Metropolitan Council

Council Chair Nora Slawik

Council Members

Jennifer Munt Gary Cunningham Edward Reynoso Sandy Rummel Richard Kramer Steven Chávez

Lona Schreiber Cara Letofsky Marie McCarthy Harry Melander Jon Commers Wendy Wulff

Deb Barber Gail Dorfman

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Cunningham, Letofsky, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Kramer, Chávez, Wulff, Slawik

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Slawik called the meeting to order at 4:02PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Letofsky.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Chávez.

PUBLIC INVITATION

Aaron Isaacs, a retired Metro Transit employee, shared concerns regarding the leadership changes at Metro Transit.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-8)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2019-6 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute operating grant agreements for the calendar year 2019 with the Funding Transitway Counties of Anoka, Hennepin, and Ramsey to receive funds in 2019.

METRO Blue Line LRT \$13,493,437

Hennepin County - \$13,493,437

METRO Green Line LRT \$13,094,737

Hennepin County - \$7,856,842

Ramsey County - \$5,237,895

Northstar Commuter Rail \$7,506,412

Anoka County - \$6,110,219

Hennepin County - \$1,396,193

- 2019-9 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost of MnDOT's I-94 Ramp Bridge Rehabilitation project.
- 3. 2019-10 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add FTA Section 5339 discretionary funds for Metro Transit's Heywood II Bus Garage (Minneapolis Bus Garage).



- 4. 2019-11 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to construct an interchange at TH 212 and CSAH 44.
- 5. 2019-12 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change the cost, year, and description of Anoka County's CSAH 14 reconstruction project.
- 6. 2019-13 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change the cost and program year of Hennepin County's CSAH 47 (46th St.) Pedestrian Safety Project.
- 7. 2019-14 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with First Transit, Inc. to provide regular route transit service from June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$11,622,310.
- 8. 2019-15 Adopt the 2019 short term safety targets and Resolution of Support for the Metropolitan Council Planning Area.

BUSINESS

Community Development—No Reports

Environment—No Reports

Management—No Reports

Transportation

2019-2 Approve an addendum to the D Line station plan confirming the planned location of the Chicago & 48th Street station.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2019-7 Authorize the purchase of 296 Type II LRV tires from Siemens at a cost of \$699,000.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Schreiber.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2019-23 Appoint Meredith Vadis to the position of Regional Administrator.

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Cunningham.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

2040 TPP Amendment 2 for Gold Line and I-94 Lane Addition

Nick Thompson presented this information item. This plan amendment is required for the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit project to extend the line and add a station in Woodbury, to recognize new lane capacity as part of the I-94 in Maple Grove pavement preservation project, and to add funds to the I-94 project. Thompson explained the impacts to the Gold Line BRT and the I-94 project. MnDOT requested an abbreviated schedule in order to have the project completed within two construction seasons and coordinated with other projects along I-94 and precede later projects along US 10. The Council is scheduled to adopt the amendment on April 24th, 2019.

REPORTS

Chair: Thanked staff and Council members who have been involved in her orientation.

Council Members:

<u>Rummel</u>—Participated in a public hearing for the Rogers Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) transition.

<u>Wulff</u>—Attended a meeting of the Eureka Town Board. They have already gotten their 2040 comp plan approved and are talking about amending it.

<u>Barber</u>—Attended a SCALE (Scott County Association for Leadership & Efficiency) meeting. Attended a meeting of the Scott County Live Learn Earn group. They focus on housing, transportation, and workforce readiness. Lisa Barajas spoke to the housing work group about the Council's role in housing.

<u>Munt</u>—Attended a meeting with CM Reynoso and elected officials from Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and the west metro to discuss SWLRT with the Minneapolis Building Trades. Met with the SWLRT Community Works Committee.

Regional Administrator: Shared that she is grateful to have the opportunity to serve as the Regional Administrator.

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of January 23, 2019.

Approved this 13th day of February 2019.

Emily Getty Recording Secretary