

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting Date: March 27, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Robert St Chambers

Members Present:

Chair, Deb Barber, D4

Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2

Tyronne Carter, D3

Anjuli Cameron, D5

John Pacheco Jr., D6

Diego Morales, D9

Susan Vento, D11

Toni Carter, D14

Tenzin Dolkar, D15

= present, E = excused

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Barber called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Approved

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Vento to approve the agenda. Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Carter, Tyronne, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Employee Recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit Interim General Manager

Kandaras presented Shoeb Behlim who presented to Justin Craig, and Jake Rooney who presented to Jody Moore.

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director

Carlson gave an update on the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax and the most recent receipts. Carlson also gave a report on the national trends for auto sales. Carlson shared information about the Travel Demand Management Study in the region and invited the Council Members to the virtual and in-person workshops.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Kandaras shared information about the upcoming Transit Driver Appreciation Day. Kandaras also reported on the APTA Conference: an internal staff working group from Metro Transit and MTS are in the final month of preparations to host the 2023 American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Mobility Conference. APTA is a non-profit organization headquartered in Washington DC focused on all modes of public transportation in North America. APTA serves as an advocate for agencies with the Federal Government, acts as a diverse networking conduit to connect agencies, provides educational opportunities and has a robust portfolio of professional development activities. The Mobility conference is being held

in Downtown Minneapolis from April 23 through 26 and we're expecting to host about 1,000 industry professionals from across North America. This conference addresses the critical priorities and challenges facing bus and paratransit systems and explores the changing environment in which systems operate in today's mobility landscape. Participants will have the opportunity to explore specialty workshops, APTA's Bus Display, the Products and Services Showcase and technical tours. Chief Operating Officer Brian Funk will be presenting a more comprehensive update on all of our preparations at either the April 10 Transportation Committee Meeting or April 12 Committee of the Whole.

3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Director Carlson shared the TAB report on behalf of Peter Dugan.

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted

1. 2023-76: 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Four Project Changes (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1705)
2. 2023-77: 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Chisago County US 8 Project Extension into Washington County (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1705)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Carter, Tyrone.

There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business

1. 2023-60: METRO F Line – Authorization to Release Recommended Corridor Plan for Public Comment (Jake Knight 612-349-7546)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Pacheco, that authorize release of the METRO F Line Recommended Corridor Plan for public review and comment; and direct staff to collect public comments through Sunday, May 14, 2023, summarize comments, and report the findings to the Metropolitan Council.

Council Members asked for information about the current service in the corridor and discussed the project.

Motion carried.

2. 2023-69: METRO Green Line Extension Civil Construction Change Order Authority Cumulative Cap Increase (Jim Alexander 612-373-3880)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that (Council) authorize an additional 3.49% (\$27.9 million) to the 29.82% (\$238.5 million) cumulative change order authority for Contract 15P307A with Lunda McCrossan Joint Venture, resulting in 33.31% (\$266.4 million) cumulative change order authority.

Council Members asked questions about the background of the project.

Motion carried.

3. 2023-71: 2023 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment 1 (Amy Vennewitz 651-602-1058 Dave Burns 651-602-1887)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Dolkar, that adopt the proposed amendment to the 2023 Unified Planning Work Program as shown in the attached document titled 2023 Transportation Unified Planning Work Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Amendment 1.

Council Members requested additional information about the UPWP.

Motion carried. Hearing no opposition Chair Barber noted the item can go Consent to



Council.

Information

1. Metro Transit 2023 Strategic Plan Overview (Lesley Kandaras 612-349-7513, Celina Martina 612-349-7582)

Council Members asked clarifying questions about the plan and asked for future discussion.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of March 27, 2023.

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