

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: January 13, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Robert St Chambers

Members present:

Chair, Deb Barber, D4

Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2

Tyronne Carter, District 3

John Pacheco Jr., District 5

Anjuli Cameron, District 8

Diego Morales, District 9

Susan Vento, District 12

Toni Carter, District 14

Tenzin Dolkar, District 15

= present, E = excused

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Barber called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:01 p.m.

Agenda approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Pacheco to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director

Executive Director Carlson reported on recent funding updates.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Deputy General Manager COO Funk reported on cold weather staff actions, the start of quarterly town halls, and the upcoming Gold Line Service Opening.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

- 2025-12: 2025-2028 Streamlined TIP Amendment: Sherburne County Government Center Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations (Robbie King 651-602-1380)
- 2025-13: 2025-2028 Streamlined TIP Amendment: Ramsey County and Saint Louis Park Projects Cost Increases (Robbie King 651-602-1380)
- 2025-14: 2025-2028 Streamlined TIP Amendment: New Hennepin County Charging Ports and MnDOT NEVI Program Charging Stations (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1705)

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

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. 2025-15: Regional Significant 2025-2028 TIP Amendment – I-494 E-ZPass Extension and Improvements (Robbie King 651-602-1380)

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a new regionally significant project to extend E-ZPass lanes, reconstruct mainline pavement, improve drainage, rehabilitate bridges, and add ADA improvements on I-494 from Penn Avenue to 34th Avenue, I-494 from US 169 to MN 100, and I-35W from 86th St to 76th Street.

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

2. 2025-28: Adoption of Highway Safety Performance Targets (Jed Hanson 651-602-1716)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Option A 2025 safety performance targets based on the 2020-2024 Minnesota Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) goal, which advance a long-term goal of zero deaths:

- Number of all fatalities: no more than 74
- Fatal injuries per 100 million VMT: no more than 0.26
- Number of all serious injuries: no more than 464
- Serious injuries per 100 million VMT: no more than 1.64
- Pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and serious injuries: no more than 115

Chair Barber shared data from MnDOT. Chamblis asked about seat belt use and chemical use.

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

3. 2025-20: Procurement of Forty-Five Foot Coach Buses, Contract 25P036 (Jodi Janssen 651-602-1103, Paul Colton 651-602-1668)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P036 with Motor Coach Industries, Inc. to exercise purchase options utilizing the State of Washington’s Master Contract #06719 for three, forty-five-foot coach buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,300,000.

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

4. 2025-21: Procurement of Small Buses, Contract 25P210 (Jodi Janssen 651-602-1103, Paul Colton 651-602-1668)

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Pacheco, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate execute contract 25P210 with North Central Bus Sales utilizing Sourcewell Contract #063020-BBB for twenty-one expansion and ten replacement small buses in an amount not to exceed \$5,256,050.

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

5. 2025-22: Procurement of Replacement and Expansion Heavy Duty Buses, Contract 25P211 (Jodi Janssen 651-602-1103, Paul Colton 651-602-1668)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P211 with Gillig, LLC to exercise purchase options utilizing the State of Washington’s Master Contract #06719 for thirty-eight replacement and five expansion heavy duty buses of various sizes in an amount not to exceed \$35,093,000.

Cameron asked about other states on the contract.

Motion carried.

6. 2025-27: Review of Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) 2025-2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (Joe Widing 651-602-1822)

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

- Find that the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) had an adequate public participation process for the development and review of its 2025-2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), including preparation of an assessment of environmental effects (AOEE) for 2025 projects with potential environmental effects.
- Find that the 2025 CIP projects are in conformance with the region's Aviation System Plan in the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan and consistent with Council policy.
- Approve the proposed 2025 CIP runway rehabilitation and extension project at Lake Elmo Airport that meets the dollar threshold and significant effects criteria for Council approval. Council Members asked about community engagement.

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

7. 2025-2 JT: 2025 January Special Budget Amendment (Ed Petrie 612-349-7624, Heather Giesel 651-602-1715)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Pacheco, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2025 Unified Budget amendment as indicated, and in accordance with, the attached tables.

Motion carried.

8. 2025-16: Regional Travel Demand Management (TDM) Program Software-as-a-Service Upgrade (Wendy Duren 651-602-1701, Theresa Cain 612-349-7538)

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Pacheco, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment for contract 20P148 with Celwell Services, LLC to transition supporting regional Travel Demand Management (TDM) activities to the enterprise version of OneCommute \$643,607.05 for a total contract value not to exceed the amount of \$887,059.

Council Members asked about software changes and data collected.

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

9. 2025-4: Metro Transit Agency Safety Plans (Andrew Brody 651-602-1671)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Carter, that the Metropolitan Council adopt Revision 7 of the Bus Transportation Agency Safety Plan and the Light Rail Transportation Agency Safety Plan for Metro Transit as required by 49 CFR Part 673.

Cameron asked about previous requirements.

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

10. 2025-5: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) Agency Safety Plan (ASP) (Andrew Brody 651-602-1671)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Cameron, that the Metropolitan Council adopt Revision 4 of the Agency Safety Plan for Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) as required by 49 CFR Part 673.

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

11. 2025-7: Contract Amendment Authorization, Contract 23M006 - Transit Planning Software (Shaun Morrell, 612-349-7706)



It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Pacheco, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Contract Amendment Authorization (CAA) #2 for Contract 23M006 with Remix Technologies LLC for transit planning tools (Transit, Streets, and On-demand Planning) for a term no longer than three months, in the amount not to exceed \$65,625.

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

12. 2025-18: 2025 Metropass License (Contract) Renewals – Customer Contracts Exceeding \$500,000 for Term of Agreement (Dustin Crescini 612-349-7718)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Pacheco, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to: Negotiate and execute new 5-year Metropass Agreements with the Metropass Customers with a renewal period of January 1, 2025 – 2030 to provide Metropasses to eligible employees.

Council Members asked about the non-renewed contracts and new customers.

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

Information

1. 2023 TBI Survey Results (Brandon Whited 651-602-1393)

Council Members asked about trends around taxis/rideshares, income spent on travel, and licensure.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of January 13, 2025.

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