

Council Chair Adam Duinick

Council Members

Katie Rodriguez	Jennifer Munt	Gary Cunningham	Edward Reynoso	Sandy Rummel	Richard Kramer	Steven Chávez
Lona Schreiber	Steve Elkins		Marie McCarthy	Harry Melander	Jon Commers	Wendy Wulff
Gary Van Eyll	James Brimeyer					

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 4:00PM Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Chávez, Wulff, Duinick

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duinick called the meeting to order at 4:05PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chair Duinick made a motion to amend the agenda by removing item 2015-24.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Reynoso.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Elkins.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-2)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2015-20 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to advance construction and increase the cost for CSAH 24 reconstruction and intersection improvement project in Anoka County.
2. 2015-26 Adopt the Real Estate Policy to guide real estate activities across the organization to support the Council's mission.

BUSINESS

Community Development

2015-16 Accept the public hearing report on the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*; adopt the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* as part of the comprehensive development guide for the metropolitan area authorized under Minnesota Statutes sections 473.145, superseding and replacing any park policies adopted by the Council prior to May 28, 2014 adoption of *Thrive MSP 2040*.

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

Environment—No Reports

Management—Reports on Consent Agenda

Transportation

2015-23 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute an architectural and engineering contract with Snow Kreilich Architects for design and construction support services in the amount of \$1,648,577 for a new Metro Transit Policy Department headquarters.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Kramer.

Motion carried.

2015-25 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts with First Transit Inc., for: Metro Mobility Demand Service in the Metro South zone from June 28, 2015 to June 30, 2020 with an option for one additional year in an amount not to exceed \$60,467,441; and Metro Mobility Demand Service in the Metro East zone from August 30, 2015 to August 30, 2020 with an option for one additional year in an amount not to exceed \$85,945,267.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Rummel.

Reynoso abstained.

Motion carried.

2015-27 SW Amend the Regional Transitways Guidelines to add the following guidelines for future light rail vehicle purchases: all vehicles must meet or exceed the standards established in the Americans with Disabilities Act; all vehicles must also include two dedicated spaces for wheelchair users in each car and seating for a companion adjacent to each of the wheelchair-dedicated spaces.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by McCarthy.

Motion carried.

2015-28 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to existing contract 13P216 with Kimley-Horn and Associates to extend the contract period through May 31, 2016 and increase the contract value by \$383,871 for a total contract value of \$2,332,126 for additional consulting services for the A Line Bus Rapid Transit project.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by McCarthy.

Motion carried.

2015-29 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase agreement with Hoglund Bus (MnDOT Contract 88294) for up to four expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$370,000.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Rodriguez.

Motion carried.

2015-30 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract 09P177 with Midwest Paratransit Services, Inc. for an additional \$460,000, for a new contract total of \$7,173,430, and to extend the termination date to May 31, 2015.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Rodriguez.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Information Item: Introduction to Streetcars and Regional Streetcar Policy Kickoff

Arlene McCarthy and Nick Thompson from Parsons Brinckerhoff gave a presentation on streetcars. The design differences between streetcar and light rail are tied to the distinctions in the markets served by each technology. Streetcars are intended for short connections within a compact urban setting; light rail is intended for longer distance trips across a city or from suburbs into a city.

Arlene McCarthy presented on the Regional Streetcars Policy Development. Modern streetcar alternatives are being considered in some corridors. Minneapolis and St. Paul are proposing long-term streetcar networks. Streetcars are eligible for Small Starts funding.

Following the presentation, Chair Duinink invited Minneapolis City Councilmember Bender and Councilmember Reik, along with Policy Director Peter Wagenius to share their thoughts and information regarding the Nicollet-Central streetcar LPA recommendation by the City of Minneapolis. This project has been in the works for 9 years.

REPORTS

Chair: Participated in a town hall meeting with Minneapolis City Councilmember Glidden and Senator Dibble. Toured and met with officials in Washington County. Attended the Minnetonka State of the City address. Attended the Northwest Hennepin League of Municipalities meeting in Loretto.

Council Members:

Munt—Tomorrow is Transportation Lobby Day. Attended the Minnetonka State of the City address and heard a lot of positive comments about the Council's relationship with the City.

Rummel—Attended a Water Summit meeting and a meeting on groundwater management.

Regional Administrator: The February 25 meeting is likely to be canceled.

General Counsel: No Report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 11, 2015.

Approved this 11th day of March, 2015.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary