

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: November 25, 2024

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"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 12 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 8 | <input checked="" 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 4:00 p.m.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyronne to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2024, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Employee recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit Deputy General Manager, Chief Operating Officer Bus and Rail Brian Funk
Funk introduced Jim Harwood who presented awards to Senior Project Coordinator Claire Warren, Principal Contract Administrator Mark Lanthier, and Senior Project Coordinator Laura Bretheim.

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director
Carlson reported on the recent TMA Certification Review with the feds.
2. Metro Transit Deputy General Manager
Funk reported on upcoming schedule changes due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)
The TAB report was linked to the posted agenda.
4. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)
The TAAC report was deferred to a future meeting.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. **2024-249:** METRO Blue Line Extension Project Subordinate Funding Agreement No. 10 (#14I044J) with MnDOT for 2025 Staffing Services (Nick Thompson 612-349-7507)
2. **2024-247:** METRO Blue Line Extension Subordinate Funding Agreement No. 3 (#21I032C) with Hennepin County Staffing Services for 2025 (Nick Thompson 612-349-7507)
3. **2024-284:** METRO Green Line Extension Freight Rail Flagging Services, Contract 21P271 – Amendment No. 5 (Jim Alexander 612-373-3880)
4. **2024-296:** METRO Green Line Extension Project Office Lease Agreement, Contract 12P008 – Amendment No. 5 (Jim Alexander 612-373-3880)
5. **2024-331:** Signature Authority for FFY 2022 Section 5307 Bus Acquisition for the University of MN (Nicole Clapp 651-602-1723)
6. **2024-336:** 2025-2028 Streamlined TIP Amendment: Six 2024 Regional Solicitation Projects (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1705)
7. **2024-337:** Streamlined 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Request – Rest in Red Study Pilot (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1705)
8. **2024-339:** Adoption of Transportation Planning Area Boundary (Dave Burns 651-602-1887)
9. **2024-319:** Metro Mobility On Demand Services, Contract 19P049A – Amendment 5 (Gerri Sutton 651-602-1672)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Chamblis.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. **2024-246:** METRO Blue Line Extension - Capital Grant Agreement #22I038 Amendment No. 1 with Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (Nick Thompson 612-349-7507)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the METRO Blue Line Extension Capital Grant Agreement #22I038 Amendment No. 1 with Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) in the amount not to exceed \$173,600,000. This is contingent upon the Q4 capital budget amendment Business Item 2024-332 JT SW and Hennepin County Board approval on 12/12/2024.

Vento shared that due to the funds tied up with federal and local partners she will vote no.

Motion carried.

2. **2024-295:** Grant Agreement #24I051 with Hennepin County Anti-Displacement Community Prosperity Program for the Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project (Nick Thompson 612-349-7507)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a general fund grant agreement with Hennepin County (County) for the Anti-Displacement Community Prosperity Program (Program) in an amount of \$10,000,000.

Council Members asked for funding specifics.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed consent to Council.

3. **2024-312:** METRO Blue Line Extension – Limited Notice to Proceed No. 3 for Engineering

Services Contract #22P103A (Nick Thompson 612-349-7507)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to issue Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP) #3 for the Engineering Services Consultant Contract #22P103A in an amount of \$37,475,448. This is contingent upon the Q4 capital budget amendment Business Item 2024-332 JT SW and Hennepin County Board approval on 12/12/2024.

Council Members asked clarifying questions about the project milestones. Dolkar asked specifics about DBE goals, OEEA Assistant Director Ashanti Payne shared the differences between DBE and Workforce Goals.

Motion carried.

4. **2024-293:** METRO Blue Line Extension – Contract #22M024 Amendment with CBRE, Inc and Middleton Partners, LLC to extend Blue Line Project Office (Nick Thompson 612-349-7507)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 22M024 with Middleton Park Place Investors, LLC, for the lease agreement in the amount of \$1,989,430.86.

Vento asked about options to the end the lease early if the need arose.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed consent to Council.

5. **2024-329:** METRO Green Line Extension Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority Capital Grant Agreement, Contract 18I094 – Amendment No. 12 (Jim Alexander 612-373-3880)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 18I094 with Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority to add \$90,294,640 bringing the total grant amount to \$1,168,375,344 to fund METRO Green Line Extension Project activities.

Motion carried.

6. **2024-330:** METRO Green Line Extension Budget and Schedule (Jim Alexander 612-373-3880)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council take the following actions related to the METRO Green Line Extension Project:

- Approve the updated Project cost estimate of \$2.86 billion as the Project budget; and
- Acknowledge the revised Project schedule that anticipates revenue service beginning in 2027

Motion carried.

7. **2024-116:** METRO Green Line Extension Civil Construction Cumulative Change Order Authority Increase, Contract 15P307A (Jim Alexander 612-373-3880)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Metropolitan Council authorize 2.98% (\$23.8 million) in cumulative change order authority for contract 15P307A with Lunda McCrossan Joint Venture, resulting in 36.29% (\$290.2 million) total cumulative change order authority.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed consent to Council.

8. **2024-285:** METRO Green Line Extension Advanced Design Consultant, Contract 14P125 - Amendment No. 16 (Jim Alexander 612-373-3880)



It was moved by Morales, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 14P125 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for architectural and engineering services in an amount of \$11,301,072, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$181,039,554.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed consent to Council.

9. **2024-286:** METRO Green Line Extension Construction Management Support Services, Contract 17P060 – Amendment No 6 (Jim Alexander 612-373-3880)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 17P060 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$3,293,574.26, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$23,535,053.26.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed consent to Council.

10. **2024-287:** METRO Green Line Extension Quality Management Services, Contract 18P018 – Amendment No. 5 (Jim Alexander 612-373-3880)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 18P018 with Braun Intertec Corporation for quality management services for the METRO Green Line Extension Project in the amount of \$9,000,009.70, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$69,320,977.70.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed consent to Council.

11. **2024-299:** Saint Paul Downtown Alliance, Contract 24P265 (Berry Farrington 612-349-7378)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Morales, that the Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a sole source contract 24P265 with the Saint Paul Downtown Alliance for safety services not to exceed \$800,000.

Cameron asked about this item in relation to the Safety and Security Plan.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed consent to Council.

12. **2024-321:** Blue Line State of Good Repair – Phase 3, Contract 24P207 (Wyatt Jackson, 605-359-4436)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Pacheco, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 24P207 with Aldridge Electric for replacement track, rail, upgrades, and replacement of signal components on the Metro Blue Line in an amount not to exceed \$80,145,713.

Council Members asked about community outreach once project completion has occurred and about ongoing maintenance efforts.

Motion carried.

13. **2024-328:** Rosedale Transit Center Agreement (Anna Flintoft, 612-349-7377)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Rosedale Transit Hub Agreement, contract 07M018, with PPF RTL ROSEDALE SHOPPING CENTER, LLC for an additional contract value not to exceed \$1,150,000.

Council Members asked about agreement details.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed consent to Council.



14. **2024-261:** Metro Mobility Premium On-Demand Contract Award (Gerri Sutton 651-602-1672)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts 24P119A-C to provide Metro Mobility Premium On Demand service in an amount not to exceed \$19,524,500, with initial contract awards amounts as follows: Organization Contract Number Contract Amount Uzurv 24P119A \$2,500,000 Transportation Plus 24P119B \$2,500,000 Carepool 24P119C \$2,500,000 Contract expenditures will be driven by customer demand and contracts will be amended to add the unallocated \$12,024,500 in Council authorization as necessary to respond to customer's selection of service provider.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed consent to Council.

15. **2024-340:** Transit Funding Allocation Policy (Charles Carlson 651-602-1761, Lesley Kandaras 612-349-7513)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council (1) adopt the attached FM 12-3 transit funding allocation policy and (2) direct staff to develop procedures to implement this policy.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Federal Transit Administration Semi-Annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Report (Trina Bolton 612-349-7567, Ashanti Payne 612-349-7660)

Chamblis asked about how we compare with our peers in this area. Council Members discussed Council Policies around Sole Source.

2. Imagine 2050 Transportation Policy Plan Public Comments Discussion (Cole Hiniker 651-602-1748, Jed Hanson 651-602-1716)

Council Members discussed the variety of feedback that is received.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:48FU p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of November 25, 2024.

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