

## **Minutes of the**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Schreiber, Elkins, Duininck, Rummel, Melander, Chávez, Wulff, Cunningham, Kramer, Munt, McCarthy

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Chair Duininck called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:00 on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Rummel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Chávez to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2017 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

#### **INFORMATION**

Fare Change Update

Nick Eull and Michelle Fure presented the Regional Fare Change Overview. The total projected transportation deficit for State FY2018-19 is estimated at \$74M. The fare change should bring in \$14M over two years to help with the deficit. The goal for bus farebox recovery is 28.5% to help cover operating costs. The goals for a fare change are to generate additional fare revenues while minimizing any ridership impacts, to price fares so that they account for an equitable portion of operating costs and reflect the ability of customers to pay, and to make the fare structure easier to use and understand. Eull gave an overview of the primary scenarios: scenario 1 increases fares \$0.25 at all fare levels with a similar increase to pass prices; scenario 2 increases fares \$0.50 at all fare levels with a similar increase to pass prices; Limited Mobility and reduced fares base increases by \$0.25 (to \$1) in all scenarios; Northstar fares increase at the same value as the express fare. Limited Mobility requires certification based on a qualifying disability. Reduced fares are for those 65 years and older, children aged 6-12 years, and Medicare card holders. Scenario 1 is consistent with the previous two fare increases which occurred in 2005 and 2008. Eull explained the impacts of the fare change scenarios.

Fure described the public input process which will include formal meetings, pop-up meetings at major transit hubs, and connecting with community organizations.

Eull and Fure answered questions from Council members. Council members suggested using careful language to talk about the possibility of a fare change.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:30PM.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary