

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting Date: April 27, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Deb Barber, District 4
- Molly Cummings, District 5

- John Pacheco, District 6
- Robert Lilligren, District 7
- Abdirahman Muse, District 8
- Raymond Zeran, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Susan Vento, District 11

- Francisco Gonzalez, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Kris Fredson, District 14
- Phillip Sterner, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present, E = excused

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Approved

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Sterner 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 Wulff, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the minutes of the (date), 2022 regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public Invitation

No public comments

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 1-15)

1. **2022-79:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (“SFA”) #19I056-F with the City of St. Paul (“the City”) for construction of non-project activities concurrent with the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“the Gold Line”) in an amount not to exceed \$1,204,975.83
2. **2022-80:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (“SFA”) #19I034-F with the City of Woodbury (“the City”) for construction of non-project activities concurrent with the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“the Gold Line”) in an amount not to exceed \$698,672.63.
3. **2022-81:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (“SFA”) #19I069-B with St. Paul Regional Water Services (“SPRWS”) for construction of non-project activities concurrent with the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“the Gold Line”) in an amount not to exceed \$958,609.16.



4. **2022-86:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 - Approve a grant of up to \$962,700 to Washington County to acquire the 79.04-acre Kelley Land and Cattle Company property located at 170th Street North in May Township for Big Marine Park Reserve.
 - Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
5. **2022-87:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to reject all bids for contract 21P143A for Master Contract II for Bass Lake Spur Freight Rail Maintenance and Repair and resolicit bids for this contract.
6. **2022-88:** That the Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract with NSH USA Corporation, to manufacture a replacement wheel truing machine for the Hiawatha (Blue Line) Operations and Maintenance Facility (O&MF), in the amount of \$2,295,493.20.
7. **2022-90:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (“SFA”) #19I034-G with the City of Woodbury (“the City”) for construction of non-project activities concurrent with the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“the Gold Line”) in an amount not to exceed \$1,249,683.96.
8. **2022-91:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
 - Authorize the City of Lakeville to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 - Find that the amendment does not change the City’s forecasts.
 - Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater.
9. **2022-96:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute master contracts 21P230A for \$266,666 with Barr Engineering, Inc., 21P230B for \$266,666 with HDR, Inc., and 21P230C for \$266,666 with Kimley-Horn, Inc. to provide engineering support for water supply planning for a total not to exceed procurement value of \$800,000.
10. **2022-98:** That the Metropolitan Council revise the 2022 Annual Livable Communities Act Fund Distribution Plan to increase the funding available for the Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) by \$2 million for the LHIA Affordable Homeownership Pilot.
11. **2022-99 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the total cost of three City of Minneapolis Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) projects.
12. **2022-100 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost of the Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) 2022 project by \$62.5 million (\$50 million federal).
13. **2022-101 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the total and federal cost of its US 169 cable median barrier installation. The request includes a minor correction to the project length (5.55 miles to 5.4 miles).
14. **2022-102 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a 2022 project allocating recently awarded federal funding to the TH 5 (Arboretum Boulevard) corridor.
15. **2022-103 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost of the City of Saint Paul’s Kellogg Bridge replacement.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Fredson.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business – Reports of Standing Committees

Community Development

- Reports on consent

Environment

- Reports on consent

Management

1. **2022-106 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council Approve the Council's 2022-2026 Equal Employment Opportunity Program Update to be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Chamblis.

Motion carried.

Transportation

1. **2022-77:** That the Council approve Amendment #1 to the D Line Station Plan, to add a new station at Osseo Road & 47th Avenue and update the location for a permanent southbound platform at Portland Avenue & 77th Street.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Cummings.

Motion carried.

16. **2022-78:** That the Council approve Amendment #1 to the B Line Corridor Plan, to update platform locations at three planned B Line stations: Lake & Lyndale, Lake & Bloomington, and Lake & Cedar.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Sterner.

Motion carried.

17. **2022-95 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 22P111, with Gordian Group, Inc, for asset condition assessment services in an amount not to exceed \$594,686.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Sterner.

Motion carried.

Other Business

1. **2022-107:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 2022-08, declaring Juneteenth as an official Council holiday and directing the Regional Administrator to implement all necessary actions to meet this declaration.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried.

Council Member expressed thanks to staff. Council Member Wulff had a question about the process with Unions and committees.

Information

1. Report on Thrive MSP 2040 Equity Commitments

Lisa Barajas, Director of Community Development, presented the Thrive MSP 2040 progress on Equity Commitments and shared the highlights of the actions that the Council has taken since 2014 to implement each of the commitments under Equity. Barajas talked about the purpose, scope of the report, and the five outcomes: Sustainability, Prosperity, Equity, Livability, and Stewardship. She also provided takeaways applying to the 2050 Regional Development Guide.

Council Member Barber stated it's important to continue engagement and reach out to communities. Council Member Chamblis said the takeaways are important, and she's happy to see systems for making tracking easier were included and standardizing the tracking would be helpful. Council Member Gonzalez had questions about tracking and asked if there are criteria for communities that need assistance with planning. Barajas stated this is a project they will be working on gentrification and all things related to Council investments. Council Member Vento asked if past council members had a role in conversations with local governments and if it will be a part of the 2050 Regional Development Guide process. Barajas stated they encourage council members to have engagement and partnerships with policymakers. Council Member Wulff said it is important to continue training and communication with cities and counties. Wulff also had a question regarding streamlining comprehensive plans and resources for smaller local governments. Chair Zelle stated this could save staff time and money, and it's a benefit if we can meet townships or cities where they are. Council Member Johnson had questions about the process, timeline, and branding. Barajas stated we are looking at ways to make the document easier to read and navigate. Council Member Sterner asked if counties help townships and smaller cities with planning. Barajas stated there are a few counties that assist with planning.

Reports

Council Member Fredson reminded everyone it's workers memorial week and thanked the frontline workers.

Deputy Regional Administrator Georges Gonzalez introduced himself and stated staff are back in the office in hybrid model.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 27, 2022.

Approved this 25th day of May 2022.

Liz Sund

Recording Secretary

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