

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, July 9, 2014 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 4:04PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chair Haigh stated that the Information Items and Other Business would be reorganized so that Metro Transit Equity Initiatives would be heard first, Other Business item 2014-161 would be second, Other Business item 2014-162 would be third, Overview of 2013 Population Estimates would be fourth, Overview of 2040 Housing Policy Plan would be fifth, and the Rail~volution 2014 Conference Update would be sixth.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel. Commers requested that 2014-147 be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Chávez and Rummel accepted this as a friendly amendment.

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Kramer.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-6)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2014-137 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase order for two Motorola MCC7500 voice communications systems, nine Motorola MCC7100 voice communications systems and installation services in an amount not to exceed \$601,000.
2. 2014-146 Adopt the revised Orange Line Project Plan Update and incorporate public comments. The Project Plan Update, upon adoption, will serve to inform an application to the Federal Small Starts program, help FTA determine an environmental path for the Orange Line, and update the Council's Transportation Policy Plan.
3. 2014-148 Approve a contract amendment to increase the Siemens light rail vehicle (LRV) contract value by up to \$1,616,000 for a revised contract value of \$217,664,820 in accordance with the requirements of LRV Contract 09P157 Section 5.12.
4. 2014-150 Allocate \$15 million in appropriated 2014 state general obligation (G.O.) bond funds for the Transit Capital Improvement Program as follows: \$9.0M for A Line/Snelling BRT; \$2.0M for Orange Line 35W/Lake Street Station; \$1.0M for Bottineau LRT; \$2.0M for Gateway Corridor; \$1.0M for Red Line Cedar Grove Station.
5. 2014-152 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the I-94 westbound exit ramp to 5th St S project in 2015

(SP#2781-462) with \$6,790,000 in TED funds and \$3,000,000 in local funds for a total cost of \$9,790,000.

BUSINESS

Community Development—No Reports

Environment

2014-167 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to reject all bids for construction of 1-GV-461 Relief Lift Station L-81 Project 805730, Contract 13P258.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Schreiber.

Motion carried.

Management—No Reports

Transportation

2014-147 Approve the recommended plan for the A Line BRT project scope.

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Metro Transit Equity Initiatives

Adam Harrington, Director of Service Development, gave a presentation on the Metro Transit Equity Initiatives. Currently there are 46 bus routes that serve the RCAPs (Racially Concentrated Areas of Poverty), and 50,000 of 260,000 system-wide weekday boardings occur in RCAPs. Included in the presentation were maps of existing bus shelters and additional planned shelters. Between 2014 and 2015 there will be 75-100 new shelter locations added with a focus on the RCAPs, and 75-100 old shelters will be replaced across the region. The 2014 Ladders of Opportunity grant will make it possible to add amenity improvements to the shelters. The Metro Transit Equity Initiatives includes increased community engagement efforts in underrepresented communities and increased staff resources.

Chair Haigh distributed the resolutions that were passed at the SWLRT CMC meeting earlier in the day and thanked the negotiation team.

Mark Fuhrmann and Jim Alexander gave a presentation to provide background on business items 2014-161 and 2014-162.

2014-161 Approve the attached resolution to direct the Southwest LRT Project Office to proceed with Project Development in the city of Minneapolis; approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Exhibit 1 with the city of Minneapolis for the proposed redesign of a portion of the Southwest Light Rail Project in Minneapolis and authorize the Regional Administrator to execute it; prepare and submit revised Municipal Consent Plans on the Southwest LRT (SWLRT) Project to Minneapolis and Hennepin County with major features set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding including a single shallow LRT tunnel in the Kenilworth Corridor south of the channel with an at-grade LRT bridge over the channel and five stations in Minneapolis including an at-grade station at 21st Street; and hold a joint public hearing with the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority on the plans August 13, 2014.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Brimeyer and Cunningham.

Chair Haigh invited public testimony from the 3 individuals who signed up. Bob “Again” Carney, Jr. and Capt. Jack Sparrow stated that the Council should look at other options. LaShella Sims urged the Council to create a permanent equity committee.

Council members thanked staff and local government for their support and hard work on the project.

Motion carried.

2014-162 Approve the attached resolution regarding long-term public ownership and control of Kenilworth Corridor in the city of Minneapolis, and approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the city of Minneapolis pertaining to the preservation of Kenilworth Corridor in public ownership and control and authorize the Regional Administrator to execute it.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Brimeyer.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Overview of 2013 Population Estimates

Libby Starling and Matt Schroeder gave a presentation on the Council’s 2013 Population Estimates. The Estimates have been conducted since 1971 and are mandated under MN Statutes 473.24. The Estimates are used to allocate local government aid, local street aid, tax-base sharing under Fiscal Disparities, and to track growth and development in the region. A housing-stock-based approach is used with information from the 2010 Census. The population of the region increased by 101,318 from 2010 to 2013 (a 3.6% growth). More detailed information can be found at www.metrocouncil.org/data.

Overview of 2040 Housing Policy Plan

Libby Starling provided an overview of the 2040 Housing Policy Plan. The overall policy direction is to create viable housing options that give people in all life stages and of all economic means viable choices for safe, stable, and affordable homes. The Council funds housing development through the Livable Communities Act programs and administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. The 2040 HPP will include improved alignment of housing with other Council planning and decisions. The Council will be asked to accept the draft 2040 HPP for public comment at its July 23 meeting.

Rail~Volution 2014 Conference Update

Arlene McCarthy gave a brief presentation on Rail~Volution 2014, which will be held in Minneapolis and St. Paul this September. Council members were directed to notify Emily Getty if they are interested in registering for the conference and she will complete their registration.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of July 9, 2014.

Approved this 23 day of July, 2014.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary