

Council Chair Adam Duininck

Council Members

Katie Rodriguez	Jennifer Munt	Gary Cunningham	Edward Reynoso	Sandy Rummel	Richard Kramer	Steven Chávez
Lona Schreiber	Steve Elkins	Cara Letofsky	Marie McCarthy	Harry Melander	Jon Commers	Wendy Wulff
Deb Barber	Gail Dorfman					

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 4:00PM Council Chambers

### IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Letofsky, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Chávez, Wulff, Duininck

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duininck called the meeting to order at 4:05PM.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Munt.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Schreiber.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Item 1)

#### Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2016-17 Approve changes to the Metropolitan Council Policy 3-4-6 Inclusion of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business Program, and that the Metropolitan Council expand the MCUB program in order to increase the inclusion of small disadvantaged businesses in the Council's procurement and grant activities as articulated in Council policy and procedures.

### BUSINESS

#### Community Development—No Reports

#### Environment—No Reports

#### Management

2016-15 Authorize the amendment of the 2016 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Wulff.

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

Aye: 14 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Letofsky, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Chávez, Wulff, Duininck

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Cunningham, Reynoso, Commers

## Transportation

2016-16 Authorize the release of the recommended *C Line Station Plan* for public review and comment; direct staff to collect comments through Friday, March 11, 2016 via mail and email, summarize comments, and report the findings to the Metropolitan Council.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Rummel.

### Motion carried.

2016-22 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to move \$1,792,000 in federal STP funds from Hennepin County's Godfrey Bridge Replacement project (SP# 027-046-007) to its CSAH 53 Reconstruction project (SP# 027-653-021) in exchange for local funds.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Rodriguez.

### Motion carried.

## INFORMATION

### Fiscal Disparities Update: Tax-Base Sharing in the Metro Area

Deb Detrick gave an update on Fiscal Disparities and tax-base sharing in the metro area. Through Fiscal Disparities, local taxing jurisdictions in the seven-county metro area share part of growth in commercial-industrial tax base. Local taxing jurisdictions include communities, counties, school districts, and special local tax jurisdictions like the Metropolitan Council. Tax Base is the same as net tax capacity, which is the taxable market value of property multiplied by its class rate. Commonly referred to as Fiscal Disparities, the program's name in statute is the Charles R. Weaver Metropolitan Revenue Distribution Act, and was enacted in 1971 and began sharing tax base in 1975 (for taxes payable in 1975). The program has drawn interest from many other states and countries. The program helps support the Council's goals by promoting orderly and efficient growth, improving equity, strengthening economic competitiveness, and encouraging land uses that protect the environment and increase livability. Fiscal Disparities works through a shared pool of tax base for the metro area and distributions from that shared pool. The contribution to the pool equals 40% of growth in commercial, industrial, and public utility property tax base since 1971. Distribution from the shared pool depends on population and market value of all property per person compared to the average market value per person for the metro area. For taxes payable in 2015, the program shared \$367 million in tax base (including nearly \$3 million from the State of Minnesota for the Bloomington repayment) and \$594 million in tax revenue. There was a total of 101 net recipients for taxes payable 2015. There was a total of 78 net contributors for taxes payable 2015. The top 20 net contributors made up 59% of the region's total commercial-industrial tax base.

### Federal FAST Act Update

Connie Kozlak, Mark Fuhrmann, and Ed Petrie provided a summary of the FAST Act. It was signed into law on December 4, 2015, and re-authorizes federal transportation funding through federal fiscal year 2020. The funding increase from MAP-21 varies by program, and amends Title 23 of U.S. code (no mention means no change to provisions in existing law). There are minimal policy changes, some changes codify existing practice or regulation. It totals approximately \$305 billion for the period FFY 2016 to FFY 2020, or averaging \$61 billion each year. There are \$281 billion in the Highway Trust

Fund: \$225.2 billion for highways, \$48.7 billion for transit, and \$7 billion for highway and motor carrier safety; \$24 billion in the General Fund is subject to annual appropriations. The FAST Act overall maintains funding shares between highways and transit and most current program structures. The funding split is approximately 80% for highway programs and 20% for transit programs. The Act allows state/local governments to move forward with critical transportation projects with confidence that they will have a federal partner over the next 5 years. The Southwest Light Rail Transit project was recommended for funding. Transit Program 5309 includes New Starts, Small Starts, Core Capacity, and Expanded Programs of Interrelated Projects. Transit Program 5309 reduces maximum federal New Starts share from 80% to 60%, increases Buy America requirement from 60% to 65% in 2018 and to 70% in 2020, and it decreases the number of years (from 5 to 4) federal appropriations may be available. Transit Program 5307 remains the major transit formula funding program, with a forecasted average annual increase of 2.1%. Transit Program 5337 is the State of Good Repair Program and includes two categories of funding: High Intensity Fixed-Guideway formula for rail and BRT on exclusive guideways, and High Intensity Motorbus formula for buses that run in HOV lanes or shoulders. The forecasted annual increase is 4.7%. Transit Program 5339 is for bus and bus facilities, and provides funding to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment to construct bus facilities, to make technological changes, or to implement innovations to modify low or no-emission vehicles or facilities.

## REPORTS

Council Members:

Munt—Participated in Equity Advisory Committee interviews which have been going very well. Interviews have been held in Maplewood, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, and St. Louis Park. Interviews will also be held in Eagan and St. Paul. There have been 103 applicants.

Barber—Attended a ribbon-cutting for the new suburb-to-suburb transit line which is a two-year, collaborative demo project among the transit opt-outs.

Rodriguez—Also attended the suburb-to-suburb transit event. Met with the City of Dayton's planner and our LCA staff (Paul Burns and Freya Thamman) to discuss LCA funds.

Chair: Attended the MN Results: Housing Cost Burden conference that was hosted by Commissioner Frans. It was a great opportunity for staff and commissioners to discuss policy ideas. Attended Burnsville Mayor Kautz's State of the City event.

Regional Administrator: Attended the TwinWest Chamber's forum for legislators to support SWLRT. It was intended to bring legislators together to discuss TwinWest's and businesses' support for SWLRT. On March 2, we will have a COW meeting to discuss climate change and sustainability as it relates to Thrive MSP 2040. Mark Seeley from the U of MN and Will Seuffert from the EQB will be here to speak, along with Council staff who are working on this effort.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM.

## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 10, 2016.

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary