

Council Chair Susan Haigh

Council Members

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|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Katie Rodriguez | Jennifer Munt  | Gary Cunningham | Edward Reynoso | Sandy Rummel   | Richard Kramer | Steven Chávez |
| Lona Schreiber  | Steve Elkins   | Adam Duinick    | Marie McCarthy | Harry Melander | Jon Commers    | Wendy Wulff   |
| Gary Van Eyll   | James Brimeyer |                 |                |                |                |               |

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 4:00p.m. Council Chambers

### IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Cunningham, Duinick, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Haigh

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Van Eyll

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Van Eyll

### CONSENT AGENDA

Wulff requested 2014-6 be removed from the Consent Agenda to further discuss the wording in the document.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Kramer

### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-18)

#### Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2013-334 Approve changes to the FTA Safety Sensitive Drug and Alcohol Program Policy.
2. 2013-341 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the budget for SP#109-09-015 to a total of \$1,600,000 with \$794,080 in Transportation Alternatives (TAP) funds and an increased local amount of \$805,920.
3. 2013-342 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the attached 24 projects for the HSIP allocation for years 2014, 2015, and 2016 with a total of \$15.5 million in HSIP, and modify the budgets for set asides for the years 2014-2016.
4. 2013-343 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the I-35W North Managed Lane Environmental Assessment and preliminary design project (SP#6284-172) in the year 2014 with a total of \$904,540 using \$814,086 in federal Interstate Maintenance Discretionary funds and state funding of \$90,454.
5. 2014-1 Authorize a change order with Siemens in an amount of \$695,581 to the Low Floor Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) contract to provide for the procurement of automatic passenger counter equipment (APC) on an additional 30 LRVs.
6. 2014-3 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a five-year contract with First Transit, Inc. to provide regular route local transit

service in the western and central portions of the metro area, from the June 2014 pick date (METRO Green Line Launch date) through May 31, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$12,989,995.

7. 2014-4 Approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to Conduct Federally-Required Metropolitan Transportation Planning Activities in Wright and Sherburne Counties.
8. 2014-5 Adopt the adjusted 2010 Census Smoothed Urbanized Area Boundary (SUAB) for transportation planning and data reporting.
9. 2014-7 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the project scope for CSAH 17 by adding mill and overlay and pavement rehab to the original project scope and specifying some of the original elements not included in the original description (signal communication interconnect, red light running system, turn lanes).
10. 2014-8 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the attached list of 21 projects with \$1,582,000 total funding and \$1,265,600 in federal Section 5310 funding in 2014.
11. 2014-9 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add two St. Croix Boom Site Roadside Recreational Area projects (SP#082-595-001 for planning and preliminary engineering and SP#082-595-002 for rehabilitation and construction) in the year 2014 using \$500,000 in federal Public Lands Highway Discretionary funding.
12. 2014-10 Find that the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) has an adequate public participation process for the development and review of its 2014-2020 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), including preparation of an assessment of environmental effects (AOEE) for 2014 projects with potential environmental effects; that there are no projects that need to be approved in the CIP, since no projects meet both the funding level and “significant effects” criteria; that the 2014 CIP projects are in conformance with the region’s Aviation System Plan and consistent with Council policy.
13. 2014-11 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute grant agreements in amounts not to exceed \$5,289,000 with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) and \$2,768,000 with SouthWest Transit (SWT) to provide supplemental transit operating funding during CY2014.
14. 2014-12 Authorize the Sole Source procurement of InMotion Technologies vehicle mobile gateway routers to be installed in each transit revenue and transit police vehicle. The estimate for this project is \$4,800,000 to equip approximately 2,000 vehicles.
15. 2014-14 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a professional services contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for design and engineering on the A Line (Snelling Avenue) bus rapid transit (BRT) line and arterial BRT prototype station in the amount of \$1,948,255; to issue a Notice-to-Proceed to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,134,255 for design services related to Phase I of the project.
16. 2014-15 Approve the attached public comment process and proposed Metro Mobility Downtown Zone fare adjustment for the purpose of public comment prior to Council adoption of a fare adjustment.
17. 2014-19 Authorize an increase in the eligibility for the SAC deferral program, effective immediately, to include determinations up to and including 25 SAC units, as recommended by the 2013 SAC Work Group.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Transportation**

2014-6 Adopt the Draft 2030 Transportation Policy Plan Administrative Modification addressing modern streetcar project updates and policy questions for the purpose of gathering public and stakeholder input.

Wulff asked why a particular statement regarding the economic benefits of BRT had been struck out. Duinick explained that decision was made to leave the language more open-ended; the language was vetted by the Transportation Committee and TAB.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel

**Motion carried.**

Community Development

2013-345 Award 5 Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) grants, as follows

| Development Projects          | Applicant   | Points | Recommendation     |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------------------|
| Commons @ Penn                | Minneapolis | 82     | \$1,000,000        |
| Hawthorne Eco Village         | Minneapolis | 81     | \$1,000,000        |
| MoZaic Phase II               | Minneapolis | 72     | \$750,000          |
| Villages at Frost and English | Maplewood   | 67     | \$1,900,000        |
| Downtown Senior Housing       | Rosemount   | 63     | \$942,000          |
| Total LCDA recommendations    |             |        | <b>\$5,592,000</b> |
| Total funding available       |             |        | <b>\$7,500,000</b> |

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Rummel

**Motion carried.**

2013-346 Amend the 2013 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan (adopted on March 27, 2013) to transfer \$3M from the Tax Base Revitalization Account-Transit Oriented Development (TBRA-TOD) program, to the Fall funding round for TBRA; and award 13 Tax Base Revitalization Account grants as follows:

| Projects recommended for November 2013 TBRA funding cycle: | Recommended amount |
|--|--------------------|
| Contamination Site Investigation                           |                    |
| Roseville—Twin Lakes Apartments                            | \$43,300           |

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| Saint Paul—Gross Given              | \$8,200            |
| Contamination Cleanup               |                    |
| Fridley HRA—Northern Stacks Phase I | \$547,000          |
| Golden Valley—Xenia Project         | \$92,400           |
| Minneapolis—129 Plymouth            | \$21,800           |
| Minneapolis—807 Broadway Revival    | \$576,700          |
| Minneapolis—Miller Bag Building     | \$125,000          |
| Minneapolis—Plymouth Building       | \$500,000          |
| Minneapolis—Shapco Printing         | \$244,900          |
| Minneapolis—WaHu Student Housing    | \$136,700          |
| Saint Paul—Custom House             | \$850,000          |
| Saint Paul—Lowertown Ballpark       | \$748,100          |
| Saint Paul—Western University Plaza | \$177,600          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$4,071,700</b> |

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Rummel

**Motion carried.**

**Environment—Reports on Consent List**

**Management—Reports on Consent List**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. 2014-26 Approve the following committee assignments recommended by the Chair, pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article I.D.4.

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Chávez

**Motion carried.**

2. 2014-27 Approve the following two-year appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board: Gerry Butcher, District A; John Gunyou, District B; Jennifer Janovy, District C; Kenya McKnight, District D; Robert Lilligren and David Van Hattum, Transit; and Ethan Fawley, Non-motorized Transportation.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Elkins

**Motion carried.**

**INFORMATION**

A. Corridors of Opportunity Transition to Partnership for Regional Opportunity

Nora Riemenschneider gave a presentation outlining the work of Corridors of Opportunity over the past three years, and the decision to transition to Partnership for Regional Opportunity (PRO). PRO will bring together top leadership from state, regional, and local government, philanthropy, non-profit organizations, and business interests to enhance the region's competitiveness by improving the economic prospects of low-income people and low-wealth communities; promoting high quality development near existing assets; and advancing a 21<sup>st</sup> century transportation system. Chair Haigh and Lee Sheehy will continue to co-chair this work.

B. Green Line Launch Update

The Green Line Launch will occur on June 14, 2014. Bruce Howard began the presentation on the Green Line Launch update with the marketing framework and creative development. Laura Mylan with United Strategies shared an overview of launch events. There will be a launch framework that will allow community partners to take part in planning station area events. Robin Cauffman shared an overview of the investments in the corridor, which has been tracked over the course of the project. Chief Harrington and Vince Pellegrin provided information regarding safety and security.

**REPORTS**

Chair: Participated in several town hall meetings with Commissioner Zelle. Attended many meetings regarding SWLRT, including the open houses in St. Louis Park and Minneapolis. Participated in a transportation tour with Mayor Hodges. Attended the host committee meeting for Rail~volution 2014. Met with Commissioner Landwehr to discuss water supply issues. Participated in CTIB meetings. Met with non-profit organizations and public sector organizations that are interested in the Council's response to the FHEA and RCAPs.

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Wulff—Met with the Scott County Farm Advisory Board to discuss Thrive MSP 2040 and land use planning. Attended a SCALE meeting with CM Van Eyll. Met with the Lakeville Chamber's Government Affairs committee.

Rodriguez—Met with the Superintendent of ISD 287 to discuss transportation.

Munt—Attended many SWLRT meetings. Participated in a MOVE MN forum. Planning for a CAC meeting on Feb. 3 to review the SWLRT studies.

Commers—Met with the leadership of St. Paul College to discuss partnership with the Council and had a tour of the school.

Chávez—Attended a meeting with Dakota County Commissioners and CM Wulff and Pat Born. Participated in a MAC meeting. Received an invite from a 5<sup>th</sup> grader in Eagan to lead their reading program on morning in April.

Rummel—Attended a RUSH Line meeting. Participated in an EQB meeting. Participated in a MAWSAC meeting where Hugo gave a presentation on their water conservation.

Regional Administrator: No report

General Counsel: No report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30p.m.

### **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of January 22, 2014.

Approved this 12 day of February, 2014.

Emily Getty

Recording Secretary