on behalf of the Council for parcels that cannot be acquired by negotiation.
Metro Transit BRT Projects Manager Adam Smith presented this item. Council members discussed easements, including the estimated quantity and complexity. Carter, Tyrone stated appreciation for the engagement efforts.
Motion carried.
2. **2025-255:** Solid Waste and Recycling Contract 24P267
It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P267 with Waste

Management Inc. to provide solid waste and recycling services in the amount of \$1,100,000.

Metro Transit Sustainability Manager Jeff Freeman presented this item. Council members discussed why there was no MCUB goal and how to help small businesses in this field. Metropolitan Council Contracts and Procurement Assistant Director Rob Carey stated this work is led by the OEEO department and that staff would be happy to provide an overview of the MCUB program. Freeman confirmed that this is a three-year contract.

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

3. **2025-256:** Northstar Replacement Service - Big Lake and Elk River, Contract 25I100

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Johnson, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract number 25I100 a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the Council to operate commuter express bus service between Big Lake, Elk River, and downtown Minneapolis at no net cost to the Council.

Metro Transit Service Development Director Adam Harrington presented this item. Council members discussed Metro Transit's history on service agreements with MnDOT. Harrington stated this is the first bus service agreement with MnDOT and the first time Metro Transit will operate a contract outside the seven-county region.

Motion carried.

Information

1. There were no information items.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of October 13, 2025.

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