

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: December 11, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

Chair, Charlie Zelle

Judy Johnson, District 1

Reva Chamblis, District 2

Tyronne Carter, District 3

Deb Barber, District 4

John Pacheco Jr., District 5

Robert Lilligren, District 6

Yassin Osman, District 7

Anjuli Cameron, District 8

Diego Morales, District 9

Peter Lindstrom, District 10

Gail Cederberg, District 11

Susan Vento, District 12

Chai Lee, District 13

Toni Carter, District 14

Tenzin Dolkar, District 15

Wendy Wulff, District 16

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Call to order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:01 p.m.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Dr. Tyronne Carter to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2024, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

No public comment.

Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-31)

1. **2024-116:** METRO Green Line Extension Civil Construction Cumulative Change Order Authority Increase, Contract 15P307A

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize 2.98% (\$23.8 million) in cumulative change order authority for contract 15P307A with Lunda McCrossan Joint Venture, resulting in 36.29% (\$290.2 million) total cumulative change order authority.

2. **2024-221:** Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail, Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Award (CCRRA), Carver County

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council:

Approve a grant of up to \$1,611,000 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Carver County to acquire in easement approximately 5.2 acres of a former Carver County Regional Railroad Authority corridor located in Chaska, MN, for the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail.

Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

3. **2024-247:** METRO Blue Line Extension Subordinate Funding Agreement No. 3 (#211032C) with Hennepin County Staffing Services for 2025

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement No. 3 (#211032C) with Hennepin County for the METRO Blue Line Extension Project (“the Project”), in an amount not to exceed \$1,270,142.

4. **2024-249:** METRO Blue Line Extension Project Subordinate Funding Agreement No.10 (#141044J) with MnDOT for 2025 Staffing Services

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement No.10 (#141044J) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (“MnDOT”) in an amount not to exceed \$2,084,153.60.

5. **2024-261:** Metro Mobility Premium On-Demand Contract Award

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts 24P119A-C to provide Metro Mobility Premium On Demand service in an amount not to exceed \$19,524,500, with initial contract awards amounts as follows:

Organization	Contract Number	Contract Amount
Uzurv	24P119A	\$2,500,000
Transportation Plus	24P119B	\$2,500,000
Carepool	24P119C	\$2,500,000

6. **2024-284:** METRO Green Line Extension Freight Rail Flagging Services, Contract 21P271 – Amendment No. 5

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 21P271 with RailPros for freight rail flagging services in the amount of \$775,936, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,326,559.

7. **2024-285:** METRO Green Line Extension Advanced Design Consultant, Contract 14P125 – Amendment No. 16

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 14P125 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for architectural and engineering services in an amount of \$11,301,072, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$181,039,554.

8. **2024-286:** METRO Green Line Extension Construction Management Support Services, Contract 17P060 – Amendment No. 6

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 17P060 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$3,293,574.26, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$23,535,053.26.

9. **2024-287:** METRO Green Line Extension Quality Management Services, Contract 18P018 – Amendment No. 5

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 18P018 with Braun Intertec Corporation for quality management services for the METRO Green Line Extension Project in the amount of \$9,000,009.70, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$69,320,977.70.



10. **2024-293:** METRO Blue Line Extension – Contract #22M024 Amendment with CBRE, Inc and Middleton Partners, LLC to extend Blue Line Project Office Lease

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 22M024 with Middleton Park Place Investors, LLC, for the lease agreement in the amount of \$1,989,430.86.

11. **2024-295 SW:** Grant Agreement #24I051 with Hennepin County Anti-Displacement Community Prosperity Program for the Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a general fund grant agreement with Hennepin County (County) for the Anti-Displacement Community Prosperity Program (Program) in an amount of \$10,000,000.

12. **2024-296:** METRO Green Line Extension Project Office Lease Agreement, Contract 12P008 – Amendment No. 5

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 12P008 with Middleton Park Place Investors, LLC, for the METRO Green Line Extension Project Office lease agreement in the amount of \$687,394, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$10,047,394.

13. **2024-299:** Saint Paul Downtown Alliance, Contract 24P265

Proposed Action: That the Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a sole source contract 24P265 with the Saint Paul Downtown Alliance for safety services not to exceed \$800,000.

14. **2024-306:** Scott County, Louisville-Merriam Junction Regional Trail Long-Range Plan

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council:

- Approve the Louisville-Merriam Junction Regional Trail Long-Range Plan (future Merriam Junction Regional Trail).
- Approve the 0.20-mile trail extension of the Minnesota River Bluffs Extension and Scott County Connection Regional Trail (future Merriam Junction Regional Trail) amending the long-range plan to provide a seamless connection to the Louisville-Merriam Junction Regional Trail.
- Require Scott County, prior to initiating any construction, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.
- Advise the County to consider implementing the recommendations for the Met Council's wastewater, water, and the regional bicycle transportation network in the Advisory Comments section of the business item.

15. **2024-307:** Scott County, Shallow Waters Regional Trail Long-Range Plan

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council approve the Shallow Waters Regional Trail Long-Range Plan.

16. **2024-308:** Elm Creek Park Reserve, Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Award (Lasher), Three Rivers Park District

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council:

Approve a grant of up to \$420,000 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Three Rivers Park District to acquire a 2.8-acre parcel located at 12651 Elm Creek Crossing in Champlin, MN, for the Elm Creek Park Reserve.

Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.



17. **2024-309:** Diamond Lake Regional Trail, Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Award (Boggs), Three Rivers Park District

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council:

- Approve a grant of up to \$525,000 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Three Rivers Park District to acquire a 23.2-acre parcel located at 17700 117th Ave N in Dayton, MN, for the Diamond Lake Regional Trail.
- Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

18. **2024-314:** 2023 Newport Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) Grant

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council approve the awarding of \$2.75 million from the 2023 Minnesota Session Laws to the City of Newport and authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a grant agreement with the city to reduce the amount of inflow and infiltration (I/I) to the sanitary sewer disposal system.

19. **2024-315 SW:** METRO E Line – Amendment 1 to Hennepin County Joint Powers and Cooperative Construction Agreement 23I083

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Amendment One (1) to Agreement 23I083, Joint Powers and Cooperative Construction Agreement with Hennepin County, to receive up to \$1,700,000 in additional funds for construction of improvements along the METRO E Line corridor.

20. **2024-316 SW:** METRO G Line – Ramsey County Funding Agreement

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Agreement 24I059 (“Agreement”), an income agreement in an amount exceeding \$500,000, with Ramsey County for the METRO G Line project.

21. **2024-317 SW:** METRO G Line – Cooperative Construction Agreement (24I001) with Ramsey County for Rice Street Visioning and Reconstruction Project

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Agreement 24I001 (“Agreement”) with Ramsey County (“County”) for the County’s construction of METRO G Line BRT station platforms in conjunction with the County’s Rice Street Visioning and Reconstruction Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000.

22. **2024-318 SW:** METRO G Line – Cooperative Construction Agreement (24I013) with City of St. Paul for Robert Street Reconstruction

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Agreement 24I013 (“Agreement”) with the City of St. Paul (“City”) for construction of METRO G Line BRT station platforms in conjunction with the City’s Robert Street Reconstruction Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.

23. **2024-319:** Metro Mobility On Demand Services, Contract 19P049A – Amendment 5

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment for contract 19P049A with Transportation Plus to add \$650,000 for a total contract value not to exceed amount of \$6,876,754.

24. **2024-321:** Blue Line State of Good Repair – Phase 3, Contract 24P207

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 24P207 with Aldridge Electric for replacement track, rail, upgrades, and replacement of signal components on the Metro Blue Line in an amount not to exceed \$80,145,713.

25. **2024-326:** 2025 Authorized Financial Institutions



Proposed Action: The Metropolitan Council approve the list of 2025 Authorized Financial Institutions.

26. **2024-328:** Rosedale Transit Center Agreement

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Rosedale Transit Hub Agreement, contract 07M018, with PPF RTL ROSEDALE SHOPPING CENTER, LLC for an additional contract value not to exceed \$1,150,000.

