

**Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**October 27, 2014**  
**F.T. Heywood Chambers**

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Adam Duinck; Vice-Chair Lona Schreiber; James Brimeyer; Edward Reynoso; Katie Rodriguez; Marie McCarthy; Steve Elkins; Jon Commers; Jennifer Munt

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**I, CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Duinck called the regular meeting of the Council's Transportation Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2014.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Rodriguez to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by McCarthy to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2014 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. Motion carried.

**III. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Metro Transit**

Metro Transit Director of Engineering and Facilities Marilyn Porter introduced recipients Pat Jones, Assistant Director of Facilities and Engineering, Principal Engineer Robert Rimstad, Director of Maintenance Rob Milleson and Assistant Director of Maintenance Chuck Wurzinger to receive recognition for an APTA Award they received in August of this year for sustainability achievements and continued environmental stewardship.

**IV. TAB LIAISON REPORT – Randy Maluchnik**

At the last meeting the big news was that Chair Hargis will not be seeking reappointment; the Bylaws Task Force report made recommendations for changes on the Executive Committee, which should provide a more balanced representation for the entire metropolitan area; for action items, there were 2 scope changes, 3 TIP amendments, and one funding conversion.

**V. METRO TRANSIT GENERAL MANAGER, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTION REPORTS**

- Brian Lamb and Arlene McCarthy

Director of Transportation Arlene McCarthy had no report this meeting.

General Manager Brian Lamb gave the following Transit updates:

**Election Day Free Rides:** Metro Transit and fixed-route transit providers across the state will provide free rides to voters on Election Day in compliance with a new state law. Free rides will be offered on buses, METRO lines and Northstar to help area residents get to their polling place. This is the first time free transit rides have been offered on Election Day. The statute applies only to Election Day 2014. Paratransit services such as Metro Mobility, as well as dial-a-ride and deviated-route services in non-urban areas, are not required to offer free transportation on Election Day.

**Northstar to serve all Garth Brooks concerts:** Country music fans can ride Northstar to all 11 Garth Brooks concerts in November. The concerts will be held between Thursday, Nov. 6, and Saturday, Nov. 15. A northbound train will depart from Minneapolis 60 minutes after each concert ends.

**Car2Go Parking spots reserved along Blue Line:** Parking spaces were set aside for Car2Go users at three METRO Blue Line stations earlier this month. The Lake Street Park & Ride and the parking area adjacent to the 46th Street Station each have one parking space reserved for Car2Go users. Two parking spaces that can accommodate up to four vehicles have been set aside at the Fort Snelling Park & Ride. Car2Go members can use the vehicles to travel to and from the light-rail stations. According to Car2Go, 79 percent of their members use Car2Go in conjunction with light rail or bus.

## **VI. BUSINESS**

### **A. Consent Items:**

1. 2014-250: Central Corridor LRT Project (Green Line) Operating and Maintenance Agreement with the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of St. Paul. Proposed action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Operating and Maintenance Agreement for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) between the Council and the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of St. Paul. Motion Brimeyer, second Commers. Consent to Council.
2. 2014-255: Central Corridor (Green Line): Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 11 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for Staffing Proposed action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Central Corridor (Green Line) Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 11 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total amount not to exceed \$333,226 for calendar year 2015.
3. 2014-269: 2015-2018 TIP Amendment for Anoka County: US 10/CSAH 83 Interchange funding change. Proposed action: That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to recognize a funding source change for Anoka County's construction of an interchange, which includes the CSAH 83 Bridge over US10 and CSAH 83 Bridge over BNSF RR (SP# 0202-95 and 002-683-004).

Motion Commers, second Elkins; all items on the consent agenda were approved to go to Council.

### **B. Non-Consent Items:**

1. 2014-193: Authorization to award Metropolitan Council Contract 14P056 - Northstar Positive Train Control (PTC) to Wabtec Global Services. Commuter Rail Director John Paul Zanaska presented this item. Proposed action: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award Metropolitan Council contract 14P056 - Northstar Positive Train Control (PTC) to Wabtec Global Services in an amount not to exceed \$2,992,519. Execution of the contract is contingent upon amendment of SFA # 22 and a future Capital Budget amendment. Motion Brimeyer, second Commers, passed. Consent to Council.
2. 2014-256: Southwest Light Rail (Green Line Extension) - Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 4 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for Staffing. Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann presented this item. Proposed action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Green Line Extension Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 4 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total amount not to exceed \$2,433,400 for calendar year 2015. Motion Munt, second Elkins, passed. Consent to Council.
3. 2014-257: Blue Line Extension: Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 1 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for Staffing. Metro

Transit Deputy General Manager Mark Fuhrmann presented this item. Proposed action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Blue Line Extension Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 1 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total amount not to exceed \$400,000 for calendar year 2015. Motion Commers, second Munt, passed. Consent to Council.

4. 2014-267: 2015-2018 TIP Amendment for Three Rivers Park District: Nine Mile Creek scope change. Director of Transportation Services Arlene McCarthy presented this item. Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the 2015-2018 TIP to reflect a requested scope change to its CMAQ-funded project, Nine Mile Creek Trail East. The change would include a new alignment and project termini (SP# 090-090-078 and 091-090-078AC). Motion Brimeyer, second Reynoso, passed. Consent to Council.

5. 2014-268: 2015-2018 TIP Amendment for MnDOT US 52 Cable Median Barriers. Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the scope and budget for the US 52 Highway Safety Improvement Program project for construction of a cable median barrier in state fiscal year 2015 (SP#1907-107). Motion Commers, second Elkins, passed. Consent to Council.

## **VII. INFORMATION**

1. Metro Transit Police Update, and MadDads presentation. Metro Transit Police Chief John Harrington presented this information item, which included a presentation by MadDads and the excellent work they are doing on transit, encouraging youth in appropriate rider behavior – their slogan is “No fuss, no cuss, on the peace bus.”
2. Bus Stop Enhancements: Transit Information and Ladders of Opportunity. Director of Engineering and Facilities Marilyn Porter introduced Transit Information Services Coordinator Laura Madsen and Transit Planner Berry Farrington, who presented this information item.
3. Proposed 2015-2020 Transit Capital Program. Metro Transit General Manager Brian Lamb and Director of Transportation Services Arlene McCarthy presented this information item.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Linda Thayer  
Recording Secretary