

Council Chair Charles Zelle

Council Members

Abdirahman Muse

Deb Barber

Kris Fredson

Molly Cummings

Phillip Sterner

Reva Chamblis

Susan Vento

Chai Lee

Francisco J. Gonzalez

Judy Johnson

Peter Lindstrom

Raymond Zeran

Robert Lilligren

Wendy Wulff

Christopher Ferguson

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

### IN ATTENDANCE

Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Ferguson, Johnson, Chair Zelle

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Vice Chair Cummings called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 12 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Wulff, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Ferguson, Johnson, Chair Zelle

No response: 1 Sterner

### AGENDA APPROVED

Vice Chair Cummings noted that a roll call vote is not needed for approval of the agenda. Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Gonzalez to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2021, Council meeting.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 12 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Wulff, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Ferguson, Johnson, Chair Zelle

No response: 1 Sterner

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-12)

#### Consent Agenda Adopted

2021-247: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Prior Lake to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Revise the Thrive MSP 2040 Community Designation of the subject area from Rural Residential to Emerging Suburban Edge for the area shown in Figure 2 of the Review Record.
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation and Forecasts.

2021-254: That the Metropolitan Council:

- Adopt the proposed 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) with a budget of \$6,210,999;
- Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, for distribution of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning funds.

2021-255: That the Metropolitan Council:

- Administratively modify the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan to:
  - Include MnDOT's recommended systemwide changes to the Minor Arterial System;
  - Upgrade Dakota County State Aid Highway 23 (CSAH 23) from an A-Minor Arterial Expander to a Principal Arterial from CSAH 42 to CSAH 70;
  - Upgrade Dakota County CSAH 70 from A-Minor Arterial Expander to a Principal Arterial from CSAH 23 to Interstate 35.
- Recommend that the MnDOT Commissioner submit all changes from the functional classification systemwide review to the Federal Highway Administration for review and approval.

2021-256: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to apply for calendar 2022 grants from the counties of Anoka, Hennepin, Dakota and Ramsey.

Operating (Base and Non-Annual Share)

- METRO Blue Line LRT Est. \$14.5M
  - Hennepin County - Est. \$14.5M
- METRO Green Line LRT Est. \$15.0M
  - Hennepin County – Est. \$9.0M
  - Ramsey County – Est. \$6.0M
- Northstar Commuter Rail Est. \$5.8M
  - Anoka County – Est. \$4.7M
  - Hennepin County – Est. \$1.1M
- METRO Orange Line BRT Est. \$2.55M

- Hennepin County – Est. \$2.2M
- Dakota County – Est. \$350K

- 2021-257: That the Metropolitan Council:
1. Authorize the City of Plymouth to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
  2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
  3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for transit and forecasts.
- 2021-258: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
1. Authorize the City of Corcoran to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
  2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
  3. Revise the Thrive MSP 2040 Community Designations as shown in Figure 3, changing 2.3 acres from Diversified Rural to Emerging Suburban Edge and 2.5 acres from Emerging Suburban Edge to Diversified Rural.
- 2021-259: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
1. Authorize the City of Lakeville to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
  2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
  3. Revise Thrive MSP 2040 to change the Community Designation for the amendment property from Diversified Rural to Emerging Suburban as shown in Figure 2.
  4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater, Transportation, and Forecasts.
- 2021-260: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
1. Authorize the City of Lakeville to place the Ruddle Property comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
  2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
  3. Revise Thrive MSP 2040 to change the Community Designation for the amendment property from Diversified Rural to Emerging Suburban as shown in Figure 2.
  4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater, Transportation, and Forecasts.
- 2021-261: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract #20P210 with Brown and Caldwell to provide services for the design of the new lift station L32A in an amount not to exceed \$6,566,704.
- 2021-262: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to sign the final plat for the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Plat located at 3565 Kennebec Drive, Eagan, MN 55122.
- 2021-265: That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute Contract 21P122 with Hawkins, Inc., for bleach and bisulfite supply for a total award not to exceed \$5,400,000.

2021-268 SW: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add an installment of an automatic gate and associated crime prevention features for night closure at the Burns Avenue Overlook in St. Paul.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Wulff.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye:	12	Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Wulff, Zeran
Nay:	0	
Absent:	3	Ferguson, Johnson, Chair Zelle
No response:	1	Sterner

## **BUSINESS**

Community Development – Reports on consent agenda

Environment – Reports on consent agenda

Management – No reports

Transportation

2021-244: That the Metropolitan Council approve the final METRO B Line Corridor Plan, to establish the number and location of stations in the project.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Fredson.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye:	12	Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Wulff, Zeran
Nay:	0	
Absent:	3	Ferguson, Johnson, Chair Zelle
No response:	1	Sterner

2021-245: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Network Next recommendations for 2040 arterial BRT expansion corridors

It was moved by Barber, seconded by

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye:	13	Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran
Nay:	0	
Absent:	3	Ferguson, Johnson, Chair Zelle

## Joint Report of Environment and Management Committees

2021-243 JT: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract for PFAS legal services, projects 807849 and 808941, contract 21P096, to Barnes & Thornburg LLP for legal services including legal advice and consultation on PFAS-related issues in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Vento.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye:	13	Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran
Nay:	0	
Absent:	3	Ferguson, Johnson, Chair Zelle

## INFORMATION

### Public Comment Budget Update and 2022-2027 Capital Program

Marie Henderson, Deputy CFO, started the presentation by providing an update on the changes to the 2022 public comment operating budget from the 2022 preliminary operating budget and the proposed 2022-2027 capital budget. Staff from each division provided an overview of their proposed 2022-2027 capital program.

Council Member Lindstrom asked if the zero-emission plan includes Metro Mobility Buses. Heather Aagensen-Huebner stated there is no funding, but they will be doing a study in the future.

Council Member Wulff asked when ridership projections will be updated. Wes Kooistra responded they will learn more in 2022 and are in contact with businesses and getting rider updates but won't have a clear picture of new travel patterns until sometime in 2022. Wulff also had a question concerning technical issues with the electronic buses. Nick Thompson stated they need to be confident in the technology before they place an order.

Council Member Chamblis requested budget comparison and trends of the capital program and stated she's excited about the Council-owned housing capital program. Mary Bogie said the capital program is a living document, and they amend new projects into the capital program and amend projects when they close out of the capital program.

Council Member Cummings said it's challenging to update a budget and praise staff for their work. She also stated the narrative is important and beneficial to see what we're doing for the region and the map of the transit system.

## REPORTS

Vice Chair: None

Council Members: None

Regional Administrator Mary Bogie praised staff for the work they did on the budget presentation and developing a budget.

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of October 13, 2021.

Approved this 22th day of October 2021.

Liz Sund  
Recording Secretary