

## **Minutes of the**

### **MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Elkins, Schreiber, Cunningham, Barber, Melander, Rodriguez, Chávez, Kramer, Wulff, Letofsky, Munt, McCarthy, Reynoso

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Vice Chair Melander called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:00PM on Wednesday, October 17, 2018.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Elkins to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Elkins to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2018 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

#### **INFORMATION**

Visualizing Regional Racial Disparities

Krysten Ryba-Tures and Nicole Sullivan presented this item. Since 2013, the Council's Community Development Research team has produced an annual *MetroStats* report on the racial and ethnic disparities in employment, home ownership, and poverty rates in the Twin Cities metro region. In lieu of this report, the team will publish an interactive data visualization on [www.metrocouncil.org](http://www.metrocouncil.org) that includes the most recent American Community Survey Data. Ryba-Tures and Sullivan gave a demonstration of how the new tool works. Information on the site includes metro rankings in poverty, income, employment, and home ownership between 1990 and 2017, metro rankings in racial and ethnic disparities, outcomes by race and ethnicity, and what the Twin Cities region stands to gain from resolving racial and ethnic disparities.

Gold Line Update

Charles Carlson and Chris Beckwith presented an update on the Gold Line BRT. The Gold Line will serve 2 counties and 5 municipalities in the East Metro. The estimate is 8,000 daily riders in 2040, and the capital cost estimate is \$420M. The project is currently in the development stage, which includes the environmental review, design advancement, and ongoing public engagement. Project Development is expected to last until January 2020, after which the engineering phase would begin.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:38PM.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary