

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting Date: May 24, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Charlie Zelle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Cederberg, District 12 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Lilligren, District 7 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 8 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenzin Dolkar, District 15 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Barber, District 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 11 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present |

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Approved

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Vento to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public Invitation

No public comment.

Information

1. End of Session Legislative Update (Judd Schetnan, 651-602-1142)
Council Members discussed the Metropolitan Council funding and governance task force.

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted

1. **2023-68:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Metropolitan Transportation Services and Suburban Transit Authority Zero Emission Bus Transition Plan as required by Minnesota Statute 473.3927.
2. **2023-88:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 22P362 with HDR Engineering, INC for design and construction support services related to St. Paul OMF LRV Storage Barn, in an amount not to exceed \$3,816,416.70.
3. **2023-92:** That the Metropolitan Council request authorization to execute agreement # 231017

with Hennepin County for up to \$650,000 to paint bus lanes on portions of Hennepin Ave NE and 1st Ave NE in Northeast Minneapolis.

4. **2023-98:** That the Metropolitan Council ratify the Emergency Declaration for repairs to Interceptor 8253-327 along State Highway 41 in Chanhassen in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.
5. **2023-101:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Approve the Big Marine Park Reserve long range plan amendment.
 2. Consent to a drainage easement for 3.4 acres of land within Big Marine Park Reserve as illustrated in Figure 3.
6. **2023-103:** That the Metropolitan Council ratify the Emergency Declaration for repairs of the maintenance hole for Interceptor 1-MN-330 at 27th Street West and Girard Avenue South in Minneapolis in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.
7. **2023-110:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City of North Oaks to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Revise the Community Designation of the amendment area from Rural Residential to Emerging Suburban Edge.
 3. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
 4. Find that the amendment does not change the 2040 Plan's status of inconsistent with the Housing Policy Plan. The City remains ineligible to enroll in Livable Communities Act programs.
 5. Advise the City that the advisory comments in the 2040 Plan staff report related to wastewater, local water management plan adoption, and affordable housing need allocation remain in effect and need to be addressed in future amendments.
 6. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Land Use.
8. **2023-114 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add 18 new projects: one MnDOT project for traffic study consultant services and 17 projects selected in the 2022 Regional Solicitation.
9. **2023-115 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost of its bus and rail fare collection capital equipment project.

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

There were no comments or questions from Council Members.

Motion carried.



Non-Consent Business – Reports of Standing Committees

Community Development

1. Reports on consent agenda

Environment

1. Reports on consent agenda

Management

1. **2023-107:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the renewal of its railroad liability insurance, effective 6/1/23-6/1/24, for the Northstar Commuter Rail Operations in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Cederberg.

There were no comments or questions from Council Members.

Motion carried.

Transportation

1. **2023-95 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council (“the Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 22P425 with Donlar Construction for construction of the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Woodlane Park-and-Ride facility in an amount not to exceed \$18,312,000.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento.

There were no comments or questions from Council Members.

Motion carried.

2. **2023-104:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority (St. Paul HRA), and the City of Saint Paul (City) to support the joint redevelopment of the Central Station Block.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Pacheco.

There were no comments or questions from Council Members.

Motion carried.

3. **2023-106:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract 22P161 with Clever Consulting Group, to provide transit fare collection system consulting support for strategic advice, project planning, design overview, vendor proposal reviews, transition planning, deployment, ongoing operations, and maintenance for the fare collection system upgrade in an amount not to exceed \$1,850,000.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Lilligren.

There were no comments or questions from Council Members.

Motion carried.

4. **2023-113 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Services Division to develop and submit a grant application, and related materials for the Federal Highway Administration’s Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program;

2. If successful, authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a grant agreement to receive the funds.



It was moved by Barber, seconded by Lindstrom.

Barber noted the impact of the item.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Blue Line Extension Anti-Displacement Workgroup Report (Sam O'Connell, 612-373-3815; C Terrence Anderson)

Council Members discussed the Metropolitan Council's current and future role in projects and the various modes.

Reports

Chair, Council Members, Regional Administrator, General Counsel did not have any reports.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 24, 2023.

Approved this 14th day of June 2023.

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