

Metropolitan Council

Council Chair Susan Haigh
Councilmember Katie Rodriguez
Councilmember Lona Schreiber
Councilmember Gary Van Eyll
Councilmember Jennifer Munt

Councilmember Steve Elkins
Councilmember James Brimeyer
Councilmember Gary Cunningham
Councilmember Adam Duinck

Councilmember Edward Reynoso
Councilmember Sandy Rummel
Councilmember Harry Melander

Councilmember Richard Kramer
Councilmember Jon Commers
Councilmember Steven Chávez
Councilmember Wendy Wulff

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

3:00PM

Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Haigh, Rodriguez, Schreiber, Van Eyll, Munt, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Wulff

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Rummel

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Van Eyll

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-15)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2013-187 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and award a contract with Benefitfocus for an online benefit system, in the amount of \$513,668 for a period of three years.
2. 2013-247 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute intergovernmental agreements for Metro Mobility and Transit Link dial-a-ride services, from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 with transit providers in the following amounts: Anoka County Traveler \$3,264,807 and Smart Link (Scott/Carver County) \$2,452,679.
3. 2013-250 Adopt the proposed 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) with a budget of \$5,074,697. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for a planning grant under MAP-21. Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, for distribution of FHWA and FTA planning funds.
4. 2013-252 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a 10 month extension (3/1/14—12/31/14) of the contract for Employee Assistance Program with DOR & Associates, Inc.
5. 2013-253 Approve the Revised Title VI Service Equity Analysis for the Central Corridor Transit Service Study.
6. 2013-255 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase order with Polydyne, Inc. to provide Clarifloc CE-1247 polymer at a unit price of \$0.93 per pound delivered to the Empire Waste Treatment Plant.
7. 2013-256 Approve the 2013 Clean Water Fund I&I Grant Program Design, and also allow city-owned service laterals to be eligible under the program.
8. 2013-257 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a testing services contract for Metro/Seneca Incineration Emissions Testing, Contract 13P152, to American Engineering Testing (AET) in the amount not to exceed \$725,556.84.

9. 2013-258 Authorize the Regional Administration to negotiate and execute an amendment to the memorandum of understanding with the City of Minneapolis to extend the submittal date for its comprehensive sewer plan update.
10. 2013-261 Adopt a resolution, required by Minnesota Housing to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a continuation grant agreement for the Rental Assistance for Anoka County (RAAC) Program.
11. 2013-262 Authorize a grant of up to \$51,548 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to Ramsey County to finance the costs to acquire 44,443 square feet for the Keller Park portion of Phalen-Keller Regional Park. The grant should be financed with \$30,929 from the FY2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and \$20,619 from Metropolitan Council bonds. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant.
12. 2013-263 Authorize a grant of up to \$270,000 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to Dakota County to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire approximately 8.5 acres in a 100-foot wide, 3,200-foot long greenway corridor easement for the Vermillion Highlands Greenway and Rosemount Regional Greenway Regional Trails. The grant should be financed with \$162,000 from the FY2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and \$108,000 from Metropolitan Council bonds. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents. Consider reimbursing Dakota County up to \$90,000 from its share of a future Regional Park Capital Improvement Program for its 25% share of the total acquisition costs. The Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.
13. 2013-264 Authorize a grant of up to \$744,927 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to Scott County to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire approximately 114 acres for the Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with \$446,956 from the FY2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and \$297,971 from Metropolitan Council bonds. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant. Consider reimbursing Scott County up to \$248,309, its 25% share of the total acquisition costs, from a future Regional Park Capital Improvement Program. The Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.
14. 2013-265 Amend the following grant agreements: Amend SG2012-096, Section 2, Grant Project Scope to include, "at Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve, use \$150,000 to fund the Hyland cross-country ski trail with snowmaking and lights." Amend SG2012-097, Section 2, Grant Project Scope to include, "at Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve, use \$194,000 to fund construction of the Hyland cross-country ski trail with snowmaking and lights." Amend SG2012-098, Section 2, Grant Project Scope to include, "at Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve, use \$1,093,000 to fund construction of the Hyland cross-country ski trail with snowmaking and lights."
15. 2013-266 Direct Council staff to include an additional \$1.5 million of regional bonds to the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account as part of the upcoming 4th Quarter 2013 Unified Parks Capital Program Amendment to be considered by the Metropolitan Council on October 23. Direct Council Regional Parks and Natural Resources staff to continue analysis with the Metro Council's Finance Division and in consultation with the regional park implementing agencies regarding whether the Metro Council should raise the current Park Bonding limit beyond that of \$7.0 million annually of five-year bonds. The analysis must address: the fiscal impact on property taxes for homeowners and businesses relative to projected tax base growth; the forecasted capital project and land acquisition needs among the park implementing agencies and cash flow timing for those projects; the ability of the regional park agencies to finance the additional operations and maintenance costs for the additional projects financed from the incremental increase in Metro Council park bonding and any matching State funds. The results of the analysis and any recommendations should be submitted to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission and Metropolitan Council for its consideration when it is completed.

BUSINESS

Community Development

2013-164 Approve the 2014 Public Housing Agency Plan (PHA Plan), authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required certifications and direct staff to submit the final Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Wulff.

Kramer and Munt voiced their opposition and the Council briefly discussed the impacts of this action.

Council vote was 10 ayes, 2 nays.

Motion carried.

Environment—Reports on Consent List

Management—Reports on Consent List

Transportation

2013-260 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to adopt the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Certify that the Twin Cities Metropolitan Planning Process is being carried on in conformance with all applicable federal requirements of: Section 134 of Title 23, U.S.C., Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. 1607); Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)); Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of the 1964 and Title VI assurance executed by each state under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794; Section 1101 (g) of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (Pub. L. 105-178) regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in FHWA and FTA-funded planning projects (Pub. L. 97-424, Section 105 (f); 49 CFR part 23); and The Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and USDOT regulations (Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities 40 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38). Certify the TIP conforms with the provisions of 49 CFR part 20 regarding lobbying restrictions on influencing certain federal activities. Find that the TIP is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, which is in conformance with applicable federal transportation and air quality regulations. Find that the TIP meets all applicable federal requirements. Find that the TAB provided adequate opportunity for public, agency and transit operators involvement through its regular process and special public hearing. Transmit the 2014-2017 TIP along with these comments to the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Cunningham

Motion carried.

2013-270 SW Authorize the release of a 2013 Transportation Demand Management CMAQ solicitation.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

REPORTS

Chair: Spoke to the BOMA Education Committee on September 19. Attended the MN Business Partnership Annual Dinner on September 23. Has been attending many SWLRT-related meetings. Attended the Employee Recognition event at Harriet Island.

Council Members:

Schreiber—Attended two Bottineau-related meetings, one of which was hosted by Commissioner Opat and included local elected officials and legislatures from along the corridor. Attended a meeting at Brooklyn Park City Hall.

Munt—Will be at the SWLRT Community Advisory Committee meeting. Shared the positive community engagement that has been occurring at the SWLRT CAC. Went on a tour of SWLRT with CMs Elkins and Brimeyer and the City of Hopkins.

Kramer—Attended the Robert Street Task Force meeting with CM Chávez where they discussed future plans for Robert St.

Rummel—Attended the Employee Recognition Event at Harriet Island. Also went on a tour of the SWLRT corridor with staff. Attended a presentation about solar energy in MN based on the legislative actions this year; Jason Willett was a speaker. Attended the conference on freight at the U of M at CM Duinick's suggestion.

Cunningham—Spoke at the African American Leadership Forum. Spent time at the Midtown Alternative Analysis Study where they are making great progress. Attended with CM Duinick the Nicollet Central PAC meeting where they passed the recommendation of streetcars. Attended the St. Paul NAACP 100th Anniversary event.

Melander—Thanked Pat Born and staff for attending a meeting in Lake Elmo.

Elkins—Attended a task force meeting in Edina regarding the redevelopment of the Grand View area. Met with the Mayor and Public Works staff for Richfield to discuss Hwy 77.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of September 25, 2013.

Approved this 16 day of October, 2013.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary