

Minutes of the

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Committee Members Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Tchourumoff called the special meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:46PM on Wednesday, June 13, 2018.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Rummel to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2018 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Program Update

Charles Carlson and Katie Roth provided an update on the arterial bus rapid transit (BRT) program. The rapid bus system was identified through a study of local bus corridors in 2012. The planned arterial BRT system has 11 lines and complements the METRO bus and rail lines, connecting residents to nearly half of the region's jobs. The first BRT corridor, the A Line, opened in June 2016 and stretches 10 miles across 4 cities. The next corridor will be the C Line, traveling along Penn Avenue North for 8.5 miles from downtown Minneapolis to Brooklyn Center. Service is scheduled to start in 2019. The D Line is scheduled for construction in 2020/2021, pending full funding. It will run 18 miles from Bloomington to Brooklyn Center. The B Line will run along Lake Street and Marshall Avenue through Minneapolis and St. Paul and will replace much of Route 21. It's currently in the planning phase and expected to enter engineering in 2019/2020. The E Line will run along Hennepin Avenue and replace most of Route 6. It is currently in the corridor study/pre-planning phase.

2018 Regional Solicitation for Federal Funds: Metro Transit Projects

Adam Harrington presented on the 2018 Regional Solicitation. The Metro Transit projects focus on transit expansion and modernization. A 20% minimum local match is required, and there is a \$7M federal maximum/project. Projects cannot be funded more than once. The Metro Transit projects are aligned with the Transportation Policy Plan and agency priorities. Projects under Transit Expansion are: Route 4 service expansion, TSP; Route 32 service expansion; Route 68 service expansion; and Route 724 service expansion. The 2018 proposed applications for 2022/2023 include 8 projects. Projects under Transit Modernization are: Emerson-Fremont bus stop modernization; Route 6 corridor bus stop modernization, 3 electric bus upgrade; Lake St-Marshall Ave bus stop modernization; Route 5 corridor bus stop modernization south of 38th St.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:38PM.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary