

Metropolitan Council

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

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

4:00PM

Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Duininck, Reynoso, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Vice Chair Melander called the meeting to order at 4:10PM. Chair Haigh was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Rummel, Kramer

It was moved by Cunningham, Duininck

PUBLIC INVITATION

Mark Hughes shared his concerns regarding new Metro Mobility buses.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 11)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2013-278 Authorize the Regional Administrator to issue work orders to AECOM for additional design activities, continuation of design support during construction, construction support services, light rail vehicle support services and to provide system integration testing support services during calendar year 2013 for an increase of \$0.5 million and a total spending authority not to exceed the \$112.2 million total contract amount; to negotiate and execute an amendment to the professional services contract with AECOM to increase the contract amount by \$5.0 million, and issue work orders for a not-to-exceed amount of \$117.2 million for additional design activities, continuation of design support during construction, construction close-out support services, light rail vehicle support services, and to provide system integration testing support services during calendar year 2014.
2. 2013-279 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 10 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total amount not to exceed \$750,562 for calendar year 2014.
3. 2013-289 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 3 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total not to exceed amount of \$1,905,886 for calendar year 2014.
4. 2013-290 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to professional services contract 11P208 relative to the Overhaul Base Facility Renovations and Expansion at a cost of \$134,549.00.
5. 2013-291 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Operations Funding Agreement with the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) for Transitway Service. This agreement will be for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017.

6. 2013-292 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an intergovernmental agreement with Hennepin County for the construction of portions of the 7018-2 Interceptor System (Wayzata Force Main).
7. 2013-293 Authorize the Regional Administrator to cancel the procurement for Contract 12P224 for an Independent Peer Review Consultant for Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT).
8. 2013-294 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute the following grant agreements with SWT to purchase eight (8) coach style buses and four (4) 30' heavy duty transit buses in an amount not to exceed \$5,988,000.
9. 2013-296 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the scope of this project by adding expansion to a 4-lane divided highway CSAH 50 north from CSAH 60 to Jurel Way and CSAH 60 west from CSAH 50 to Orchard Trail. The change would also increase the budget to a total of \$6,870,000 with \$1,632,000 in federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds and an increased local amount of \$5,238,000.
10. 2013-297 Concur with the TAB action to evaluate Regional Solicitation projects using modal evaluation categories and defining project eligibility by mode as shown on the attached tables.
11. 2013-298 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute the following grant agreements with MVTA in the following amounts: 2014 – MVTA – Bus – Replacement (Project #35932): for up to \$2,850,000 for the purchase of (6) six 40' replacement buses in 2014; Rosemount Expansion (CMAQ) – Buses (Project #35935): for up to \$1,900,000 for the purchase of (4) four 40' expansion buses in 2014; 2015 – MVTA – Bus – Replacement (Project #35940): for up to \$5,988,000 for the purchase of (12) twelve 40' replacement buses in 2015.

BUSINESS

Community Development—No reports

Environment—Report on Consent List

Management—No reports

Transportation

2013-295 Adopt the attached Transit Oriented Development Policy (TOD Policy) to guide activities across the organization that advance TOD.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Elkins

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2013-299 Adopt the Public Comment Draft of the 2014 Unified Budget.

It was moved by Brimeyer, seconded by Rummel

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

A. SWLRT Update—Jim Alexander provided an update on the SWLRT project. Jim addressed the freight rail relocation analysis scope, the water resources evaluation scope, the Kenilworth Corridor landscaping/greenscaping analysis, stakeholder involvement, and the project schedule. The three

additional studies (freight rail relocation, water resources evaluation, and landscaping/greenscaping analysis) should be complete by the end of January 2014.

REPORTS

Chair: Absent

Council Members: Rummel: Attended a meeting in Anoka where the DNR gave a presentation on groundwater. Attended the Preparation for Climate Change workshop at the Science Museum.

Kramer: MPOSC applications are in the process of being vetted; Council members should share their thoughts with CM Wulff.

Duininck: Attended the groundbreaking at the A Mill Artists Loft. Attended the SWLRT CMC meeting in St. Louis Park. Attended the Future of Transportation forum at the U of M. Participated in the groundbreaking for the Surly brewery in Prospect Park.

Elkins: Participated in the Bloomington Planning Commission meeting.

Melander: Presented to the Mahtomedi City Council and the Woodbury Rotary club.

Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of November 13, 2013.

Approved this 11 day of December, 2013.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary