

# Minutes

Metropolitan Council



**Meeting date:** September 25, 2024

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Street

## Members present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Tyronne Carter, District 3
- Deb Barber, District 4
- John Pacheco Jr., District 5

- Robert Lilligren, District 6
- Yassin Osman, District 7
- Anjuli Cameron, District 8
- Diego Morales, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Gail Cederberg, District 11

- Susan Vento, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14
- Tenzin Dolkar, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
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## Call to order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:00 p.m.

## Agenda approved

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

## Approval of minutes

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2024, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

## Public invitation

The Mayor of Crystal, Mr. Jim Adams, spoke about the City's struggles regarding the LRT and Blue Line Extension due to broken trust between the project office and Hennepin County. Promises were made to the City of Crystal that were not kept by the old alignment when it was on the freight line. Mayor Adams said his main concern is to protect the interests of the people of Crystal and wanted the Council to be aware of lingering concerns, doubts and lack of trust.

## Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-12)

1. **2024-195:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment for contract 19P049A with Transportation Plus to add \$1,500,000 for a total contract value not to exceed amount of \$6,226,754.
2. **2024-203:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source contract 24P223 with Vontas to provide mobile device terminals for bus upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$724,793.
3. **2024-222:** That the Metropolitan Council:
  - Approve Anoka County's Rice Creek West Regional Trail Long-Range Plan.
  - Approve the removal of a 0.1-acre, non-contiguous parcel of land within Rice Creek West

Regional Trail corridor in exchange for a trail reconstruction project of greater value that will meet or exceed Americans with Disabilities Act standards within the regional trail corridor.

- Require Anoka County, prior to initiating any construction, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.
  - Advise Anoka County to coordinate planning and work with Metro Transit and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to improve crossing safety at the 69th Street intersection before committing to a tunnel at this location.
  - Advise Anoka County to consider implementing the recommendations for solar and transportation in the Advisory Comments section of the business item.
4. **2024-223:** That the Metropolitan Council:
- Approve the Como Regional Park Long-Range Plan.
  - Advise the City of Saint Paul to consider implementing the recommendations for solar resources and population forecasts in the Advisory Comments section of the business item.
  - Require the City of Saint Paul, prior to initiating any new development of the regional park, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.
5. **2024-226:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute a Cooperative Construction Agreement with the City of Lakeville for the construction of new flow meter M657, MCES Project No. 805609, for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.
6. **2024-227:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing in November 2024 to gather input on the draft facility plan for the Coon Rapids Interceptor Rehabilitation project, MCES Project No. 808609.
7. **2024-236:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute two grant agreements with Replacement Service Providers (Suburban Transit Providers) as follows:
- To Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for Microtransit Vehicles and Accessories, including technology, bike racks, decals, etc., in the amount of \$554,000.
  - To SouthWest Transit (SWT) for the lease and operation of vans for the SouthWest Transit Prime Service in an amount up to \$4,591,000.
8. **2024-239:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2024-17 authorizing the acquisition and condemnation of real estate property for the Orono Interceptor 7113 Project, MCES Project No. 802897.
9. **2024-245:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment for Contract 19P120 with Aon Risk Services Central for insurance broker and risk consulting services for a total contract value not to exceed \$3,930,000.
10. **2024-253:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
- Authorize the City of Plymouth to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
  - Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
  - Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts, surface water management, and water supply.
11. **2024-254:** That the Metropolitan Council:
- Approve the 2025 – 2029 Five Year Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan, including changes to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan as described in this report

and attachments.

- Authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required certifications.
- Direct staff to submit the final PHA Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

12. **2024-257:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

- Authorize the City of Ramsey to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
- Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
- Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Land Use.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Chamblis.

**Motion carried.**

## Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

### *Community Development*

No reports.

### *Environment*

1. **2024-228:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for the Forest Lake Interceptor 7029 Rehabilitation, Project Number 808603.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Osman.

**Motion carried.**

### *Management*

1. **2024-248 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 110 (IBEW) effective for the period May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2027.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Morales.

**Motion carried.**

### *Transportation*

1. **2024-216 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P015 with Spare Labs, Inc., to provide software that will support microtransit service operations in an amount not to exceed \$852,100.

It was moved by Barber. seconded by Vento.

**Motion carried.**

2. **2024-219:** That the Metropolitan Council:

- Adopt the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.
- Certify that the Twin Cities Metropolitan Planning Process is addressing major issues facing the metropolitan planning area and is being carried on in conformance with all applicable federal requirements of:

- 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
  - Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
  - Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 USC 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
  - 49 USC 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
  - Section 1101(b) of Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub L. 114-357) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in US DOT funded projects;
  - 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
  - The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38;
  - The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
  - Section 324 of title 23, U.S.C regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and;
  - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
- Certify the TIP conforms to 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 involvement from the public, agency and transit operators through its regular process and public comment period.
  - Transmit the 2025-2028 TIP along with public comments to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Dr. Tyrone Carter.

**Motion carried.**

3. **2024-193:** That the Council authorize release of the METRO G Line Recommended Corridor Plan for public review and comment; and direct staff to collect public comments through Friday, October 25, 2024, summarize comments, and report the findings to the Metropolitan Council.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Lindstrom.

**Motion carried.**

**Information**

1. Public hearing for Imagine 2050, including the Housing Policy Plan, the Regional Parks Policy Plan, the Transportation Policy Plan, and the Water Policy Plan.

**Reports**

There was discussion about the artwork around the chambers and about the exhibit at the Bloomington Center for the Arts by Luis Fitch and the flags by Peter Haakon Thompson.

Regional Administrator Ryan O'Connor shared a story from the Inner-City Leadership meeting he attended in Toronto regarding transit planning and its considerations. He then shared a letter from someone in the community commending the Metropolitan Council on its work on the Gold Line.

Chair Zelle recessed the meeting at 4:27 p.m. to reconvene at 5:00 p.m.

### Public Comment on Imagine 2050

Chair Zelle reconvened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. for public comment on the Imagine 2050.

The following individuals provided public comment:

Name	City of Residence/Organization
Bradley Johnson	City of Oak Grove
Evan Roberts	Minneapolis
Joe Janish	City of Andover
Patricia Nauman	Metro Cities
Dan O'Leary	City of Sunfish Lake
Jim Schoettler	St. Paul
Lincoln Wells	St. Paul
Greg Struve	Eagan
Katie Jones	Minneapolis
Richard Nelson	Centerville
Asus Stanfield	St. Paul
Nancy Negrette	St. Paul/Atelier de Anishinaabe & Lakota Hair and MakeUp

### Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

### Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 25, 2024.

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