

# Metropolitan Council

Council Chair Susan Haigh  
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Councilmember Lona Schreiber  
Councilmember Gary Van Eyll  
Councilmember Jennifer Munt

Councilmember Steve Elkins  
Councilmember James Brimeyer  
Councilmember Gary Cunningham  
Councilmember Adam Duinick

Councilmember Edward Reynoso  
Councilmember Sandy Rummel  
Councilmember Harry Melander

Councilmember Richard Kramer  
Councilmember Jon Commers  
Councilmember Steven Chávez  
Councilmember Wendy Wulff

## Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, October 16, 2013

3:00PM

Council Chambers

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### IN ATTENDANCE

Haigh, Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Duinick, Reynoso, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 3:03PM.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Rummel

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Rodriguez

### PUBLIC INVITATION

The following individuals gave public comment regarding the SWLRT project: Jami LaPray, Co-chair of Safety in the Park; Dave Van Hattum, Policy and Advocacy Program Manager at Transit for Livable Communities; and Steve Singer, President of Pipeline Supply in Hopkins, MN.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-8)

##### Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2013-267 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to a professional services contract for design and construction support services relative to the Maplewood Mall Transit Center Parking Structure in Maplewood, at a cost of \$12,297.90.
2. 2013-269 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 110 effective for the period of May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2015.
3. 2013-271 Find the seven project grant applications submitted to the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) for CY 2014 funding to be consistent with the Council's 2030 Transportation Policy Plan adopted November 2010.
4. 2013-272 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to the professional services contract 12P203 with Kodet Architectural Group, Ltd. in the amount of \$49,360.72.
5. 2013-280 Approve the Mendota-Lebanon Hills Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan; require that prior to initiating development of the Mendota-Lebanon Hills Greenway Regional Trail, preliminary plans should be sent to Scott Dentz, Interceptor Engineering Manager (651-602-4503) at Metropolitan Council Environmental Services for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system.
6. 2013-281 Approve the Lake Marion Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan; require that prior to initiating development of the Lake Marion Greenway Regional Trail, preliminary plans should be sent to Scott Dentz, Interceptor Engineering Manager (651-602-4503) at Metropolitan Council Environmental Services for

review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system; notify Dakota County that approval of the Lake Marion Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan applies to the preferred trail route designated in the master plan and does not constitute approval of the long-term alternative identified along the MN&S line owned by Canadian Pacific Railway.

7. 2013-282 Amend the following four grant agreements and authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement amendments: 1. Amend SG2009-042, Grant Project (Section 2) to include “engineering, construction and construction administration for the Spring Lake Park Reserve segment of the Mississippi River Regional Trail,” and to delete “construction of the ~~Pine Bend~~ Rosemount segment of the Mississippi River Regional Trail.” Also, extend the agreement term to December 31, 2017 to accommodate the time needed to construct the Spring Lake Park Reserve segment and align with the expiration date of two Federal Transportation grants for the project. 2. Amend SG2010-032, Development Project to include “engineering, construction and construction administration for the Spring Lake Park Reserve segment of the Mississippi River Regional Trail,” and to delete “design, construction and construction administration of the Rosemount segment of the Mississippi River Regional Trail.” Also, extend the agreement term to December 31, 2017 to accommodate the time needed to construct the Spring Lake Park Reserve segment and align with the expiration date of two Federal Transportation grants for the project. 3. Amend SG2011-027, Development Project to include “engineering, construction and construction administration for the Spring Lake Park Reserve segment of the Mississippi River Regional Trail,” and to delete “construction and construction administration of the Rosemount segment of the Mississippi River Regional Trail.” Also, extend the agreement term to December 31, 2017 to accommodate the time needed to construct the Spring Lake Park Reserve segment and align with the expiration date of two Federal Transportation grants for the project. 4. Amend SG2011-108, Grant Project (Section 2) to include “engineering, construction and construction administration for the Spring Lake Park Reserve segment of the Mississippi River Regional Trail,” and to delete “construction and construction administration of the Rosemount segment of the Mississippi River Regional Trail.” Also, extend the agreement term to December 31, 2017 to accommodate the time needed to construct the Spring Lake Park Reserve segment and align with the expiration date of two Federal Transportation grants for the project.
8. 2013-283 Consider reimbursing Dakota County up to \$918,000 from its share of future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Programs for the following projects: 1. Park System-wide furnishings and site amenities: \$43,000 (benches, drinking fountains, signs, landscaping and miscellaneous site amenities in regional parks per approved master plans); 2. Greenway System-wide furnishings and site enhancements: \$90,000 (benches, drinking fountains, signs, landscaping and miscellaneous site amenities in regional greenways per approved master plans); 3. Big Rivers Regional Trail trailhead design: \$75,000 (design and engineering of trailhead building and associated site improvements at the Highway 13 trailhead); 4. Lebanon Hills Regional Park connector trail construction: \$420,000 (design and construction for a year-round connector trail per the approved master plan); 5. North Urban Regional Trail – Mendota Heights/West St. Paul construction: \$290,000 (design and construction for a trail from Hwy 110 and Warrior Drive to Garlough Park in West St. Paul). Acknowledge that the Council does not, under any circumstances, represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Community Development—Reports on Consent List**

#### **Environment—No reports**

#### **Management**

2013-268 Authorize the increase of the Micro Purchase level from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and increase the Regional Administrator’s Delegated Signature Authority from \$250,000 to \$500,000 for all purchases of budgeted goods and services. In addition, authorize the Regional Administrator to award construct contracts where: a) the value of the contract does not exceed \$2,500,000; b) the construction project was included in the Council-adopted capital budget; c) the cost of the project is less than the Engineer’s Estimate plus 10% and/or a review of the

Engineer's Estimate is evaluated to determine why it is over the 10% with management concurrence; and d) sufficient funds are available in the capital budget to complete the project.

It was moved by Brimeyer, seconded by Rummel

**Motion carried.**

## **Transportation—Reports on Consent List**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **REPORTS**

Chair: Attended many SWLRT meetings. Attended a special CTIB meeting. Participated in a Greater MSP meeting, as well as an Itasca Project meeting. Met with the Community Engagement Steering Committee. Participated in the InterCity Leadership Visit to Phoenix. Met with Ramsey County Commissioner Jim McDonough and St. Paul Chamber President Matt Kramer to discuss East Metro transit.

Council Members:

Wulff—Traveled to St. Cloud to accept a joint award from the Minnesota Public Transit Association for the Council, Metro Transit, Dakota County and MVTA for the management of the Red Line.

Chávez—Participated in a meeting regarding Hwy 77 issues.

Melander—Attended a meeting with the City of Grant.

Rummel—Attended two legislative hearings on the environment. One focused on nitrates in the water and the second was regarding the Clean Water Fund.

Rodriguez—Met with the new City Clerk for Loretto, and stayed for their Council meeting. Met with the mayor of Medina and had a tour of their city and attended their Council work session.

Munt—Attended the launch of the Move Minnesota campaign which is a campaign to build support for our transit infrastructure. Will be a mentor for an advanced placement class in Plymouth.

Cunningham—Attended the opening of the Emmanuel House which is a 101 unit sober housing project in downtown Minneapolis.

Elkins—Attended two SWLRT CMC meetings, and attended two open houses for the Orange Line. Attended a planning task force meeting in Edina for their Grandview area plan.

Kramer—Reported on upcoming meetings regarding Robert Street transit and Hwy 52.

Regional Administrator: No report.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41PM.

#### **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of October 16, 2013.

Approved this 13 day of November, 2013.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary