

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, July 8, 2015 4:00PM Council Chambers

### IN ATTENDANCE

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

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duininck called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Rummel.

Cunningham made a motion to amend the agenda by removing 2015-138. Letofsky seconded.

Item 2015-138 will go back to the Community Development Committee for further discussion.

The Council voted on the amendment.

#### **Motion carried.**

The Council voted on the amended agenda.

#### **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Melander. **Motion carried.**

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-7)

##### Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2014-303 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a sole source contract with Rockwell-Collins for a three (3) year maintenance agreement as well as system software improvements and enhancements, not to exceed \$1.5 million.
2. 2015-120 Authorize a contract amendment to increase the Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) Inc. contract value by \$159,868 for a revised total contract value of \$1,045,421.
3. 2015-122 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2016 to provide funding for public commuter rail service in Sherburne County, Minnesota for up to \$1.4 million, and execute the attached Resolution #2015-7 of the Governing Body (Metropolitan Council) to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2016.
4. 2015-149 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend Metro Mobility service contract 09P224 with First Transit, Inc. to increase the

maximum contract amount by \$1,397,174 for an amended amount not to exceed \$66,975,436.

5. 2015-152 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the NAI Rehabilitation Phase 7, Project No. 808670, Contract 15P047, with Geislinger and Sons, Inc. for their low responsive and responsible bid of \$9,079,934.
6. 2015-153 Ratify the Justification for and Declaration of Emergency for rehabilitation of the Metro Plan Flotation Thickening Building.
7. 2015-154 Ratify the Justification for and Declaration of Emergency for repairs to the middle beltline interceptor 85-66-370 in St. Paul in the final amount of \$7,473,503.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Community Development**

2015-143 Adopt the 2015 update of city and township forecasts of population, households, and employment for 2020, 2030, and 2040.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Munt.

#### **Motion carried.**

2015-144 Adopt the update to the Guidelines for Priority Funding for Housing Performance.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Chávez.

#### **Motion carried.**

### **Environment—Reports on Consent Agenda**

### **Management—No Reports**

### **Transportation—Reports on Consent Agenda**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

2015-156 Adopt the attached Resolution #2015-9 and direct the Southwest LRT Project Office (SPO) to continue with Project Development. The Resolution includes the Corridor Management Committee recommendations: revised scope as described in Attachment A, including ending the line at Southwest Station, deleting Mitchell Station and deferring Town Center Station; revised cost estimate of \$1.744 billion; projected 2040 average weekday ridership of 34,000.

Craig Lamothe presented the SWLRT CMC recommendations and fielded questions from the Council members.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Munt.

#### **Motion carried.**

2015-160 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a construction and transit operations and maintenance interface agreement with the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority and the Minnesota Vikings with newly negotiated terms as identified: the Vikings will fund 50% of the actual construction cost of the pedestrian bridge up to the amount of \$3,500,000. Any amount above and beyond \$7,000,000 will be the responsibility of the Met Council. The Vikings will receive 50% of all revenues generated from advertising at the LRT station platform for a period of 30 years, commencing on August 1, 2016. The proposed pedestrian bridge will be 30' wide and include a second elevator bank. The Vikings will pay for all additional design costs associated with the additional bridge width. The current

design contract with consulting firm EVS was executed by the Regional Administrator for the amount of \$496,281. The total amended design contract will not exceed \$675,000. The additional design fees require a contract amendment to be authorized by the Council per Delegations of Authority. This Council action will also approve the contract amendment authorization. The following terms of the agreement remain the same from the previous Council action: allows for Met Council use of MSFA property for queuing areas, platform access, and pedestrian bridge to accommodate transit needs; Met Council will receive \$300,000 in annual promotional support value from Vikings and the MSFA in exchange for LRT station naming rights and certain restrictions on station advertising: \$250,000 from Vikings; \$50,000 from MSFA; operating and maintenance costs of the pedestrian bridge are the responsibility of the Met Council; operating and maintenance costs are to be included in future operating budgets. The agreement defines the rights and obligations of all parties with respect to the installation, ownership, operations, maintenance, and shared use of the Downtown East plaza and bridge areas required for transit purposes.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Cunningham.

**Motion carried.**

## **INFORMATION**

### Thrive Implementation-Division Updates

Meredith Vadis introduced the Thrive Implementation Overview which was a continuation from the April 15 Committee of the Whole meeting. The presentation covered cross-divisional efforts to implement *Thrive MSP 2040*. There are three Implementation Teams: Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability, Economic Competitiveness, and Equity. Vadis provided an update on how Regional Administration is operationalizing Thrive, which includes the implementation of an Equity Change Team, continued financial stewardship and accountability, and engaging and collaborating with communities and stakeholders. Leisa Thompson gave an update on how Environmental Services is working to implement Thrive, which includes several collaborations with a variety of partners. The Community Development division update was given by Beth Reetz. Thrive is being implemented in the CD division through convening the region's best thinkers to address complex issues, providing technical assistance to support local planning and decision-making, and providing clear and easily accessible information to partners and constituents. Arlene McCarthy provided the update regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Services division. MTS is implementing Thrive in several ways, which includes hiring an outreach coordinator, the 2015 Thrive Equity Initiatives grants, and the restructuring of Metro Mobility service areas. The Metro Transit update was provided by Brian Lamb. Metro Transit is working to implement Thrive through workforce and transit-oriented development, as well as by improving outreach and engagement.

## **REPORTS**

Chair: No report.

Council Members:

Chávez--The Management Committee heard today about a bond sale that occurred this morning. The Council sold three series of general obligation bonds that are all rated AAA. The interest rates are all below what was projected, with the highest being 2.84%.

Dorfman—Reported an anecdote she heard from a bus driver: Young bus passengers were throwing fireworks out the bus windows on July 4. When the driver contacted MTPD, Chief Harrington was the one to show up.

Regional Administrator: No report.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51PM.

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of July 8, 2015.

Approved this 22nd day of July, 2015.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary