



## METRO Blue Line Extension Project Decisions Board Meeting

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	February 08, 2024 03:00 – 04:00 pm
<b>Location</b>	560 N 6th Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55411
<b>Attendees</b>	Charles Zelle, Reva Chamblis, Anjuli Cameron, Irene Fernando, Jeff Lunde, Marion Greene, Nick Thompson, Chris Beckwith, Nick Landwer, Neha Damle, Dan Soler, Shahin Khazrajafari, Ben Schweigert, Jer Yang

### Action Required

**1. Call To Order**

Chair Charlie Zelle, Metropolitan Council, called the meeting to order at 3:12pm.

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Action Items**

**a. Elect Meeting Chair**

Chair Zelle requested nominations for the meeting Chair position for the Blue Line Extension (BLE) Project Decision Board (PDB) Meeting.

Commissioner Marion Greene, Hennepin County nominated Chair Zelle as the BLE-PDB Meeting Chair, and motioned was seconded by Council Member Reva Chamblis, Metropolitan Council.

Chair Zelle is announced the Chair of the BLE-PDB Meeting.

**b. Meeting Agenda**

**c. Resolution 24-PDB-001 – Adopt PDB Bylaws**

- **Approval and adoption of the Bylaws for PDB’s governance and oversight of the Blue Line Extension Project.**

Commissioner Irene Fernando, Hennepin County motioned approval, and Commissioner Jeff Lunde, Hennepin County seconded the motion.

Approved  
02/08/2024

**d. Resolution 24-PDB-002 – Appoint Chair and Vice-Chair**

- **Appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Blue Line Extension PDB.**

Approved  
02/08/2024



Commissioner Marion Greene nominated Chair Zelle as the PDB Chair. Chair Zelle nominated Commissioner Fernando as the Vice-Chair of the BLE-PDB. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chamblis.

Chair Zelle is announced the Chair, and Commissioner Fernando is announced as the Vice-Chair of the BLE-PDB.

**e. Resolution 24-PDB-003 – Approve Meeting Schedule and Location**

Approved  
02/08/2024

- **Approval of the monthly PDB meeting location and schedule for the year 2024**

Commissioner Fernando motioned to adopt the BLE-PDB meeting schedule for 2024 and was seconded by Council Member Chamblis.

Dan Soler, Hennepin County expressed the importance of establishing meeting dates and location for the entire year. Commissioner Fernando further noted that adopting the schedule facilitates coordination with alternate members.

The BLE-PDB meeting schedule was approved.

**f. Resolution 24-PDB-004 – Approve SFEIS Contract with HDR Engineering**

Approved  
02/08/2024

- **Authorization to negotiate and execute the Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) Contract with HDR Engineering for the Blue Line Extension Project in an amount not to exceed \$3,858,246.**

Chair Zelle asked for motioned to approve of the 24-PDB-004 – Approve SFEIS Contract with HDR Engineering.

Shahin Khazrajafari, Hennepin County conveyed that Neha Damle, Metropolitan Council would provide a summary of the 24-PDB-004 – Approval of SFEIS Contract with HDR Engineering. He highlighted that this contract is within the project budget and being presented to the PDB for approval because contracts exceeding \$500,000 in value require PDB approval per the Capital Grant Agreement.

The Commissioner sought clarification on HDR's involvement in the SFEIS, and Neha confirmed that HDR is the primary



consultant for the SDEIS. Neha also specified that staff members from both Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County were involved in the decision-making process steps for selecting HDR Engineering for this contract.

Commissioner Fernando inquired about the size of HDR team to which Neha responded that HDR has multiple subconsultants, including six of the subconsultants as registered Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). Neha also conveyed that HDR Engineering exceeds the 20% DBE goal set by the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO).

Council Member Chamblis inquired about the SFEIS timeline, and Neha explained that the SFEIS is anticipated to be published in the Spring of 2025. Neha also explained that similar to the SDEIS, the SFEIS will need to go through multiple rounds of the FTA review before it is published.

Neha also conveyed that approval and execution of this contract is critical to advance and meet the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) schedule for the project, which will help keeping the project schedule on a larger scale on track. Commissioner Lunde proposed approval, seconded by Council Member Chamblis.

#### 4. Adjourn

Chair Zelle concluded and adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm.

Meeting Dates for 2024	Times
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February 8, 2024	3:00 – 4:30pm
*March 14, 2024	3:00 – 4:30pm
April 17, 2024	9:00 – 10:30am
May 15, 2024	9:00 – 10:30am
*June 27, 2024	10:30 – noon
July 17, 2024	9:00 – 10:30am
August 21, 2024	9:00 – 10:30am
September 18, 2024	9:00 – 10:30am
October 16, 2024	9:00 – 10:30am
November 20, 2024	9:00 – 10:30am
December 18, 2024	9:00 – 10:30am