

Council Chair Susan Haigh

Council Members

Katie Rodriguez	Jennifer Munt	Gary Cunningham	Edward Reynoso	Sandy Rummel	Richard Kramer	Steven Chávez
Lona Schreiber	Steve Elkins	Adam Duinick	Marie McCarthy	Harry Melander	Jon Commers	Wendy Wulff
Gary Van Eyll	James Brimeyer					

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Duinick, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Haigh

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 4:09PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Van Eyll.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-12)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2014-85 Approve the Anoka County Riverfront Regional Park Master Plan Amendment; require that prior to initiating development at Anoka County Riverfront Regional Park, preliminary development plans should be sent to Scott Dentz, Interceptor Engineering Manager (651-602-4503) at Metropolitan Council Environmental Services for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system; require that once executed, Anoka County should submit to the Metropolitan Council a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement or any subsequent amendments between the County and the City of Fridley that incorporates City-owned land into the regional park boundary and allows the County to operate and maintain the property as regional parkland.
2. 2014-86 Authorize a grant of up to \$71,276 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to Three Rivers Park District to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire six permanent public trailway easements for the Intercity Regional Trail described in Attachment 2; the grant will be financed with \$42,766 from the FY2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and \$28,510 from Metropolitan Council bonds; Three Rivers Park District will match the grant with up to \$23,758, its 25% share of the total acquisition cost; authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant.
3. 2014-87 Approve an amendment to grant agreement SG-2012-053 changing the scope (project description) to add “complete improvements to Rice Creek West Regional Trail/Manomin Park parking lot, entrance drive, and sidewalks”; approve an amendment to grant agreement SG-2013-089 changing the scope (project description) to replace the existing with “complete roof improvements at Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve.”

4. 2014-90 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SouthWest Transit (SWT) regarding the cohabitation of the SWT's bus service and the Council's rail service at the SouthWest Station.
5. 2014-91 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Term Sheet with the City of Hopkins, Minnesota on matters pertaining to the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) and associated activities near the three anticipated Light Rail Transit (LRT) stations also located in the City.
6. 2014-92 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment and a five-year extension to Operations Contract C-3439 with the New England Fertilizer Company (NEFCO) to provide operations, management and guarantees for the heat-drying facilities at the Blue Lake Treatment Plant.
7. 2014-93 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a reconveyance agreement with the City of Bloomington, and make the following determinations pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 473.5111 related to reconveyance of the following facilities in the City of Bloomington: Interceptors 7804 and 7031 are no longer needed to implement the Council's Comprehensive Plan for collection, treatment, and disposal of sewage in the metropolitan area. These facilities are of benefit to the City of Bloomington and are in good operating condition.
8. 2014-94 Pass Resolution 2014-7 that authorizes acquisition of fee title and permanent and temporary easements necessary for the Corcoran/Rogers Gravity Connection of the Elm Creek Interceptor, Project No. 808510, and authorizes Council legal staff to initiate condemnation proceedings for those parcels that staff cannot acquire by negotiation.
9. 2014-95 Authorize an increase in the General Manager's delegated construction contract change order authority for the MWWTP Solids Process System Improvements project from \$895,891.33 to \$1,650,000.00, MCES Project No. 805946, Contract No. 12P005A.
10. 2014-96 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of Trenchless Phase 3 Interceptor Rehabilitation, MCES Project Nos. 806930, 802870, and 808640, Contract No. 13P260, with Michels Corporation for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$5,986,213.50.
11. 2014-97 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the North Area Interceptor Rehabilitation Phase 2 – Elm Creek West, Project No. 808620, Contract No. 14P006, with Lametti & Sons, Inc. for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$3,323,700.
12. 2014-98 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements, contingent upon Council approve of Action Item 2014-65 on April 30, 2014, with Hogle Bus (MnDOT Contract No. 72485) for up to 28 replacement buses and 39 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$4,307,000; and North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract No. 72487) for up to 21 replacement buses and 18 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,386,000.

BUSINESS

Community Development—Reports on Consent List

Environment—Reports on Consent List

Management—No reports

Transportation

2014-76 Recognize the Midtown Corridor Policy Advisory Committee's (PAC) action on a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) recommendation made on February 12, 2014. This action confirms previously adopted bus rapid transit (BRT) improvements along Lake Street.

A future Council action to amend the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) with a rail corridor LPA may be considered when: adequate funding is projected for the project in the fiscally constrained plan; specific rail mode (single car LRT or streetcar) is determined through more advanced study phases and supporting community engagement; and resolutions of support are obtained from the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. 2014-99 Approve the following appointments to the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee: Rozanne Severence, District B; James Williams, District E; Robert Platz, District F; and Darrell Paulsen, District H.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2. Information Item: *Thrive MSP 2040*

Libby Starling distributed the remaining sections of *Thrive*, including the Outcomes, Community Designations, Land Use Policy by Community Design, and the Narrative on Local Forecasts. This version contains revisions in response to last week's discussions at the Committee of the Whole meeting, and has also been revised to reflect and respond to public comment. The maps will be reviewed to ensure that they are consistent and accurate. The deadline for comments from Council members is May 15 at 10am. The final draft and public comment report will be posted on May 23 (with the May 28 Council meeting agenda), and the adoption of *Thrive* is scheduled to occur at the May 28 Council meeting.

3. Information Item: Green Line Light Rail Transit: Operational Readiness

Mark Fuhrmann introduced the Green Line Operations Readiness Update presentation with brief updates on special projects, system installation, and testing. Test trains are running every day and travel times are being tabulated. Aaron Koski, Assistant Director in the Office of Equal Opportunity, provided an update on the DBE achievements of the project. There were 105 DBEs that worked on the project; 96 of those firms were from Minnesota, and 84 of them are within the Council districts. Approximately \$115M was subcontracted to these 105 firms. Christine Kuennen, a Senior Project Manager for Metro Transit, gave an update on the operations preparations. The hiring process is nearly complete: 194 have been hired and 6 positions are remaining, all of which are in progress. All of the turned in operators have been certified on Green Line and Target Field Station operations. All of the ticket vending machines have been installed and leveled. Public safety training and coordination has been ongoing with local public safety agencies and leaders.

4. Information Item: Draft 2040 TPP

Amy Vennewitz introduced the agenda for the TPP review. On May 9 the links to the full draft of the 2040 TPP was sent to the Council members, TAB, TAC, TAC Planning, CTIB, Policymaker Task Force, and Partner Agency Work Group. MTS staff will continue to present the draft 2040 TPP to the Council at meetings over the next several weeks. Cole Hiniker presented on the Transitway Investments, which is an update from the 2030 TPP. The increased revenue scenario includes growing the bus system by 1% average annually, guided by the Regional Service Improvement Plan. It also includes user experience

improvements in the form of better maintenance and amenities at transit customer facilities, expanded shelters, and more customer information. Operations improvements include expanding and modernizing support facilities to correspond with expanded service and increased efficiency. Cole also reviewed the tensions. One tension is the lack of ability to balance bus expansion investments with transitway investments and the public perception of transit priorities. The Land Use and Local Planning chapter is also an update from the 2030 TPP, and calls on the coordination of local comprehensive planning.

REPORTS

Chair Haigh did not give a report in the interest of time.

Council Members:

Commers— Announced that there will be a celebration following the Council meeting on May 28, with the hope that the Council will adopt *Thrive MSP 2040*.

Schreiber—Attended the third EIS hearing on Bottineau in Brooklyn Park, which was very well attended.

Rummel—Participated in the first Rush Line PAC meeting. Met with the League of Women Voters to discuss *Thrive* and the Council. Attended a Ramsey County League of Cities meeting where Beth Reetz gave an excellent presentation on housing.

Munt—Met with representatives of North Minneapolis and learned that the City will no longer be outsourcing bus shelters to CBS Outdoor.

Judd Schetnan provided a brief update on the legislative session at Chair Haigh's request. The Council will receive \$144,000 for free rides on Election Day and \$500,000 to improve transit shelters. A wrap-up of the legislative session will be provided to Council members in the coming weeks.

Regional Administrator: No Report

General Counsel: No Report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of May 14, 2014.

Approved this 28 day of May, 2014.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary