

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Committee Members Present:

Melander, Cunningham, Schreiber, McCarthy, Van Eyll, Munt, Brimeyer, Haigh, Commers, Chávez, Rodriguez, Reynoso, Kramer, Wulff, Elkins, Duininck

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:07PM on Wednesday, December 3, 2014.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Van Eyll.

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BUSINESS

Discussion on the Draft 2040 Transportation Policy Plan and 2040 TPP Public Comment Report

Amy Vennewitz and Cole Hiniker presented on the Draft 2040 TPP, specifically the public comments received, the responses and revisions to the plan. There were approximately 126 individual commentors (local governments, agencies, groups, and individuals) who provided 750 unique comments. Over 170 comments resulted in revisions to the TPP.

Some themes in the comments include a general support or lack of support for elements of the plan, editorial comments, comments on topics outside of the TPP, and comments that touch on different sides of the same issue. One example of this is support for an emphasis on transit expansion and transit funding or an opposition to emphasize transit expansion/funding. Comments not related to the TPP (such as those relating to the *Housing Policy Plan* or to *Thrive MSP 2040*) were provided with high level responses and passed on to the appropriate entities. Council members discussed the feedback from CTIB regarding land use and local planning, as well as some specific language.

Connie Kozlak went over the comments and responses relative to the bicycle and aviation topic areas. Jonathan Ehrlich covered the comments received regarding housing and equity.

The Council is scheduled to adopt the 2040 TPP on January 14, 2015. Upon adoption, the Plan will be submitted to the FHWA/FTA.

Discussion on the Metropolitan Council Equity Working Group's Policy Recommendations

CM Chávez covered the policy recommendations from the Equity Working Group (EWG). Recommendations included a list of improvements to Council outreach and engagement activities to achieve a greater engagement with the residents of the region, particularly communities of color and historically underrepresented communities. Members noted that many of these suggestions have already been put into practice. The EWG affirms the principle that the membership of the Council's advisory committees will reflect the diversity of the region, and made seven recommendations for strategies to support this principle. These recommendations included revising membership requirements, reviewing

and revising Council procedures, and identifying training resources. The EWG also recommended continuing the work of this committee through the establishment of a committee or work group comprised of some Council members and representatives from partner organizations which serve the historically underrepresented residents of the region.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:55PM.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary