

Minutes

Committee of the Whole



Meeting date: February 19, 2025

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 Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:02 p.m.

Agenda approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2025, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

Information

1. 2025 Bus Rapid Transit Openings & Readiness Updates (Lesley Kandaras, Alicia Vap, Andrew Brody, Jonathan Ahn, Adam Harrington, Liz Jones, Katie Roth, Frank Alarcon, Adam Smith, Marilyn Porter, Chief Dotseth, Maria Cone)

Lesley Kandaras, General Manager of Metro Transit, introduced the presentation on three METRO bus rapid transit lines (Gold Line, B Line and E Line) opening in 2025.

For all three bus rapid transit lines, lead staff provided an overview of funding and agreements, construction partnerships, project status and operational readiness. For the METRO Gold Line, staff shared an overview of the marketing and outreach efforts leading up to the opening day on March 22, 2025. The METRO B Line is scheduled to open on June 14, 2025 and the METRO E Line is scheduled to open on December 6, 2025.

For presentations on each bus rapid transit line, Council members asked about ridership data, community outreach and engagement efforts. Council members commended staff for their outreach work to connect with impacted residents and businesses throughout the project phases. In addition, Council Members Johnson and Lilligren requested the statistics shared by General Manager Kandaras on the expansion of the bus rapid transit lines.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole meeting of February 19, 2025.

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