

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 Duininck	Marie McCarthy	Harry Melander	Jon Commers	Wendy Wulff
Gary Van Eyll	James Brimeyer					

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March, 26, 2014 4:00pm Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Duininck, Reynoso, McCarthy, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Vice Chair Melander called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Kramer

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BUSINESS

Joint Report of the Transportation, Management, and Environment Committees

2014-34 Amend the 2014 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the corresponding tables.

It was moved by Brimeyer, seconded by Elkins

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 11 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Duininck, Reynoso, Melander, Kramer, Chávez

Nay: 0

Absent:6 Munt (arrived after roll), McCarthy (arrived after roll), Rummel, Commers (arrived after roll), Wulff, Haigh

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-11)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2014-51 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Interagency Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for funding of the construction of the I-35E/C.R. E Park & Ride.
2. 2014-52 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Interagency Agreement with the Minnesota Department of

Transportation for funding of the construction of the I-35E/C.R. 14 Park & Ride.

3. 2014-53 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Interagency Agreement with the Dakota County Regional Rail Authority (DCRRA) providing funding for the Red Line Cedar Grove Transit Station.
4. 2014-55 Approve a \$1.00 fare effective Tuesday, April 1st, 2014 for all Metro Mobility trips that are wholly within either the downtown Minneapolis or downtown Saint Paul fare zone, as established by Metro Transit.
5. 2014-56 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the project sponsor from SouthWest Transit to Metropolitan Council and the description for SP# TRS-TCMT-11B for bus purchases.
6. 2014-58 Adopt Resolution 2014-5, as required by Minnesota Housing, to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement to increase the program size and funding for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.
7. 2014-59 Consider reimbursing Anoka County up to \$340,000 from its share of future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Programs financed with Parks and Trails Legacy Funds for construction of a segment of the Mississippi River Regional Trail from Mississippi Community Park in the City of Anoka to Mississippi West Regional Park in the City of Ramsey. Acknowledge that 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.
8. 2014-60 Approve an amendment to grant SG-2012-035, "Development Project," to add, "of the total grant amount, \$174,328.47 may provide partial funding to reconstruct Normandale Lake parking lot and driveway, add new lighting, add a new connector trail, resurface Normandale Lake boat ramp, and complete landscaping and associated storm water management improvements, plus design/engineering fees and contingencies." Approve an amendment to grant SG-2012-049, Grant Contract "(2) Grant Project," to substitute, "at Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve, grant partial funding to reconstruct Normandale Lake parking lot and driveway, add new lighting, add new connector trail, resurface Normandale Lake boat ramp, complete landscaping and associated storm water management improvements, plus design/engineering fees and contingencies."
9. 2014-61 Authorize a grant of up to \$187,029 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to the City of Bloomington to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire 0.5 acres at 7907 Lea Road, Bloomington for Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with: \$112,217 from the FY2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and \$74,812 from Metropolitan Council bonds. The grant will be matched with up to \$62,343 provided by the City of Bloomington. Consider reimbursing the City of Bloomington up to \$62,343, 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. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant.
10. 2014-62 Authorize a grant of up to \$55,400 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to Three Rivers Park District to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire five permanent public trailway easements for the Intercity Regional Trail as described in Attachments 1 to 7. The grant should be financed with: \$33,240 from the FY2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and \$22,160 from Metropolitan Council bonds. The grant will be matched with up to \$18,465 by Three Rivers Park District. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant.

11. 2014-63 Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Prior Lake to put the County Road 42 Study Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) into effect. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.

BUSINESS (cont.)

Community Development

2014-64 Approve the 2014 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan.

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Kramer

Motion carried.

Environment

2014-69 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the 1-MN-344 Interceptor Rehabilitation, MCES Project No. 807628, Contract No. 13P228, with Lametti & Sons, Inc., for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$6,141,700.00.

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Schreiber

Motion carried.

2014-70 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the HSI Contract F – St. Louis Park Forcemain, MCES Project No. 804130, Contract No. 13P243, with Minger Construction, Inc., for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$14,747,170.32.

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Duininck

Motion carried.

Management—Reports on Consent List

Transportation

2014-54 Reinststate the RALF program and modify it to: Consider and exercise approval over individual RALF loan requests, doing so on a case-by-case basis to ensure consistency with the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and to determine policy and priority implications. Limit RALF loan requests to rights-of-way threatened by development or to hardship acquisitions. Require an annual review that assesses the program's status, anticipates its financial needs, recommends a levy amount for the next annual budget and addresses related matters. In addition, the Council will: Not pursue legislative changes to expand the existing RALF program to include "A" Minor Arterials and other county roads that are not trunk highways or principal arterials. Work with MnDOT to establish priorities for interchange projects that will provide guidance on the use of RALF funding. Review, modify and update the RALF program and process guidelines to incorporate program modifications. Consider investigating the feasibility of restructuring the RALF program to include early acquisition of property needed for transit projects and/or transit-oriented development (TOD).

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Munt

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2014-72 Accept *Choice, Place and Opportunity: An Equity Assessment of the Twin Cities* as the region's Fair Housing and Equity Assessment for submittal as a deliverable for the Sustainable

Communities Regional Planning Grant; Direct staff to submit *Choice, Place and Opportunity: An Equity Assessment of the Twin Cities* to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fulfill the grant expectations.

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Chávez

Motion carried.

REPORTS

Chair: Chair Haigh was absent.

Council Members:

Duininck—The TPP will be coming to the Committee of the Whole and discussions will continue.

Cunningham—Hosted a meeting with other foundations regarding equity in Minnesota.

Brimeyer—The SWLRT CMC met today and will meet again next week.

Elkins—Spoke to the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce about the Orange Line.

Munt—Spoke at the Bicycle Alliance Summit and Day on the Hill. The SWLRT CAC will meet tomorrow night.

Rodriguez—Met with the new City Administrator in Maple Plain.

Commers—Met with two St. Paul City Council members and CCPO staff to discuss preparations for safe operation of the Green Line.

Melander—Gave a presentation regarding East Metro transit. Met with the City of Mahtomedi to discuss the Picadilly site. Met with the St. Paul Port Authority to discuss strengthening their relationship with the Council.

Regional Administrator: Staff will be submitting *Thrive MSP 2040* for national recognition.

General Counsel: No report

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 26, 2014.

Approved this 9 day of April, 2014.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary