

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting Date: April 24, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Robert St Chambers

Members Present:

Chair, Deb Barber, D4

Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2

Tyrone Carter, District 3

Anjuli Cameron, District 5

John Pacheco Jr., District 6

Diego Morales, District 9

Susan Vento, District 11

Toni Carter, District 14

Tenzin Dolkar, District 15

= present, E = excused

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Barber called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:01 p.m.

Agenda Approved

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chamblis seconded by Carter, Tyrone to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Employee Recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit General Manager

Bob Whebbe presented to Electromechanical Technician CJ Bahan; HR Talent Manager Luis Martinez presented to HR Specialist Beverly Brown and HR Assistant Janice Jorenby; and Assistant Bus Operation Manager Donathan Brown who presented to Assistant Transportation Manager Anna Penland.

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director

Carlson reported on highlights from the Transportation Advisory Board meeting, including project awards and results of community listening sessions. Carlson shared regional recognition received.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Deputy GM/COO Brian Funk reported 1,200 APTA attendees, the highest in ten years. YTD MT has had 154 new operators start.

3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

4. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted

1. 2023-93 SW: 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Three Project Changes (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1705)
2. 2023-94 SW: 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Three New Projects (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1705)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Carter, Tyrone.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business

1. 2023-91: METRO B Line – Statement of Work Under Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County Fiber Infrastructure Master Agreement, Contract 201066A (Frank Alarcon 612-349-7692)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Statement of Work 201066A with Hennepin County to receive approximately \$1,350,000 of funds for Hennepin County financial participation in the construction of the fiber optic communication infrastructure along the METRO B Line corridor.

There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber noted the item could go consent to Council.

2. 2023-96: Contract 21P342 Amendment #1 with North Central Bus (Paul Colton 651-602-1668)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to Contract 21P3442 with North Central Bus for a price increase of \$2,199,367 for a cumulative not to exceed amount of \$11,465,214.

Chamblis asked for details on the supplier process.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber noted the item could go consent to Council.

3. 2023-97: Contract 21P228 Amendment #1 with North Central Bus (Paul Colton 651-602-1668)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to Contract 21P228 with North Central Bus for a price increase of \$4,309,164 for a cumulative not to exceed amount of \$16,225,858.

Carter asked about the history of the item.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber noted the item could go consent to Council.

Information

1. Metro Transit Community Affairs Overview (Sophia Ginis 612-373-3853)
Council Members discussed the stage in a project that community engagement takes place and asked about common themes that are observed. Council Members contemplated existing and new community relationships.
2. MTS & STP Zero Emission Bus Transition Plan (Gerri Sutton 651-602-1672, Paul Colton 651-602-1668)



Council Members asked about upcoming quantity needs.

3. Regional Solicitation (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1705)

Director Carlson and Chair Barber shared context with Council Members.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of April 24, 2023.

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