

Council Chair Susan Haigh

Council Members

Katie Rodriguez	Jennifer Munt	Gary Cunningham	Edward Reynoso	Sandy Rummel	Richard Kramer	Steven Chávez
Lona Schreiber	Steve Elkins	Adam Duinick	Marie McCarthy	Harry Melander	Jon Commers	Wendy Wulff
Gary Van Eyll	James Brimeyer					

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 30, 2014 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Duinick, Reynoso, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Haigh

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Duinick, seconded by Reynoso.

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Duinick.

Joint Report of the Transportation, Management, and Community Development Committees

2014-65 Amend the 2014 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.

It was moved by Brimeyer, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 12-- Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Duinick, Reynoso, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Haigh

Nay: 0

Absent: 5—Rummel (arrived after roll call), Cunningham, McCarthy, Chávez, Wulff

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-7)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2014-77 Authorize the release of the draft Orange Line Project Plan Update for public review and comment. Public comments will be collected by Metro Transit through Friday, May 30, 2014 via mail and email, and at community events and meetings in the I-35W corridor. BRT Project Office staff will summarize public comments and report the findings to the Metropolitan Council in June.
2. 2014-78 Approve the 2014 Federal Transit Administration Title VI Program.

3. 2014-79 Accept the Regional Bicycle System Study Final Report dated March 2014.
4. 2014-81 Authorize the Regional Administrator to sign a Memorandum of Agreement regarding determination of conformity of transportation Plans, Programs, and Projects to State Implementation Plans with FHWA, FTA, EPA, MnDOT, MPCA, and the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council.
5. 2014-82 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the Regional Solicitation Evaluation contract with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. to include an increased scope of work for application development and increase the contract amount by \$275,200 for a revised total of \$508,674.
6. 2014-84 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to award Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to seven transportation demand management (TDM) projects at the recommended funding level per the attachment.
7. 2014-88 Approve the award of 51 Section 8 Project Based Vouchers (PBV) to the following projects and authorize staff to execute necessary documents with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and project owners:

Project Name	City	Number of Units in Project	Number of PBV Units Requested	Target Population
CommonBond, Veterans Affairs Housing	Fort Snelling	58	38	Homeless Veterans
Sherman and Associates, The Villages at Frost-English	Maplewood	55	10	Homeless Veterans
Carver County Community Development Agency, Lake Grace Apartments	Chaska	91	3	Homeless Veterans
Total			51	

BUSINESS

Community Development—Reports on Consent List

Environment—No Reports

Management—No Reports

Transportation

2014-83 Accept the attached public comment report; adopt the attached amendment to the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan that: adds a project on Interstate 94 between Rogers and St. Michael and its funding, and adds and advances funding for completion of Trunk Highway 610; affirm the amendment maintains the fiscal constraint and air quality conformity of the plan; approve the attached administrative modification for modern streetcars.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Rodriguez.

Commers shared concerns regarding the I-94 project and posed the question of whether this project was worth the investment. Elkins and Munt stated that they shared Commers' viewpoint.

Rodriguez shared her support and stated that the funds for this project came from Greater Minnesota's share of the Corridors of Commerce funds.

Chair Haigh stated that this would continue to be a topic of conversation with MnDOT.

Commerz, Munt, and Elkins voted nay.

Motion carried.

2014-80 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), pending approval of a related Transportation Policy Plan amendment, to add a project (SP# 2780-66) in 2015 for auxiliary lane construction on I-94 from TH 241 in St. Michael to TH 101 in Rogers, including a westbound exit ramp extension at TH 101 and a westbound third lane from TH 101 to TH 241 using \$40,000,000 in state bonds.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Brimeyer.

Motion carried.

2014-100 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add project #TRS-TCMT-14H for the purchase of 5 buses for regional service (4 for Maple Grove Transit, 1 for Plymouth Metrolink) in 2014 to reprogram \$2,722,080 of federal CMAQ funds from the withdrawn project TRS-TCMT-10B with \$680,520 of local funds for a total of \$3,402,600.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Reynoso.

Motion carried.

2014-101 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the St. Croix River Crossing bridge replacement project using \$41.34 million of state funds for the years 2014-2017.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2014-89 Approve the appointment of Aimie Mims to the Land Use Advisory Committee, District 9.

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Commerz.

Motion carried.

2014-102 Cancel the previously scheduled May 12, 2014 public hearing and hold a joint public hearing on May 29, 2014 with the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority on the Municipal Consent plans.

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Duininck.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Draft 2040 TPP

Cole Hiniker gave a presentation on the Transportation Policy Plan which was a continuation from the April 16 Committee of the Whole TPP presentation and discussion. Hiniker's presentation focused on Transportation and Land Use. The Transit Investment Plan is made up of four sections: transit basics, bus and support system, transitways, and a financial summary. Factors that make transit successful include demographics, urban design, transit routes and network design. The presentation also highlighted key tensions, including the public perception of transit priorities. The discussion will continue at future Council and Committee of the Whole meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Special Meeting of April 30, 2014.

Approved this 14 day of May, 2014.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary