

# Minutes

## Transportation Committee



**Meeting date:** March 10, 2025

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** Robert St Chambers

### Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Deb Barber, D4         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, D3   | <input type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, D8          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., D5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, D12 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, D1              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, D7     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, D14 |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused      |

### 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. **Motion carried.**

### Approval of minutes

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Carter, Toni to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2025, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

### Public Comment

A member of the public spoke to the committee about route changes.

### Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director  
Carlson shared information about the status of transit funding.
2. Metro Transit General Manager  
Kandaras reported a new partnership with the Transit App, as well as shared information about upcoming events.
3. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)  
There was no TAAC report for the month.

### Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. There were no items on the consent agenda.

### Non-consent business

1. 2025-50 JT: 1st Quarter Budget Amendment (Ed Petrie 612-349-7624 & Heather Giesel 651-602-1715)

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2025 Unified Budget amendment as indicated, and in accordance with, the attached tables.

Council Members asked about changing forecasts with the impact of tariffs. Council staff shared the ongoing work being done to plan for how tariffs may impact Council procurement.

**Motion carried.**

2. 2025-19 SW: Fare Collection System Upgrade, Contract 24P004 - Amendment 1 (Sue Hauge 651-602-1136, Dennis Dworshak 612-349-7364)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Osman, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to contract 24P004 with Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc that will add \$14,000,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$47,321,008.

Council Members asked about the major competitors in the industry and the process for an independent audit as well as contract length.

**Motion carried.**

3. 2025-30: Discontinue Suspended Bus Routes and Reinvest into the Network Now Framework (Cyndi Harper 612-349-7723. Mark Christianson 612-349-7467)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Cameron, that the Metropolitan Council approve the discontinuation of 50 bus routes as outlined in Network Now framework and endorse the Network Now framework.

Council Members asked for additional resources and commented on the route changes.

**Motion carried.**

4. 2025-58: METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit, Contract 20P073A - Amendment 2 (Alicia Vap 612-349-7079, George Henry 651-602-1502)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to contract 20P073A with Kennedy & Graven that will add \$500,000 for a total contract value not to exceed amount of \$1,185,222.45.

There were no questions from Council Members.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objections, Chair Barber stated the item may proceed Consent to Council.**

## Information

1. Q4 Ridership Report (John Harper 651-602-1744, Joey Reid 612-349-7535)

Council Members asked about the relationship between this report and Network Now, as well as how the Twin Cities compares to other regions.

2. Travel Behavior Inventory (TBI) Household Survey 2019 - 2023, Part 2 (Brandon Whited 651-602-7561)

Council Members asked about specific survey questions and data.

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of March 10, 2025.



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