

Metropolitan Council/Hennepin County

Meeting of the SWLRT Executive Change Control Board

Friday, October 10, 2025

Members Present: Heather Edelson Deb Barber
 Debbie Goettel Dr. Tyronne Carter

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Deb Barber, Metropolitan Council Chair, called the meeting of the Executive Change Control Board (ECCB) to order at 11:01AM.

2. Minutes from September 12, 2025

Heather Edelson, Hennepin County Commissioner, moved to approve the draft minutes from the September 12, 2025 ECCB meeting. The motion was seconded by Debbie Goettel, Hennepin County Commissioner. Following a vote, the minutes were officially approved.

3. Resolution 25-ECCB-011

- **Approval of the use of Project Contingency in the amount of \$680,000 for Change Order 1218 to the Civil Construction Contract with Lunda McCrossan Joint Venture to increase the duration of geotechnical and vibration monitoring and associated reporting at residential buildings adjacent to the Kenilworth Tunnel.**

Nic Dial, Deputy Project Director, requested approval to use project contingency funds in the amount of \$680,000 for costs associated with Change Order 1218. This is for continuation of geotechnical, noise, and vibration monitoring at CICA. ECCB previously approved the use of \$2.2 million in contingency for Change Order 477 to purchase and install monitoring devices and perform two years of monitoring services (22-ECCB-013). Due to delays in the construction of the Kenilworth tunnel the monitoring services were extended an additional year for approximately \$602,000 via Change Order 977 (24-ECCB-010).

The Project Office is seeking to extend monitoring services through July 15, 2026, which coincides with anticipated final completion of the Civil contract. This is coming under recommendations from Met Council's legal counsel and technical advisors. It is anticipated that monitoring will continue following the completion of the Civil contract and the Project Office will procure these services under a separate contract and use of contingency will be required.

Commissioner Goettel asked if we have seen anything of concern from the monitoring or in the building. Dial said the monitoring data has been relatively steady and no items of concern have been identified.

Commissioner Goettel moved to approve the item. Commissioner Edelson seconded the motion. The resolution was approved.

4. Resolution 25-ECCB-012

- **Approval of the use of Project Contingency in the amount of \$2,000,000 for Change Order 1217 (CHG-1493) to the Civil Construction Contract with Lunda McCrossan Joint Venture to increase the quantity of contaminated soil disposal.**
Nic Dial, Deputy Project Director, requested approval to use project contingency funds in the amount of \$2 million for additional contaminated soil disposal. This would add approximately 63,200 tons of soil disposal at a cost of \$2 million, resulting in a total quantity of approximately 1.9 million tons of contaminated soil disposal and a total contract cost of \$47.6 million. This increase is required because contaminated soil removals during the second half of 2024 and in 2025 to date have been greater than expected. Dial explained that the excavated soil in Minneapolis includes debris, sheet metal, organics, abandoned utilities, etc. Commissioner Edelson asked where it goes, and Dial said it goes to the SKB landfill in Rosemount. Commissioner Goettel said we underestimated this, and we should consider having a place to store reusable soil during future projects.

Commissioner Edelson moved to approve the item, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. The resolution was approved.

5. Resolution 25-ECCB-013

- **Approval of the use of contingency funds in the amount of \$517,130.56 to execute an amendment to Contract 21P143B with North Shore Track Service, Inc. to add freight track inspection and maintenance services for the Kenilworth Corridor (a.k.a. Cedar Lake Spur).**
Nic Dial, Deputy Project Director, requested approval to use contingency funds in the amount of \$517,130.56 to execute an amendment to the North Shore Track Service contract. North Shore Track Service currently performs freight track inspection and maintenance services on the Bass Lake Spur for the Project. The Project is also responsible for freight track inspection and maintenance in the Kenilworth corridor until Systems elements are completed as defined in the agreement with Twin Cities & Western Railroad (TCWR). Inspection and maintenance are currently addressed by the Civil construction contractor, LMJV; however, the Civil contract work is near completion. Project staff recommend that North Shore Track Services assume the inspection and maintenance responsibilities until this work is transferred to TCWR. Commissioner Goettel asked how long it will be until TCWR takes over, and Dial said staff is projecting summer of 2026.

Commissioner Edelson moved approval, Commissioner Goettel seconded. Resolution approved.

6. Monthly Report on Change Orders

Nic Dial reviewed the monthly report of changes. The following is a summary of the discussions on the report.

Civil Change Order 1210: This is for additional abutment erosion protection on TH212 and Shady Oak Bridge. This is a Part One Change Order; staff have negotiated unit rates to close the change order (\$223,463.09).

Civil Change Order 1211: This is to delete the epoxy chip seal wearing course. This is a deduction for \$80,480.77.

Civil Change Order 1215: This change is for the angle removal project in the buildings adjacent to the Kenilworth Tunnel (\$277,842.98).

STF Change Order 0118: This is for the Opus and Louisiana interlocking lighting design and installation (\$152,062.20).

STF Change Order 0154: This was due to changes in Civil construction regarding conduit routing for the Kenilworth Tunnel (25-ECCB-007) (\$786,099.66).

Commissioner Goettel asked about STF Change Order 0154. Dial said that it was initially planned to route conduit through the side walls of the Kenilworth Tunnel, however, due to challenges during construction, the design was modified to route through the ceiling which impacted the Systems work that required rearranging conduit and tie-ins to the TPSS.

Chair Barber requested a motion to receive the report. Commissioner Goettel moved the motion, Commissioner Edelson seconded the motion. The report was received.

7. Quarterly Project Financial Status Report

Jim Alexander, Project Director, provided an update. There is approximately \$105 million in contingency. Since the last report, \$4.6 million in contingency has been used primarily for change orders.

Commissioner Goettel made a motion to receive the report, Commissioner Edelson seconded. The report was received.

8. Adjourn

Chair Barber adjourned the meeting at 11:24AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Getty
Recording Secretary