

Council Chair Alene Tchourumoff

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, February 28, 2018 4:00PM Council Chambers

### IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Elkins, Dorfman, Letofsky, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Tchourumoff

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Elkins.

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Rodriguez.

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

#### Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2018-1 Adopt the Memorandum of Understanding with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.
2. 2018-30 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute METRO Blue Line Extension (BLRT) Master Funding Agreements with the corridor cities of Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley, and Minneapolis.
3. 2018-33 Approve revisions to the Administrative Plan, as outlined in the business item, to incorporate additional language for the award of Project Based Vouchers (PBV).
4. 2018-34 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for Construction Monitoring for Contaminated Materials for the Southwest LRT Project in an amount not to exceed \$2,145,606 to Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. (SEH).
5. 2018-36 Approve the Rich Valley Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan. Require Dakota County to submit a cost sharing approach with the City of Inver Grove Heights for the development of the trailhead in Rich Valley Park prior to seeking regional parks funding for the project. Inform Dakota County that if alternative trail alignments are chosen, the county must submit estimated acquisition and development costs to the Council prior to seeking regional parks funding. The Council will not provide regional parks funding for duplicate trail alignments.
6. 2018-38 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements with North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 121155) for up to 29 replacement buses and 9 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000; and with Hoglund Bus (MnDOT Contract 121183) for up to 41 replacement buses and 9 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,759,000.

7. 2018-41 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost and split into two projects Dakota County's CSAH 46 Traffic Management System project (SP # 019-030-009).

**BUSINESS**

**Community Development**

2018-44 Approve the City of Saint Paul’s request to forgive the \$1,000,000 Land Acquisition for Affordable New Development (LAAND) loan for the City’s proposed assisted living and commercial development on the property formerly known as the “Saxon Ford site”; and authorize the Community Development Director to execute amended loan forgiveness agreements for this project.

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Rummel.

**Motion carried.**

**Environment—No Reports**

**Management—No Reports**

**Transportation**

2018-37 SW Amend the 2018 Unified Planning Work Program to include the System to System Interchange Study.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Elkins.

**Motion carried.**

2018-40 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to approve the Regional Solicitation package for 2022-2023 funding (2020-2021 funding for TDM projects), and to release the solicitation.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Letofsky.

**Motion carried.**

2018-43 Authorize the Regional Administrator to reject all bids received for Contract 17P185, Mall of America Transit Station Renovations Project.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

**Motion carried.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

2018-46 Approve the following standing committee assignments recommended by the Chair, pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article III, A.1.

<b>Community Development</b>	<b>Environment</b>	<b>Management</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Litigation Review</b>
Commers, Chair	Rummel, Chair	Chávez, Chair	Rodriguez, Chair	Melander, Chair

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

Approve the following special committee assignments recommended by the Chair:

<b>Audit</b>	<b>Equity Advisory</b>
Reynoso, Chair	Reynoso, Co-Chair
Chávez	Melander
Letofsky	Munt
McCarthy	

Approve the appointment of Katie Rodriguez as the Metropolitan Council member representative to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) and Steve Elkins as the alternate.

It was moved by Dorfman, seconded by Elkins.

**Motion carried.**

2018-55 Approve the appointment of Harry Melander as Vice Chair pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article I.B.

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Rodriguez.

**Motion carried.**

**INFORMATION**

Report of the Metro Mobility Task Force

Nick Thompson and Christine Kuennen presented the Metro Mobility Task Force’s Report. The Task Force was established by the legislature in the 2017 special session. The goals were to identify options and methods to increase program effectiveness and efficiency; minimize program costs; improve service including through potential partnership with taxi service providers and transportation network companies. The Task Force was made up of 18 members as defined by the legislature and received administrative support from the Council. They had 7 meetings from August through February and

formed subgroups (Current Operations and Cost Subgroup, Customer Experience Subgroup, Industry Experience Subgroup). The Task Force was required to report to the legislature by February 15, 2018. The proposed opt-in services included shared and premium options and would be supplemental to the base services. Thompson and Kuennen reviewed the advantages and risks with the opt-in services and answered questions from Council members. The Task Force included recommendations for both the legislature and the Council. Next steps will include outreach and a staff workplan to improve technology and customer communications.

## **REPORTS**

Council Members: None

Chair: None

Regional Administrator: Recognized Beth Reetz for her years of service. Beth will retire on March 1.

General Counsel: Judge Tunheim granted summary judgment to the Council and denied the Lakes and Parks Alliance's motion for summary judgment. This is great news for the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM.

## **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 28, 2018.

Approved this 14th day of March 2018.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary