

Metropolitan Council/Hennepin County

Meeting of the SWLRT Executive Change Control Board

Friday, June 13, 2025

Members Present: Charlie Zelle Heather Edelson Deb Barber
 Marion Greene Debbie Goettel

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Charlie Zelle, Metropolitan Council Chair, called the meeting of the Executive Change Control Board (ECCB) to order at 11:09AM.

2. Minutes from May 9, 2025

Heather Edelson, Hennepin County Commissioner, moved to approve the draft minutes from the May 9, 2025 ECCB meeting. The motion was seconded by Charlie Zelle, Metropolitan Council Chair. Following a vote, the minutes were officially approved.

3. Resolution 25-ECCB-006

- **Approval of the use of Project Contingency in the amount of \$1,100,000 for Change Order 1181 with Lunda McCrossan Joint Venture (LMJV) for the increase in the allowance for unforeseen conditions.**

Nic Dial, Deputy Project Director, requested approval to use project contingency funds in the amount of \$1,100,000 for a proposed Change Order 1181 with Lunda McCrossan Joint Venture (LMJV) to add funds for the unforeseen conditions work allowance (Allowance 503). The unforeseen conditions work allowance is used for minor changes in the field as construction is occurring, such as detour adjustments, debris removal, soil correction, utility discovery, and modifications to noise and vibration equipment. We have been adding funds to this allowance throughout the course of the project in order to meet obligations in the field. The \$1.1M is a conservative value that is projected to complete the project. Remaining funds would be returned to Project Contingency.

Commissioner Goettel said this history is valuable information for our next project.

Commissioner Goettel moved to approve the item. Council member Deb Barber seconded the motion. The resolution was approved.

4. Monthly Report on Change Orders

Nic Dial reviewed the monthly report of changes. The following is a summary of the discussions on the report.

Civil Change Order 1071: This change is for Cedar Lake Trail drainage modifications due to an unforeseen conflict with an Xcel utility. This Part Two Change Order was for approximately \$168,000.

Civil Change Order 1161: This change is for jacking pits obstructed by an Xcel duct bank, which required modification of the steel casing and supportive excavation of the pits; this change is for approximately \$102,000.

Civil Change Order 1165: This change was brought to the Board at the last ECCB meeting in Resolution 25-ECCB-005 for \$997,000. This was for the sub cut that was successfully performed over Memorial Day weekend and the following weekend. The final amount is \$805,853.60.

Civil Change Order 1171: This change is for LRT curve alignment adjustments. Temperature swings over the winter impacted the tracks and require adjustment. This change is for approximately \$254,000.

HRSF Change Order 005: This Part One change is for approximately \$76,000. This change is due to building permit requirements for fire-rated CMU partitions and dampers.

Systems and Tunnel Facilities Change Orders 0149: Change 0149 reallocates \$900,000 from the Sales Tax Allowance to a new Allowance 506 for OCS Hanger adjustments.

Systems and Tunnel Facilities Change Orders 0151: Change 0151 is for OCS modifications; the OCS wire is sitting higher than required, which required adjusting hangers and clips. This change is for approximately \$169,000.

Chair Zelle requested a motion to receive the report. Council member Barber moved the motion, Commissioner Goettel seconded the motion. The report was received.

5. Quarterly Project Financial Status Report

Jim Alexander, Project Director, shared the quarterly report. There is approximately \$111M in contingency, which is a reduction of approximately \$4.4M from the previous report in March. Contingency use during this past quarter was primarily from change orders to the Civil and Systems contracts; there was also an amendment to the Communications Systems Contract (aka SCADA) for approximately \$1M. Later this year the project will need to use contingency to acquire freight rail insurance prior to testing vehicles within the shared corridors. Once the amount of contingency needed is determined the project office will bring this item to the Board for consideration.

Commissioner Goettel asked about the cost of the freight rail insurance. Alexander said we are expecting it to be in the \$3M range for a one-year policy. The Project will carry the cost of this insurance until revenue service. Metro Transit Operations will then be responsible for

this cost as we move forward in revenue service. Freight rail insurance is required per statute and per agreements with TCWR and BNSF.

Commissioner Goettel asked about the Systems contract that was outstanding due to the delay of the project. Alexander said we have initiated discussions with both the Civil and Systems contractors to address the second round of delay that has previously been discussed.

Alexander reported that approximately 95% of the Civil work is complete. The Systems contract is approximately 80% complete, and the overall Project is approximately 88% complete.

Commissioner Edelson asked about safety issues and lessons learned. Alexander said we are currently conducting an Operational Hazard Analysis with Metro Transit Operations staff, and we anticipate there will be associated changes due to this analysis. Chair Zelle said the recent safety events are under investigation.

Chair Zelle asked for a motion to receive the report. Commissioner Greene moved the motion and Commissioner Goettel seconded the motion. The report was received.

6. Adjourn

Chair Zelle adjourned the meeting at 11:34 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Getty, Recording Secretary