

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: October 23, 2024

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

- Susan Vento, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14
- Tenzin Dolkar, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present

Call to order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:03 p.m.

Agenda approved

The following change was made to the agenda:

Business Item **2024-262**: 2025 Unified Planning Work Program was listed twice. The duplicate was removed from the agenda

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Pacheco to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2024, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

No one from the public indicated they wanted to speak.

Business

1. **2024-281**: Metropolitan Council Public Comment Draft of the 2024 Unified Budget (Ned Smith, 651-602-1162). **Roll call**
 - Attachment: 2025 Unified Budget Book

It was moved by Lee; seconded by Pacheco.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye	9	Pacheco, Osman, Lindstrom, Cederberg, Vento, Lee, Toni Carter, Wulff, Lilligren
Nay	0	
Absent	8	Johnson, Chamblis, Dr. Tyronne Carter, Barber, Cameron, Morales, Dolkar, Zelle

Consent business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 1-12)

1. **2024-256:** Master Contracts for Structural Design Services, Contract 24P067 (Julie Brenny 612-349-7444)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contracts 24P067A – 24P067C for structural design services that will support Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000.

2. **2024-262:** 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (Amy Vennewitz 651-602-1058, Dave Burns 651-602-1887)
 - Additional Materials: 1025 Transportation Unified Planning Work Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area
 - Additional Materials: Public Comment Report

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program with a budget of \$8,789,570.
 2. Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, for distribution of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning funds.
3. **2024-270:** City of Elko New Market R & F Properties Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22468-5 (MacKenzie Young-Walters 651-602-1373)

Proposed Action:

1. Authorize the City of Elko New Market to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
 3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Land Use, Surface Water, and Water Supply.
4. **2024-271:** Signature Authorization for City of St. Paul Pass-Through Grant - Wakan Tipi (Erin Acton 651-602-1938)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Community Development Executive Director to execute the grant agreement and amendment(s) for SFY 2024 Legislatively Designated Pass-through Program grant to the City of St. Paul for the Wakan Tipi Center (SG-24P6-07-02), in accordance with Table 1.

5. **2024-272:** North Creek Greenway Regional Trail, Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Award (Oliver), Dakota County (Jessica Lee 651-602-1621)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$117,384 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Dakota County to acquire a 20.43-acre parcel located on Vermillion River Trail in Empire, MN, for the North Creek Greenway Regional Trail.

6. **2024-273:** Miesville Ravine Park Reserve, Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Award (Schwamb), Dakota County (Jessica Lee 651-602-1621)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$388,910 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Dakota County to acquire a 5-acre parcel located at 26287 Miesville Trail in Douglas Township, MN, for the Miesville Ravine Park Reserve.

7. **2024-274:** City of Marine on St. Croix Historic Riverway Buildings and Rosabelle Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22256-2

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Marine on St. Croix to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Land Use.

8. **2024-276:** METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit, Contract 22P005 - Amendment 4 (Meghan Lipsey 651-602-1982)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Amendment 4 to Contract 22P005 with KLJ Engineering, Inc. (KLJ) for Gold Line Construction Monitoring for Contaminated Materials for a total contract value not to exceed \$1,545,190.74.

9. **2024-280:** Snow Removal Minneapolis Campus Facilities, Contract 24P042 (Mike Maddio 612-349-7637)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 24P042 with SnowPros for snow removal services that will support Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$600,030.

10. **2024-290:** Asset Condition Assessment Services, Contract Number 23P240 (Claudius Toussaint 612-349-7770)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 23P240 with CR-Building Performance Specialists, Inc., for asset condition assessment services in an amount not to exceed \$518,243.

11. **2024-291**: Special Trackwork - Blue Line State of Good Repair (BLSOGR3), Contract 24P155 (Wyatt Jackson 605-359-4436)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 24P155 with Progress Rail to provide special trackwork and related material in an amount not to exceed \$1,450,014.11.

12. **2024-292**: Maple Grove Service Agreement (Ed Petrie 612-349-7624)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to:
Execute a three-year service agreement with the City of Maple Grove for the service period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027.

It was moved by Vento; seconded by Lindstrom.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. **2024-275 SW**: Regional Parks System 2024 Fishing Piers Notice of Funding Availability (Jessica Lee 651-602-1621)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the 2024 Regional Parks System Fishing Piers Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability attached to this report.
2. Approve the funding and awarding of four grants selected through a lottery as outlined in the NOFA.

It was moved by Vento; seconded by Lee.

Motion carried.

Environment

No reports.

Management

1. **2024-241 SW**: Labor Agreement with the Transit Managers and Supervisors Association (TMSA) (Joy Hargons, 612-341-5768)

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Transit Managers and Supervisors Association (TMSA) effective for the period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026

It was moved by Lee; seconded by Osman.

Motion carried.



Transportation

No reports.

Joint Reports

No reports.

Information

1. Celebrating 50 years with the Regional Parks and Trails System (Emmett Mullin, 651-602- 1360)
 - Presentation
 - Additional Materials

CM Vento requested we find the authors of the legislation in 1974 and send a letter commending them for their work.

2. Proposed Fare Policy Changes
 - Presentation

There was discussion regarding maintaining a balance between attracting new ridership and generating revenue to sustain services.

CM Pacheco recommended collaboration with local businesses and chambers of commerce to increase ridership.

There was discussion about the Transit Assistance Program (TAP).

Reports

CM Wulf reported Dakota County and Washington County will celebrate 175 years as counties.

R.A. O'Connor thanked Environmental Services staff for their response to a fluid bed reactor issue.

R.A. O'Connor highlighted the Gold Line extension announcement and thanked our county and municipal partners for their work in providing opportunities to connect the region.

General Counsel announced Met Council is hiring an employment law attorney.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 23, 2024.

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