27. **2024-331:** Signature Authority for FFY 2022 Section 5307 Bus Acquisition for the University of MN

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with the University of Minnesota, a federal subrecipient of the Metropolitan Council, for the acquisition of three (3) replacement 40-foot, Gillig hybrid electric buses in the amount of \$3,000,000.

28. **2024-336:** Streamlined 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Request – Six 2024 Regional Solicitation Projects

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add MnDOT’s new video analytics pilot project for MN 3 (Robert Street) in West St. Paul. That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the following six projects funded through the 2024 Regional Solicitation:

- The City of Anoka’s MN 47 reconstruction and railroad grade separation;
- Carver County’s MN 5 and MN 41 reconstruction;
- Metro Transit’s micro on-demand transit service in and around Minnetonka;
- Metro Transit Blue Line Franklin Station renovation;
- Bloomington’s Normandale Blvd sidewalk project;
- MVTA’s Eagan Bus Garage modernization;

29. **2024-337:** Streamlined 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Request – Rest in Red Study Pilot

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a “Rest in Red” signal study pilot professional technical services contract in Ramsey County.

30. **2024-338 SW:** TSP Mobile Hardware Upgrade, Contract 24P288

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a sole source contract 24P288 with ACT Traffic Solutions to provide and install vehicle computer units (VCUs) and bus antennas used for transit signal priority (TSP) for bus upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$697,300.

31. **2024-339:** Adoption of Transportation Planning Area Boundary

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Transportation Planning Area Boundary.

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Dr. Tyrone Carter.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. **2024-342:** Funding Recommendations for 2024 Livable Communities Demonstration Account



Affordable Homeownership Grants

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council:

- Award ten (10) Livable Communities Demonstration Account Affordable Homeownership Grants totaling \$3 million, as outlined in Table 1.
- Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant Agreements on behalf of the Council.

Grantee	Project	# of Homes	Award Amount
Bloomington HRA	Single Family + ADUs	2	\$100,000
Carver County CDA	413 Franklin (Watertown)	1	\$69,875
City of Eden Prairie	Scattered Site (Homes Within Reach)	1	\$28,377
City of Maplewood	Beebe Meadows	7	\$525,000
City of Minnetonka	Minnetonka Mills	10	\$500,000
City of Minnetonka	Scattered Site Across Western Hennepin County (Homes Within Reach)	9	\$180,000
Roseville EDA	Scattered Site (Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity)	3	\$375,000
Scott County CDA	Moraine (Shakopee)	2	\$200,000
City of Saint Paul	1036 Marshall	4	\$760,169
Saint Paul Port Authority	Serenity Townhouses	7	\$261,579
TOTAL		46	\$3,000,000

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Lindstrom.

Motion carried.

Environment

No reports.

Transportation

1. **2024-246:** METRO Blue Line Extension - Capital Grant Agreement #221038 Amendment No. 1 with Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the METRO Blue Line Extension Capital Grant Agreement #221038 Amendment No. 1 with Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) in the amount not to exceed \$173,600,000. This is contingent upon the Q4 capital budget amendment Business Item 2024-332 JT SW and Hennepin County Board approval on 12/12/2024.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Morales. CM Wulff requested that the minutes reflect that she and CM Vento voted “nay” on this business item. Chair Zelle granted the request.

Motion carried.

2. **2024-312:** METRO Blue Line Extension – Limited Notice to Proceed No. 3 for Engineering Services Contract #22P103A



Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to issue Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP) #3 for the Engineering Services Consultant Contract #22P103A in an amount of \$37,475,448. This is contingent upon the Q4 capital budget amendment Business Item 2024-332 JT SW and Hennepin County Board approval on 12/12/2024.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Morales. CM Wulff requested that the minutes reflect that she and CM Vento voted “nay” on this business item. Chair Zelle granted the request.

Motion carried.

3. **2024-329:** METRO Green Line Extension Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority Capital Grant Agreement, Contract 18I094 – Amendment No.12

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 18I094 with Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority to add \$90,294,640 bringing the total grant amount to \$1,168,375,344 to fund METRO Green Line Extension Project activities.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Lindstrom.

Motion carried.

4. **2024-330:** METRO Green Line Extension Budget and Schedule

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council take the following actions related to the METRO Green Line Extension Project:

- Approve the updated Project cost estimate of \$2.86 billion as the Project budget; and
- Acknowledge the revised Project schedule that anticipates revenue service beginning in 2027.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

5. **2024-335 JT SW:** METRO B Line – Resolution 2024-26 establishing project contingency for state bond encumbrance

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council pass Resolution 2024-26 establishing obligation for METRO B Line project contingency through December 31, 2025.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Carter.

Motion carried.

6. **2024-340 JT SW:** Transit Funding Allocation Policy

Proposed Action: The Regional Administrator shall establish the framework and accountability for the effective implementation of the policy.

- Allocation of supplemental financial assistance between individual replacement service municipalities shall be in the manner determined by agreement of the replacement service municipalities. The allocation methodology may specify eligibility based on a municipality’s transit service operating reserve. Absent an agreement between the replacement service municipalities, the Regional Administrator shall determine the amount to be allocated to a replacement service municipality.
- The Metropolitan Council shall publish the Transit Funding Allocation policy, implementing procedures, financial information, and reporting requirements on its website.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Chamblis.



Motion carried.

Management

1. **2024-332 JT SW:** 2024 Budget Amendment – 4th Quarter Budget Amendment

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2024 Unified Budget as amended and in accordance with the attached tables.

The motion noted that the business item before the Transportation Committee contained a discrepancy in the narrative around the date of approval by Council of Project #61403. The Council did not take action on November 13, but rather on December 11.

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cederberg.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye	12	Chamblis, Dr. Tyronne Carter, Barber, Pacheco, Morales, Lindstrom, Cederberg, Vento, Lee, Carter, Wulff, Chair Zelle
Nay	0	
Absent	5	Johnson, Lilligren, Osman, Cameron, Dolkar

2. **2024-344 SW:** Annual Sole Source Hardware and Software Maintenance Services

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute sole source purchase orders for ongoing maintenance, hosted services and support services in an amount not to exceed \$3,450,000. This includes installed software and hardware referenced on the attached 2025 Information Services Sole Source Vendor List.

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Carter.

Motion carried.

3. **2024-345 SW:** Microsoft Enterprise Agreement, Contract 21P057 Amendment 2

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 21P057 with Insight Public Sector Inc. to add \$3,300,000 for Microsoft licenses and support of Windows, Office 365, SharePoint and Azure cloud services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$18,150,000.

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cederberg.

Motion carried.

Joint reports

No reports.

Other business

No reports.

Information

No items.

Reports

Chair Zelle informed the Council that the order of the non-consent items has changed since the agenda was posted online – the Management items were moved to after the Transportation items



due to the fact that some of these items depend upon what happens in the Transportation Committee meeting. Chair Zelle also informed the Council that CM Vento and CM Dolkar have submitted their resignations and will be leaving the Council some time in February 2025.

Chair Zelle recessed the meeting at 5:14 p.m. to reconvene at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Public Comment on Budget and Levies

Chair Zelle reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. for public comment on the 2025 Unified Budget. Chair Zelle opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

1. **2024-327:** Adoption of the following Resolutions for the Metropolitan Council's 2025 Unified Budget and the 2024, Payable 2025 Tax Levies:
 1. 2024-20: Adopting the Metropolitan Council's 2025 Unified Budget
 2. 2024-21: Adopting the Metropolitan Council's 2024 Property Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue
 3. 2024-22: Adopting the Metropolitan Council's 2024 Property Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the County Auditors
 4. 2024-23: Adopting the 2024 Property Tax Levy for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund
 5. 2024-24: Adopting the 2024 Property Tax Levy for the Tax Base Revitalization Account of the Livable Communities Act
 6. 2024-25: Certifying the Property Tax Levy for 2024 for Debt Service on Future Transit Bonds

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye	12	Chamblis, Dr. Tyronne Carter, Barber, Pacheco, Morales, Lindstrom, Cederberg, Vento, Lee, Carter, Wulff, Chair Zelle
Nay	0	
Absent	5	Johnson, Lilligren, Osman, Cameron, Dolkar

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 11, 2024.

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