

# Minutes

Transportation Committee



**Meeting date:** January 22, 2024

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** Robert St Chambers

## Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Deb Barber, D4         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 12 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 8   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyrone Carter, District 3     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenzin Dolkar, District 15          |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused              |

## Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Barber called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:00 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 Vento, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Employee recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit General Manager Kandaras introduced Maintenance Manager, Tim Fruhwirth, who presented awards to Mechanic-Technician Matt Monroe, Mechanic-Technician Bee Xiong, Mechanic-Technician Dennis Conley, and Maintenance Supervisor Chris Collins.

## Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director  
Carlson gave an update on the Regional Solicitation.
2. Metro Transit General Manager  
Kandaras reported that the community conduct information will be brought before the Council at an upcoming Committee of the Whole, and that March 18<sup>th</sup> will be recognizing Transit Employee Appreciation Day.
3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)  
Dugan reported that the recent TAB meeting addressed safety and welcomed new TAB members.

## Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. 2024-38 SW: TIP Amendment Request – Three Project Adjustments (Joe Barbeau 651-602-

1705)

2. 2024-39 SW: TIP Amendment Request – Inver Grove Heights Curb Ramp Reconstruction (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1705)
3. 2024-21: Metro Freeway Project Approval: Trunk Highway 169 and County State Aid Highway 59 Interchange Project in Scott County (Bethany Brandt-Sargent 651-602-1725)

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

Motion carried.

### Non-consent business

1. 2024-20 SW: METRO Blue Line Extension Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement Contract #23P182 (Neha Damle 612-373-3811)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) Contract 23P182 with HDR Engineering for environmental consulting services for the METRO Blue Line Light Rail Transit Extension (BLE) Project in an amount not to exceed \$3,858,246.

Council Members discussed the anticipated ridership data.

**Motion carried.**

2. 2024-22: METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Contract Amendment No. 11 to Design Contract 17P058 with Kimley-Horn and Associates (Alicia Vap 612-349-7070)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute amendment 11 to Contract #17P058 with Kimley-Horn and Associates for Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Design Support Services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$40,098,947.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed as consent to Council.**

### Information

1. Cubic Upgrade (Ed Petrie 612-349-7624, Dennis Dworshak 612-349-7364, Sue Hauge 651-602-1136)

Council Members discussed their personal experience with the fareboxes.

### Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

### Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of January 22, 2024.

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