

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting Date: August 14, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Heywood Chambers

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Deb Barber, D4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 11 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tenzin Dolkar, District 15 |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present |

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

Chair Barber stated non-consent item 2023-180 will be the first non-consent item presented.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Carter, Toni to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Carter, Tyronne to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2023 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Chamblis to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023 special meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director

No report.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Micro Transit Pilot

At a future meeting, staff will present a Micro Transit update. A pilot was launched in September 2022 and it's been determined to continue that pilot for another year. In about a month, Council members will receive a more thorough report about the status of the pilot and the work to put together a framework for Micro Transit moving forward.

3. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)

No report.

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted

1. **2023-133:** That the Metropolitan Council pass Resolution 2023-5 declaring the METRO E

Line Project as a public purpose, authorizing acquisition of all real estate interests necessary for the Project, and authorizing staff to initiate condemnation proceedings on behalf of the Council for parcels that cannot be acquired by negotiation.

2. **2023-163:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Agreement 23I095 (“Agreement”) with the City of St. Paul for right-of-way management authority needed for construction of the METRO E Line project.
3. **2023-164:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Agreement 23I094 (“Agreement”) with the City of Edina for right-of-way management authority needed for construction of the METRO E Line project.
4. **2023-172:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute its option to extend the Metro Mobility Agency Contract 17P244 with Transit Team, inc. for an additional year, beginning October 1st, 2023, through September 30th, 2024, in the amount of \$7,375,469.40 for a total contract value of \$42,377,263.50.
5. **2023-182:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 22P119 with Michelin North America, Inc., that will provide tire lease, installation, and maintenance services for active and reserve fleet buses at all bus garages in an amount not to exceed \$16,997,791.65.
6. **2023-183:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source contract 23P058 with Luminator to provide digital video recorder monitors in an amount not to exceed \$622,582.

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Carter, Tyrone.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business

1. **2023-180:** Joint Powers Agreement with the Metropolitan Airports Commission, Contract 23I016

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) # 23I016 with the Metropolitan Airports Commission (“MAC”) in an amount not to exceed \$708,000 for law enforcement assistance to the Council along with adding additional police presence on the Blue Line Light Rail Transit (LRT).

MTPD Captain Joseph Dotseth and MTPD Captain Richard Raymond presented this item. Cameron stated appreciation for these joint power agreements as it’s an opportunity to collaborate with our partners but asked what the terms were for charging responsibility. Captain Raymond stated that the MAC police will be covering daily from 4:00am to Noon, with MTPD officers covering the rest of the time and whichever officers are working, would be the ones that would take primary on charging. Vento expressed appreciation for MTPD’s work.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated this item could proceed as Consent to Council.

2. **2023-58:** METRO Blue Line Extension 2023-2024 Capital Grant Agreement #22I038 with Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority

It was moved by Dolkar, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the 2023-2024 Blue Line Extension Capital Grant Agreement (CGA) #22I038 with Hennepin County and Hennepin Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) in the amount not to exceed \$75,305,000 and issue Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP) #2 to the Engineering Services Contract #22P103A to advance design plans and complete the Municipal Consent process.

Metro Transit Deputy General Manager, Capital Programs Nick Thompson and METRO Blue

Line Project Director Chris Beckwith presented this item. Chamblis expressed gladness of getting to this point as there has been many people involved in discussions and this agreement has a lot of extra components that manage how we partner with entities. Vento stated the project model is great as it emphasizes collaboration but that there are still a lot of answered questions.

Chair Barber stated her intent to vote no on this item.

Motion carried, with Chair Barber and Vento opposing.

3. **2023-179 JT:** 2023 Budget Amendment – Special August Transportation Amendment

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2023 Unified Budget amendment as indicated, and in accordance with, the attached tables.

Metro Transit Finance Director Ed Petrie presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

Motion carried, with Chair Barber and Vento opposing.

4. **2023-176:** METRO Green Line Extension Aldridge Parsons Joint Venture Part One Claims Resolution Change Order, Cumulative Change Order Authority Increase, and Amendment to 00810 Supplemental Conditions for Re-Baselined Systems Schedule Cost Claims Resolution, Contract 17P000

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Dolkar, that the Metropolitan Council:

- Authorize the Regional Administrator, as part of the Systems schedule cost claims resolution process, to negotiate and execute a Part 1 change order for Contract 17P000 with Aldridge – Parsons, a Joint Venture (APJV) in an amount not to exceed \$20,388,680;
- Authorize an additional 10.49% (\$20 million) to the current 17.48% (\$34 million) cumulative change authority for Contract 17P000 with APJV, resulting in 27.97% (\$54 million) cumulative change order authority; and
- Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the 00810 Supplemental Conditions for Re-Baselined Systems Schedule Cost Claims Resolution to modify the payment process to allow for more frequent payment of resolved claims as the Council and APJV resolve disputes.

Metro Transit Green Line Extension Project Director Jim Alexander presented this item. Cameron asked where the additional \$20 million would leave the project in terms of the cap established by the Systems contractor. Alexander stated the cap is \$64 million and the \$20 million is within that amount. Chamblis asked what the confidence level is that this increase would be sufficient. Alexander stated that staff will likely be back to seek additional cumulative authority when approval is sought for additional change orders. Cameron asked what the percent complete is for the civil and system contracts. Alexander stated the civil is approximately 80% with most of the west end work getting wrapped up; the Kenilworth LRT tunnel is approximately 55% complete. The systems field work is about 10% complete. Overall, the systems work is over 50% as the contractor continues to manufacture traction power substations and other systems equipment and store the equipment locally until it is ready for installation in the field.

Motion carried.

5. **2023-177:** METRO Green Line Extension Settlement Agreement with Lunda McCrossan Joint Venture, Contract 22M013

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to:

- Increase the not to exceed value of the Settlement Agreement (Council Contract No. 22M013) with the Lunda McCrossan Joint Venture (LMJV) in the amount of \$75 million for a



new total not to exceed amount of \$285 million; and

- Make future payments as defined in the agreement.

Metro Transit Green Line Extension Project Director Jim Alexander presented this item. Cameron thanked the project leads for their diligent work on this. There were no questions from Council members.

Motion carried.

6. **2023-174 JT:** 2023 Unified Budget Amendment – 3rd Quarter

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2023 Unified Budget amendment as indicated, and in accordance with, the attached tables.

Metro Transit Finance Director Ed Petrie presented this item. Cameron asked about the potential for staff to highlight some of the larger projects in a presentation for future budget item amendments. There were no questions from Council members.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Quarterly Service Changes and Workforce Update

Metro Transit Service Development Director Adam Harrington, Deputy GM/Chief Operating Officer Brian Funk and Market Development Specialist Jessica Cross presented this item.

Chair Barber stated the information presented is such great news and a positive direction.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:11p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of August 14, 2023.

Approved this 28 day of August 2023.

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