

Minutes

Committee of the Whole



Meeting Date: April 5, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Charlie Zelle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Cederberg, District 12 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Lilligren, District 7 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 8 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tenzin Dolkar, District 15 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Barber, District 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 11 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = 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 March 15, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

Information

1. Regional Forecast Update

Todd Graham, Principal Forecaster, Community Development, presented an updated 2050 regional forecast. This is a 30-year forecast of population and employment. These forecasts provide a shared foundation for coordinated regional and local planning, systems, and services. The regional forecast is updated every two years and tracks changes in the nation-level economy and regional situation. The 2023 update provides regional totals to be used in the local forecast set. The local forecast set is updated every 10 years, with the regional development guide. Regional totals are allocated to specific places and are maintained over time; local forecasts can be adjusted when needed. Graham shared information about employment growth, share of US GDP, population, and population growth. The regional forecast included growing racial and ethnic diversity, with nearly 45% of the population in 2050 being BIPOC. The forecast also shows that the share of population over age 65 will double by 2050. Graham shared the timeline and next steps for the 2050 regional forecast.

Council Member Vento asked if the civil disruptions of 2020 affected domestic migration, those who move into or out of the state. Council Member Johnson asked a similar question regarding retirees who move out of state for part of the year. Graham replied that part of the methodology is based on housing stock, which might not reflect temporary moves. Council members also had questions and comments regarding economic determinates in the

forecasts, cost of living and competitiveness of compensation and wages, and tracking social and economic class.

2. Transportation Policy Plan

Cole Hiniker, Senior Manager, Multimodal Planning and 2050 Policy Plan Project Manager, Metropolitan Transportation Services, shared an overview of the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) process as well as an update on recent TPP engagement. The TPP directs investments and identifies major projects for the regional transportation system, as well as directs investment of all federal transportation dollars including those spent on local projects. The TPP provides local governments with a regional vision and goals for transportation, land use, and other projects. The plan sets policies and provides guidance for how the regional transportation system should or will be implemented. The TPP is also unique as it has federal requirements, including that it must cover all surface transportation modes, cover at least 20 years and forecasted growth, and be fiscally constrained under reasonable financial assumptions. The TPP also includes federal performance measures and targets, all regionally significant projects, air quality and environmental justice analysis, and a congestion management process, which is required for all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) nationwide. Hiniker also shared information about the TPP Policy Maker Workgroup. Hiniker also provided information about recent TPP engagement and review. The Council hired a consultant team of Transportation Collaborative and Consultants (TC2) with HDR and HKGi. They have also had additional equity engagement with SDK Communications. Study components include summary of existing plans in the region and peer region plan themes, engagement listening sessions, and evaluation of existing plans. The three themes prioritized by almost all agency and organization types were: safety, multimodal/mode shift, and economic impact.

Council Member Johnson asked Hiniker to explain the Regional Solicitation process and Transportation Advisory Board as a clarification for new Council members. Council members noted that the maps do not show the entire region, specifically rural and suburban edge communities. Council members had questions and comments regarding equity, small business engagement, a strong push from the community regarding safety, transportation investment and where the investment is located, and local partners and long-range planning.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:03 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 April 5, 2023.

Approved this 19 day of April 2023.

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