

Council Chair Adam Duinick

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, May 25, 2016 4:00PM Council Chambers

### IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Dorfman, Cunningham, Letofsky, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Duinick

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duinick called the meeting to order at 4:05PM.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Cunningham.

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Schreiber.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-15)

##### Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2016-74 Adopt Resolution 2016-9, recognizing the Minnesota Department of Transportation statewide ITS Architecture.
2. 2016-78 Approve Resolution 2016-10, authorizing the Regional Administrator to apply for Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program funding from the Minnesota Department of Transportation.
3. 2016-81 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the Metropolitan Council/Metro Transit Police and the Local Government Information System (LOGIS).
4. 2016-82 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute five-year full service engineering agreements for interceptor projects with the following firms at the stated not-to-exceed amounts: Brown and Caldwell \$4,000,000; Stantec Consulting Group \$4,000,000; Foth Infrastructure \$4,000,000; Donohue & Associates \$4,000,000.
5. 2016-83 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the HSI Contract D – Lift Station L27, Meters M123A & M123B, MCES Project No. 804126, Contract No. 16P001, with Rice Lake Construction Group for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$12,167,400.00.
6. 2016-84 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a purchase agreement for the future Crow River Wastewater Reclamation Plan Site, MCES Project No. 809110.
7. 2016-85 Pass Resolution 2016-11, authorizing the acquisition of real property necessary for MCES Project 802855 and directing the attorneys to initiate condemnation proceedings.

8. 2016-86 Pass Resolution 2016-12, authorizing the acquisition of real property necessary for MCES Project 802827 and directing the attorneys to initiate condemnation proceedings for those parcels that cannot be acquired by direct negotiation.
9. 2016-87 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Mound Area Improvements – 6-MO-651 and Lift Station L39/L40, MCES Project Number 802827, Contract No. 15P304, with Minger Construction, for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$12,896,604.50
10. 2016-88 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Blue Lake Area Improvements – Interceptors 6903 and 6904, MCES Project Number 802880, Contract Number 16P003, with S.M. Hentges & Sons Inc., for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$10,127,485.30.
11. 2016-89 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of West St. Paul and the Metropolitan Council regarding the MCES Ongoing Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Program.
12. 2016-94 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the Metropolitan Council Metro Transit Police Department and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety/Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.
13. 2016-95 Approve the Electronic Signature Policy for the Metropolitan Council.
14. 2016-96 Authorize the renewal of its railroad liability insurance, effective 6/1/16-6/1/17, for the Northstar Commuter Rail Operations in an amount not to exceed \$1,485,000.
15. 2016-97 Authorize renewal of its property insurance with FM Global, effective 6/1/16-6/1/17, in an amount not to exceed \$1,485,000.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Community Development—No Reports**

#### **Environment—Reports on Consent Agenda**

##### **Management**

2016-93 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a labor agreement with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 1005, effective August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2017.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Kramer.

**Motion carried.**

##### **Transportation**

2016-100 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator or his delegate to enter into exclusive negotiations for a ground lease to the Lander Group for the Council-owned site located adjacent to the 38<sup>th</sup> Street Station on the Blue Line LRT, such lease to contain provisions that advance the Council's TOD Policy, and in compliance with all applicable Federal and State laws.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Letofsky.

**Motion carried.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

2016-107 Approve the following appointment to the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee, Dona Harris – District E, term ending January 2018.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Munt.

**Motion carried.**

## **INFORMATION**

### Legislative Session Update

Judd Schetnan provided an update on the 2016 legislative session. This was a non-budget year, but a \$900 million surplus remained from the 2015 session. Leaders cited four major areas to address in the short 2016 session: transportation, tax bill, bonding bill, and supplemental budget. The legislature passed the tax and supplemental budget bills, but did not pass a transportation or bonding bill. The tax bill includes \$257 million in tax reductions and expenditures in the current biennium, \$543 million in the next biennium. The supplemental budget bill includes \$182 million in the current biennium and \$233 in the next biennium. Authorization for Regional Transit Capital (RTC) bonds was included in the tax bill. These funds support small capital projects of all regional transit providers, including Metro Transit. Among the things that did not happen were governance changes, the Sewer Availability Charges (SAC) exemption, the Northstar extension to St. Cloud, a bonding bill and a transportation deal. Schetnan reported that leaders have spoken about the possibility of a special session to pass a bonding bill; no decisions have been made at this time.

### SWLRT Overview of Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Process

Nani Jacobson provided an overview of the SWLRT FEIS process. The FEIS was released on May 13, 2016. It analyzes impacts of over 20 resource areas and identifies avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. The FEIS documents and responds to comments received on the draft EIS, supplemental draft EIS, and amended draft section 4 (f) evaluation. Approximately 1,000 comments were received for the DEIS and approximately 225 were received for the SDEIS. Many categories were analyzed, including land use, economic activity, geology/groundwater, electromagnetic interference/utilities, environmental justice, and cultural resources. The Council is required to determine the adequacy of the FEIS. The FEIS is adequate if it addresses potentially significant issues and alternatives raised in scoping, provides responses to substantive comments received during the draft EIS review concerning issues raised in scoping, and if it was prepared in compliance with environmental rules (parts 4410.0200 to 4410.6500). The end of the comment period on the adequacy of the FEIS is June 13, 2016. The FTA will issue a Record of Decision (ROD) in late July/early August, and the Council will issue the adequacy determination.

## **REPORTS**

### Council Members

Chávez—Shared information regarding the sale of the Council's general obligation bonds. The Council once again received the top rating of AAA from both Moody's and S&P. Both agencies cited the Twin Cities' strong and diverse economic base, the Met Council's strong financial position and fiscal management, and a low to moderate overall debt burden as factors in the top rating. Today, the Council sold three separate bond issues comprising of \$134.7 million in new funds and \$29.38 million in refunding of current debt. Series A 2016 Transit bonds included new money of \$30m and \$6.025m for the refunding of the 2005C General Obligation (GO) Transit issue. The True Interest Cost (TIC) obtained was 1.3135% and has a term of 9.7 yrs. The savings of interest cost from the refunding was \$680,000 or 9.1%. A total of six bidders, with the winning bid going to Barclays Capital. Series B 2016 \$4.7m Park bonds sold at a TIC of .8171% and has a term of 2.7 yrs. A total of four bidders with the winning bid going to Morgan Stanley. Series C 2016 \$123,355,000 GO Wasterwater Revenue bonds included \$100m and \$23.355m for the refunding of the 2010B Taxable GO Wasterwater Revenue issue. The issue sold at a TIC of 2.2767% and has a term of 19.7 yrs. The savings of interest costs from the refunding was \$2,965,000 or 9%. A total of five bidders with the winning bid going to Citigroup. All the sales fell well within the parameters resolution passed by the Council on April 27, 2016. Information on the bond sale was presented today to the Management Committee.

Munt—Attended a groundbreaking for The Moline in Hopkins. It is a 241-unit residential development along the SWLRT line.

Chair—Attended The Great River Gathering in St. Paul. Spoke on a Greater MSP panel for their 2016 Dashboard. Will be meeting with the Governor to discuss next steps regarding transit and transportation funding. Shared that he remains confident in regards to the SWLRT project.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20PM.

### **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of May 25, 2016.

Approved this 8th day of June, 2016.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary