

# Minutes

Transportation Committee



**Meeting date:** April 8, 2024

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** Robert St Chambers

## Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Deb Barber, D4         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 12   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 8              | <input type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tenzin Dolkar, District 15 |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused                |

## Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Barber called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:01 p.m.

## Agenda approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

## Approval of minutes

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Vento to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2024, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Employee recognition – Metropolitan Transportation Services

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director

Carlson presented awards to Leslie Sticht, Dan Roiger, PT Tat-Siaka, Jeff Baird, Rebekah Richards, and Todd Ringhand for their work on the DriverMate program implementation.

## Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director

Carlson reported that comments are requested by April 12<sup>th</sup> for the 2050 TPP Chapters.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Kandaras had no report beyond the items on the nonconsent agenda.

3. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

4. Joint Labor Management Safety Committee (JLMSC) Update

Ron Forrest reported on the ongoing relationship and agreements as well as upcoming de-escalation training.

## Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. There were no items on the consent agenda.

### Non-consent business

1. **2024-99SW:** Authorize Grant Agreements with SouthWest Transit and Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (Heather Giesel 651-602-1715)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute grant agreements with Replacement Service Providers (Suburban Transit Providers) as follows:

- To SouthWest Transit for capital assistance for battery-electric vehicle purchases and deployment in the amount of \$2,001,604.
- To Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for assistance on Phases II and III of the Burnsville Bus Garage Modernization Project in the amounts of \$3,500,000 and \$4,960,000, respectively.
- To MVTA for the projects identified in Table 1.

**Table 1**

Project Description	Grant Amount	Funding Source	ACP Project #
Technology Hardware and Software	\$612,615	Motor Vehicle Sales Tax	36288
Burnsville Bus Garage Modernization Phase 2 (Overmatch)	\$2,000,000	Transportation Sales Tax	36274
Customer Facility Projects (Burnsville and Eagan Transit Stations)	\$988,600	Transportation Sales Tax	36296
Support Facility Projects (Eagan and Burnsville Bus Garages)	\$1,167,500	Transportation Sales Tax	36297

There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

**Motion carried.**

2. **2024-63:** Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan repayment from City of Shoreview and write-off for Parcel at I-694 and Rice Street (Tony Fischer 651-602-1703)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the City of Shoreview to sell one parcel purchased with Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund loan number L0614 for the agreed upon value, forward those funds to the Council in satisfaction of this loan, and direct staff to write-off the remaining loan balance.

There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

**Motion carried.** Hearing no opposition from Council Members, Chairs Barber stated this item could go consent to Council.

3. **2024-95:** Contract – Electric Bus and Charger Purchase Low/No Grant 2021, Contract 24P077 (Jeremiah Riter 612-349-5005)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract 24P077 to exercise bus purchase options utilizing the State of Washington Master Contract 06719-01 with Gillig to purchase eight 40-foot electric buses and six electric bus chargers for the Council’s regular route services in an amount not to exceed \$ 13,713,087.00.



Dolkar asked for clarifying details on the local level. Procurement Director Jacoby noted the new ability to buy in line with federal standardization.

**Motion carried.**

4. **2024-98:** Contract – Electric Bus and Charger Purchase Low/No Grant 2023, Contract 24P077 (Jeremiah Riter 612-349-5005)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract 23P142 to exercise bus purchase options utilizing the State of Washington Master Contract 06719-01 with Gillig to purchase twelve 40-foot electric buses and sixteen electric bus chargers for the Council's regular route services in an amount not to exceed \$ 20,449,000.00.

Members asked clarifying questions about the joint powers agreement. Kandaras spoke to the encouragement received from the FTA to continue using procurements like this.

**Motion carried.**

5. **2024-97:** Contract 20P040, Solid Waste and Recycling Material Removal – Amendment Three (Jeff Freeman 612-349-7527, Jody Jacoby 651-602-1144)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to Contract 20P040 with Waste Management of Minnesota for pick up and disposal of solid waste, recycling, and organic streams for a total contract value not to exceed \$857,500.

There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

**Motion carried.** Hearing no opposition from Council Members, Chairs Barber stated this item could go consent to Council.

## Information

1. 2024 Light Rail Capital Maintenance & Construction Update (Brian Funk 612-349-7514, Kristin Thompson 612-349-7782, Carlos Canchola 612-341-5696, Mark Leemon 612 349-7674)

Council members asked about specific updates being made.

2. Light Rail Transit Service Update (Brian Funk 612-349-7514)

Vento asked about the impact of retiring Baby Boomers.

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of April 8, 2024.

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