

Minutes of the

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Melander, Wulff, Dorfman, Kramer, Barber, Rummel, Elkins, Cunningham, McCarthy, Schreiber, Munt

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 4:04 on Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by McCarthy to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2017 special meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Regional Fare Change Update

Nick Eull, Senior Manager of Revenue Operations at Metro Transit, gave today's presentation on fare increase options, alternatives, and impacts. The goals of the 2017 fare change are to generate additional fare revenues, promote equity, and simplify the fare structure. Success factors include ensuring all residents and communities are partners in the decision-making process; finding ways to mitigate the impact of increased fares on those that are most transit reliant; and simplifying the "how to pay" question. Eull went over the various scenarios and Council members discussed the pros and cons of the available options. The Transit Assistance Pass program was a pilot program and when asked, Eull responded that a pilot program can only operate for six months before becoming an official program as required by the FTA. Metro Mobility fare increase mitigation options were discussed. Estimated 40-50% of Metro Mobility customers would be minimally impacted by a fare increase because their fares are supported by 3rd party payors. Eull provided information on program passes (Metropass, Student Pass – Minneapolis, Student Pass – Others, College Pass, and Upass) and Council members discussed the variations in the passes.

Council members discussed the various options and whether a \$.25 increase every two years would make enough of an impact on fare recovery ratios.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:57PM.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary