

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: June 10, 2024

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"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, 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 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 4:01 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 Pacheco, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Employee recognition – Metropolitan Transportation Services

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director

MTS Fleet Manager Paul Colton presented awards to Jim Schnoor, Alex Curtiss, and Justin Allen.

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director

Deputy Director Amy Vennewitz reported on the Transportation Policy Plan release.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Kandaras reported on service changes taking effect as well as the upcoming celebrations of service lines.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. 2024-130SW: 2024-27 TIP Amendment Request – Two New Projects (Robbie King 651-602-1380)
2. 2024-131SW: 2024-27 TIP Amendment Request – Six NEVI Projects (Robbie King 651-602-1380)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyronne.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. 2024-110 JT: 2024 Budget Amendment – 2nd Quarter (Ed Petrie 612-349-7624, Heather Giesel 651-602-1715)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2024 Unified Budget amendment as indicated, and in accordance with, the attached tables.

Chair Barber gave additional context for hiring and funding.

Motion carried.

2. 2024-133SW: Small Bus Transit Service, Contract #23P148 (John Harper 651-602-1744)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Transdev Inc. to provide regular route transit services in an amount not to exceed \$27,491,000.

Carter, Tyronne and Morales asked for the reasoning behind numbers. Harper shared context and existing processes and Payne noted the relative availability.

Motion carried.

3. 2024-154: Partial Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Repayment from City of Ramsey (Tony Fischer 651-602-1703)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the City of Ramsey to sell a part of one parcel purchased with Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund loan number L0502 for the agreed upon value and forward those funds to the Council in partial satisfaction of this loan.

Carter, Toni asked about potential future property sales and Cameron asked for the history of RALF loans.

Motion carried. Hearing no opposition Chair Barber stated the item could go consent to Council.

4. 2024-128: METRO Green Line Extension: Emergency Flagging Services, Contract 21P271 - Amendment 3 (Nick Thompson 612-349-7507)

It was moved by Carter, Tyronne, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to Contract 21P271 with RailPros Field Services for flagging services to add \$243,000 for a total contract value not to exceed \$553,000.

There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Motion carried. Hearing no opposition Chair Barber stated the item could go consent to Council.

5. 2024-150: METRO Green Line Extension: Hopkins Rail Support Facility Construction, Contract 23P171 (Nick Thompson 612-349-7507)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P171 with Shaw-Lundquist Associates, Inc. to provide construction services for the Hopkins Rail Support Facility in an amount not to exceed \$14,141,521.82.

There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Motion carried.

6. 2024-129: Northstar Corridor Funding Agreement with State of Minnesota Department of



Transportation (MnDOT), Resolution 2024-8 (Ed Petrie 612-349-7624)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to:

Enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for Calendar Year 2025 to provide funding for public commuter rail service in Sherburne County, Minnesota, for an amount up to \$1.7 million per year.

Execute the attached Resolution of the Governing Body (Metropolitan Council) to enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2025.

There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Motion carried. Hearing no opposition Chair Barber stated the item could go consent to Council.

7. 2024-142: Light Rail Vehicle – Type 2 Pantographs, Contract 24P038 (Mike Rood 612-341-5612)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract 24P038 with Siemens Mobility, Inc., to provide thirty-one replacement pantographs for the Siemens, Type 2, Light Rail Vehicles (LRV), in an amount not to exceed \$905,758.

There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Motion carried. Hearing no opposition Chair Barber stated the item could go consent to Council.

8. 2024-143: Real-Time Sign Replacement Pilot & Implementation Project, Contract 21P366B (Jacob Brown 612-349-7348)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 21P366B with J.M. Fiber Optics, Inc., to implement a real-time sign replacement solution in an amount not to exceed \$1,897,715.

Cameron and Pacheco asked about cold weather impacts.

Motion carried. Hearing no opposition Chair Barber stated the item could go consent to Council.

9. 2024-148: MnDOT Funding Grant Agreement for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Matching Funds for FTA FY23 Low or No Emissions Grant, Agreement 24I026 (Carrie Desmond 612-349-7798)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute a MnDOT administered Grant Agreement 24I026 which will provides \$2,902,100 in matching funds from MnDOT's IIJA Discretionary Match Program and applied toward Metro Transit's awarded FTA FY23 Low or No Emissions grant.

There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Zero Emissions Bus Transition Plans 2023 Annual Report (Carrie Desmond 612-349-7798, Jeremiah Riter 612-349-5005)

Council Members discussed partnerships and future plans.

Adjournment



Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:54 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 10, 2024.

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