

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: June 23, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Robert St Chambers

Members present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair, Deb Barber, D4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 8 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused |

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 4:05 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Council Member Osman.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Carter, Tyronne to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Employee recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit General Manager

Kandaras introduced Public Relations Senior Manager Drew Kerr who presented awards to Senior Communication Specialist Lindsey Geyer, and Associate Communication Specialists Becca Yahr, Jennifer Cruz, and Orion Beaufort.

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director

Carlson shared legislation impacting the Transportation Committee, and reminded the committee of the upcoming regularly scheduled location change.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Kandaras shared the passing of Sergeant Rodriguez.

3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Dugan reported on updates on transportation safety in the region.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. 2025-151 SW: Streamlined 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Request – Two Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Project Adjustments (Joe Barbeau, 651-602-1750)

2. 2025-152 SW: Streamlined 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Request – MnDOT MN 280 Pavement and Bridge Rehabilitation (Joe Barbeau, 651-602-1750)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Osman.

Vento recommended an information session around transportation safety.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. 2025-143: Procurement of 128 Biodiesel Forty-Foot Transit Buses, Contract 25P113 (Jeremiah Riter 612-349-5005)

It was moved by Pacheco, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council (“the Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise bus purchase options utilizing the State of Washington’s Master Contract 06719-01 with Gillig LLC to purchase (128) 40-foot buses for the Council’s regular route services in an amount not to exceed \$ 122,085,767.45.

Carter, Tyronne asked about the lifecycle of buses, Riter shared that buses past their life here are sold at auction.

Motion carried.

2. 2025-145: Contract – Purchase of Non-Revenue Vehicles and Equipment for the Green Line Extension (Anthony Zessman 612-349-5073)

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Pacheco, that the Metropolitan Council take the following actions related to the METRO Green Line Extension Project:

Approve the purchase of Non-Revenue vehicles and equipment at a cost of up to \$10,000,000 using funds already contained in the Green Line Extension project budget.

Council Members voiced appreciation for the state and use of the vehicles.

Motion carried.

3. 2025-146 SW: Allied Universal Contract 22P123 Amendment 4 (Matt Broughton 612-349-7472)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to contract 22P123 with Allied Universal for a total not to exceed of \$13,030,132.

Council Members asked about the various levels of staffing and for clarifications about extensions.

Motion carried.

4. 2025-153: 2050 TPP Amendment Release for Public Comment (Bradley Bobbitt 651-602-1724)

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council approve releasing the draft 2050 TPP Amendment 1, changing the alignment and funding for the Blue Line Extension transitway and adding the Gold Line Extension transitway to the fiscally constrained plan, for public comment.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Vice Chair Chamblis stated the item may proceed Consent to Council.

Information

1. 2050 TPP Aviation System Plan Update (Joe Widing 651-602-1822)

Council Members asked about specifics on seaplane bases and asked about the interplay with federal requirements.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of June 23, 2025.

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