

Minutes

Committee of the Whole



Meeting date: August 20, 2025

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

- ☒ Mark Jenkins, District 12
- ☐ Chai Lee, District 13
- ☒ Toni Carter, District 14
- ☒ Victor Obisakin, District 15
- ☒ Wendy Wulff, District 16
- ☒ = present

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

A quorum being present, Vice Chair Chamblis called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:01 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Vice Chair Chamblis.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Obisakin, seconded by Osman to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2025, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

Information

1. **Transit Funding Allocation Policy Update** (Charles Carlson 651-602-1761)

Charles Carlson, Executive Director of Metropolitan Transportation Services, introduced his

presentation and provided a background on Suburban Transit Providers (STPs), noting that 12 cities are included, with 10 cities operating under joint powers agreements as two transit providers. Funding provided by Metropolitan Council comes primarily through the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (MVST) through formulas set by state law and by Council policy. Presenter then gave an overview of the funding allocation policy, including part 1 of the policy which established general principles and methods to allocate revenues including a 25-year forecast and annual budget adoption. Additionally, part 1 of the policy enacted Metro Mobility funding revisions per state law, reflected current practice, and set interim 2025 sales/use tax funding to STPs.

Presenter reported that the 2025 policy completion (part 2) incorporates new state law and forecasts and applies a 25-year projection. Part 2 also allocates to replacement service municipalities, and policy provisions related to sales tax funds.

Presenter provided an overview of the policy development process and walked council members through transit provider engagement including policy provisions related to sales tax funds, listening sessions as policy inputs, public engagement on federal formula revisions, and continued engagement through implementation.

Presenter reported on Transit Capital funds and compared the current model challenges with new model benefits and noted that Met Council will no longer be purchasing equipment that other transit providers use.

Presenter highlighted the proposed approach for allocation of Regional Transit Capital (RTC) funding including RTC bonds paid by transit debt service property levy and Metro Mobility shift from RTC to state and federal capital funding. Presenter provided an overview of the proposed approach. Presenter also discussed the Federal 5307 and 5340 Formula Allocation and detailed allocation basis as well as provider and public input.

Presenter gave an overview of the sales tax and use allocation and noted that it accounts for replaced funding sources. Presenter walked through policy feedback including provider feedback. Finally, presenter discussed next steps including the implementation process and noted the item would be up for approval at the September 10th Met Council meeting.

Council members asked questions about the engagement process and expansion of micro-transit service and noted the need for a balance between needing more time and moving ahead with certainty to develop the Met Council budget and provide certainty for stakeholders. Council members acknowledged that a lot of work goes into forecasting.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole meeting of August 20, 2025.

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