

Council Chair Susan Haigh

Council Members

Katie Rodriguez	Jennifer Munt	Gary Cunningham	Edward Reynoso	Sandy Rummel	Richard Kramer	Steven Chávez
Lona Schreiber	Steve Elkins	Adam Duinick	Marie McCarthy	Harry Melander	Jon Commers	Wendy Wulff
Gary Van Eyll	James Brimeyer					

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 4:00pm Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Elkins

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Chávez

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Munt requested item 2014-23 be removed so she could abstain from voting.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Duinick

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2014-2 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Contract No. 13P183 with New Flyer of America for the purchase of 83 replacement sixty-foot articulated transit buses. This contract will include provisions for 88 option buses as well. The award is contingent on satisfactory results from the Pre-Award Buy America Audit.
2. 2014-13 Approve the results of the 2012 Title VI Service and Facility Standards Monitoring Study.
3. 2014-17 Authorize an additional 2.5% (\$2,196,259) above the currently authorized construction contract change order authority of \$6,149,525 to a revised change order authority of \$8,345,784 for the Central Corridor (Green Line) Systems Contract.
4. 2014-20 Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Andover to place the Grey Oaks comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect; revise the Council's forecasts of sewer-served households upward by +200, keeping overall the forecasts the same, but shifting forecasts from the unsewered to sewer-served, as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record; advise the City of the comments in the Review Record regarding natural resources protection.
5. 2014-21 Reimburse up to \$85,370 from Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund's Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) to partially finance the acquisition of 2128 Marshall St. NE for Above the Falls Regional Park. The grant is financed with \$51,222 of Fiscal Year 2014 Parks and Trails Legacy

Fund money and \$34,148 of Metro Council bonds. The grant must be matched with at least \$61,790 from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. The grant start date is November 12, 2013. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant. Direct the Metro Council staff to publish the “Decision Making Process for Awarding Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grants” to inform regional park agencies about this process and insure that the Metro Council can consider Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund grant requests and award funds before land is acquired.

6. 2014-22 Approve the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment; notify the City of St. Paul that if the Metropolitan Council deems that signage along the regional trail realignment is needed for safety and security of the Green Line Operations and Maintenance Facility, the City of St. Paul will be required to provide and post the signage at its own cost.
7. 2014-24 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter in an agreement with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District Lodge No. 77 effective for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015.
8. 2014-25 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter in an agreement with the Transit Managers and Supervisors Association (TMSA) effective for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015.
9. 2014-29 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the Target Field Station (Interchange) project for construction in 2014 using \$10,000,000 in federal Section 5307 funds and \$2,500,000 in local funds from Hennepin County for a total of \$12,500,000.
10. 2014-30 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) modifying the project budget for Western Avenue Streetscaping in Saint Paul by increasing the local amount by \$825,000 to a new local total of \$1,210,000 and a project total of \$2,250,000. The project number will also be correct to SP# 164-214-016.
11. 2014-31 Adopt the METRO Red Line Cedar Grove Transit Station Access Improvement Concept G and support recommendation of the Trunk Highway 77 (TH 77) managed lane option.
12. 2014-32 Approve the following permanent changes to the Premium Same Day (PSD) Ride program: expand the scope of the PSD contract to include all same-day trip requests between 5:00a.m. and 8:00p.m., and; reduce the customer’s share of the initial cost of the PSD service from \$7 to \$5 and increase the Council’s maximum payment per trip from \$13 to \$15. The customer continues to pay for costs in excess of \$20 per trip.

BUSINESS

Community Development—Reports on Consent List

Environment—No Reports

Management

2014-23 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter in an agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), District Council 5, Local Union No. 668 effective for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Duininck.

Munt abstained.

Motion carried.

Transportation

2014-28 For the purposes of holding a public hearing and receiving public comment the Metropolitan Council adopt the proposed amendment to the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan which adds funding received through the Corridors of Commerce program for Trunk Highway 610, the improvements and funding to Interstate 694 in Shoreview, and the improvements and funding to Interstate 94 between Rogers and St. Michael and authorize a public comment period from February 17 through April 4, 2014, including a public hearing on the proposed amendment to be held on March 24, 2014 at 5 pm.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Schreiber

Rodriguez moved to amend the motion that was on the floor, seconded by Elkins.

Motion to amend stated:

That the Metropolitan Council release the proposed amendment to the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan which adds funds received through the Corridors of Commerce program for Trunk Highway 610 and improvement and funding to Interstate 94 between Rogers and St. Michael with the I-694 project removed from the attached proposed amendment language; and authorize a public comment period from February 17 through April 4, 2014, including a public hearing on the proposed amendment to be held on March 24, 2014 at 5pm.

Motion carried on voice vote.

Chair Haigh asked for a vote on the original motion as amended.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. 2014-35 Approve the following committee assignments recommended by the Chair, pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article III, A.1. Community Development: Cunningham, Chair; Commers, Vice Chair; Chávez, Elkins, Kramer, Munt, Rummel, Wulff. Environment: Rummel, Chair; Wulff, Vice Chair; McCarthy, Melander, Renoso, Schreiber, Van Eyll. Management: Brimeyer, Chair; Chávez, Vice Chair; Cunningham, Duininck, Kramer, Melander, Van Eyll, Rodriguez. Transportation: Duininck, Chair; Schreiber, Vice Chair; Brimeyer, Commers, McCarthy, Elkins, Munt, Reynoso, Rodriguez. Litigation Review: Chávez, Chair; Melander, Vice Chair; Cunningham, Schreiber.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel

Motion carried.

2. 2014-36 Approve the appointment of Harry Melander as Vice Chair pursuant to the Council Bylaws, Article I.B.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Commers

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Updated Regional Forecasts to 2040

Libby Starling and Todd Graham provided an overview of the updated regional forecasts of 2040. The forecasts are consistent with state statutes 473.146 and 473.859 to provide a shared foundation for coordinated, comprehensive planning aligned between the Council and local governments and are intended as a statement of future expectations. The forecasts will reflect regional and local planning and policies. Starling and Graham explained that there are three updates driving changes in the regional forecasts: the Council aligns its regional economic forecasts to the data inputs that the State Economist at Minnesota Management and Budget uses for the state budget forecasting. Gloval Insight has update its 30-year forecast for national economy and employment, and MMB has adjusted its forecast of wages upward. This is reducing regional economic and employment growth, and consequently economic migration to the region. Both national and regional population growth are also scaled back as a result of a new and lower long-term immigration forecast by the Census Bureau issued in December 2012. The reduced growth in household is mostly due to the lowered population forecast. The balance of the household forecast reduction is due to the Council's method of grouping population into households.

REPORTS

Chair: Met with the MNSCU Chancellor's Office to discuss the relationship between MNSCU and Metro Transit. Met with the Governor's office to discuss SWLRT. Spoke to AAUW. Participated in a SWLRT CMC meeting and a CTIB meeting. Attended a Cabinet meeting. Met with Congresswoman McCollum to discuss East Metro transit. Participated in a variety of SWLRT meetings.

Council Members:

Elkins—Attended a 494 legislative commission meeting with CM Munt. Attended a SLUC meeting where Libby Starling presented. Attended the annual Legislatures' Breakfast in Richfield. Attended the Minneapolis Critical Issues forum where Commissioner Zelle presented.

Cunningham—Attended the final meeting of the Alternatives Analysis for Streetcars in Minneapolis with CM Duinick.

Munt—Participated in the SWLRT BAC meeting on Monday night. Attended the State of the City in Minnetonka. Will be meeting with Senator Osmeck to discuss SAC charges for the City of Minnetrista. Participating in the MOVE MN Campaign.

Rummel—Attended a meeting in Stillwater regarding the Met Council's work on water where Representative Peter Fischer spoke. Participated in a forum on energy use. Will be meeting with the League of MN Cities.

Regional Administrator: No report

General Counsel: No report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12pm.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 12, 2014.

Approved this 26 day of February, 2014.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary