

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: November 13, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Tyronne Carter, District 3
- Deb Barber, District 4
- John Pacheco Jr., District 5

- Robert Lilligren, District 6
- Yassin Osman, District 7
- Anjuli Cameron, District 8
- Diego Morales, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Gail Cederberg, District 11

- Susan Vento, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14
- Tenzin Dolkar, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
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Call to order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:03 p.m.

Agenda approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

Members of the public made their comments.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. **2024-229:** That the Metropolitan Council ratify the Procurement After the Fact for repairs of the Seneca Service Water Hydrant and six-inch city water line at the Seneca Water Recovery Facility in Eagan in an amount of \$185,912.21.
2. **2024-250:** That the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement No.18 (#12I021R) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation ("MnDOT") in an amount not to exceed \$505,000.
3. **2024-251:** That the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement No.13 (#17I024M) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation ("MnDOT") in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.
4. **2024-252:** That the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement No.4 (#21I147D) with the

Minnesota Department of Transportation (“MnDOT”) in an amount not to exceed \$950,000 contingent upon the execution of the Second Amendment to the Capital Grant Agreement for the Project Development Phase of the Metro Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Second Amendment”) by the Council, Ramsey County (“County”), and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (“RCRRA”).

5. **2024-259:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P110 with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. for planning support and concept design services for the METRO H Line project in the amount not to exceed \$1,549,979.
6. **2024-263:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) # 241043 with the City of Minnetonka (Minnetonka Police Department).
7. **2024-265:** That the Metropolitan Council pass Resolution 2024-18 authorizing acquisition of temporary and permanent easements for Interceptor 4-NS-525 Rehabilitation Project 808609 and staff to initiate condemnation proceedings.
8. **2024-267:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with CenterPoint Energy to relocate a natural gas line for the purposes of constructing Project 809207 1-MN-346 Rehabilitation Phase 2 for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.
9. **2024-268:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes a Public Hearing on January 10, 2025 to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for the Crow River Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) and Interceptor.
10. **2024-269:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to authorize the sale of real estate property at 260 Fremont Avenue North, 55405 for the Interceptor 1-MN-320 Improvements, MCEC Project No. 809205.
11. **2024-282:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 22G002 Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and accept Clean Water Funds from the Minnesota Legislature via MPCA in the amount not to exceed \$350,000.
12. **2024-297:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add three new projects:
 1. Add a new project to construct storm sewer improvements along North Fork Crow River
 2. Add a new project to construct roundabouts and ramp heads at Interstate 94 and Wright County Road 137
 3. Add a new project to replace an old bridge with a new bridge over Wright County Road 19
13. **2024-298:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add or adjust six projects:
 1. Add local funding and change the scope of Anoka County’s project to construct a mini roundabout at CSAH 6 from 0.05 miles west of 5th St to 0.05 miles east of 7th St in Fridley
 2. Cost decrease for a mill and overlay on MN 20 from River Road in Cannon Falls to 280th St E at Goodhue and Dakota County Line in Cannon Falls Township
 3. Scope change to add pavement reconstruction on two bridges to a project repairing, painting, and reconstructing superstructures on 13 total bridges along Interstate 94 and Interstate 35E in Saint Paul
 4. Cost increase for a bridge repair project on Interstate 94 Hudson bridge over the St. Croix River in Lakeland and Hudson
 5. Add a new project to replace a rail bridge over Interstate 494 in Bloomington 0.8 miles east of the junction of Interstates 494 and 35W
 6. Add a streamlining study of the Grand Round park and parkway system in Saint Paul
14. **2024-300:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and



Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of North Oaks to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City that the lots outside of the amendment area (shown in Figure 4) cannot be provided sanitary sewer without first being added to the MUSA, and therefore the service stubs and lateral to those lots outside the amendment area lots need to be eliminated from future construction plans and future Minnesota Pollution Control Agency permit applications. The Council's authorization of this amendment is only for the proposed 17 lots identified in the materials. Any future additions in this area will require a comprehensive plan amendment and Council review.
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater, Forecasts, and Land Use, and Water Supply.
15. **2024-301:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Cooperative Agreement #24I061 with the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) to allow the Council to utilize their contracts for cooperative purchasing of goods and services.
16. **2024-302:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Cooperative Agreement #24I060 with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to allow the Council to utilize their contracts for cooperative purchasing of goods and services
17. **2024-303:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the attached Utility Allowance Schedule for use in the Housing Choice Voucher and other rent assistance programs effective January 1, 2025.
18. **2024-311:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to enter into and sign a grant agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to receive \$1,304,580 to provide the local match to the capital components of the SouthWest Transit (SWT) Section 5339(c) Low or No Emission Grant Program Award.
19. **2024-320:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions: 1. Authorize the City of Eagan to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect. 2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts. 3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts.
20. **2024-326:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt payment standards as shown in Table 1 for the Housing Choice Voucher and other rent assistance programs effective January 1, 2025.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Morales. **Motion carried.**

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. **2024-322:** That the Metropolitan Council: 1. Award nine Livable Communities Demonstration Account grants as shown in Table 1, totaling \$9,800,000 and; 2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Toni Carter. **Motion carried.**

2. **2024-323:**

That the Metropolitan Council: 1. Award five Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit-Oriented Development grants totaling \$5,500,000 as shown Table 1 below. 2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant

agreements on behalf of the Council.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Morales. **Motion carried.**

Environment

No reports.

Management

No reports.

Transportation

1. **2024-279:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P076 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for design, engineering, and construction administration services for the METRO G Line project in the amount not to exceed \$11,031,025.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Dr, Carter. **Motion carried.**

2. **2024-304:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the following fare policy changes: Removal of local peak (rush hour) fares, reducing the fare from \$2.50 to \$2.00 and peak reduced fares from \$2.50 to \$1.00 for all regional transit providers participating in the regional fare structure and adjust the following fare products:

1. All Day Pass from \$5.00 to \$4.00
2. Reduced Fare All Day Pass from \$5.00 to \$2.00
3. 10 Ride Pass Full Fare from \$20.50 to \$20.00
4. Seven Day Pass from \$24 - \$20
5. Eliminate \$90.00 (31 Day) local peak and the \$5.00 visitor pass
6. Modify the Metro Mobility peak fare, from \$4.50 to \$4.00
7. Modify Metro Mobility peak fare hours to 6:30AM-9:30AM and 2:00PM to 5:30PM
8. Expand Transit Assistance Program (TAP) eligibility from one to two years, to be implemented in 2025, once the fare technology is available.
9. Approve a 6-month deeply discounted fare pilot for Metro Mobility customers to ride on regional fixed routes for \$.01, effective 1/1/2025 – 6/30/2025.
10. Provide a new fare of \$1.00 for Transit Link Circulator Service.
11. Unless otherwise noted, the fare change will be implemented in January 2025.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Morales. **Motion carried.**

3. **2024-305:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the results of the Title VI Service Equity Analysis for the removal of local peak fares (which subsequently impacts the peak fare offered by Metro Mobility), reduced peak fares and the end of the pilot on routes 32 & 62.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Toni Carter. **Motion carried.**

Joint reports

No reports.

Other business

No reports.

Information

- Imagine 2050 Public Comment Update (Lisa Barajas, 651-602-1895; Michelle Fure, 651-602-1545)
- Presentation
- Additional Materials

Council Members discussed the importance of making sure all stakeholder voices are heard.

Reports

No Reports

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 13, 2024.

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