

# Metropolitan Council

Council Chair Susan Haigh  
Councilmember Katie Rodriguez  
Councilmember Lona Schreiber  
Councilmember Gary Van Eyll  
Councilmember Jennifer Munt  
Councilmember Steve Elkins  
Councilmember James Brimeyer  
Councilmember Gary Cunningham  
Councilmember Adam Duinck  
Councilmember Edward Reynoso  
Councilmember John Đoàn  
Councilmember Sandy Rummel  
Councilmember Harry Melander  
Councilmember Richard Kramer  
Councilmember Jon Commers  
Councilmember Steven Chávez  
Councilmember Wendy Wulff

## Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, August 14, 2013

4:00PM

Council Chambers

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### IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Duinck, Reynoso, Đoàn, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Haigh

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Van Eyll

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Commers

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-3)

##### Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2013-210 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute three contracts for legal defense related to tort and property damage claims, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 over the three year term of the contracts.
2. 2013-215 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase agreement with Hoglund Bus (MnDOT Contract 56190) for up to ten small buses in an amount not to exceed \$603,300.
3. 2013-216 Approve Resolution 2013-11 concurring with the Governor's designation of the Metropolitan Council as the recipient of Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program funding for the Minneapolis—St. Paul, MN—WI urbanized area.

### BUSINESS

**Community Development—No reports**

**Environment—No reports**

**Management—Report on Consent List**

### Transportation

2013-213 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a renewal of a Upass Agreement with the University of Minnesota for student participants for the period of August 26, 2013 to August 28, 2016 with the option to extend up to two (one-year) contract extensions through August 26, 2018, and; execute a renewal of a Metropass Agreement with the University of Minnesota for staff and faculty participants for the period of October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2016, with the option to extend up to two (one-year) contract extensions through September 30, 2018.

It was moved by Duinck, seconded by Munt

**Motion carried.**

2013-214 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2014 to provide funding for public commuter rail service in Sherburne County, Minnesota for an amount up to \$1.3 million; execute the Attached Resolution of the Governing Body (Metropolitan Council) to enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2014.

It was moved by Duinick, seconded by Schreiber

**Motion carried.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

2013-221 Approve the following standing committee assignments recommended by the Chair, pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article I, D.4 and Article III, A.1.

Community Development	Environment	Management	Transportation	Litigation Review
Cunningham, Chair	Rummel, Chair	Brimeyer, Chair	Duinick, Chair	Chávez, Chair
Commers, Vice Chair	Wulff, Vice Chair	Chávez, Vice Chair	Schreiber, Vice Chair	Melander, Vice Chair
Chávez	Đoàn	Cunningham	Brimeyer	Cunningham
Elkins	Melander	Duinick	Commers	Schreiber
Kramer	Reynoso	Kramer	Đoàn	
Munt	Schreiber	Melander	Elkins	
Rummel	Van Eyll	Rodriguez	Munt	
Wulff		Van Eyll	Reynoso	
			Rodriguez	

It was moved by Rummel, Kramer

**Motion carried.**

2013-243 Approve Chair Haigh’s recommendation to appoint Council member Steven Chávez as co-chair of the Housing Policy Plan Work Group and reassign Roxanne Smith as a regular member.

It was moved by Van Eyll, Commers

**Motion carried.**

**INFORMATION**

A. Division Level Budget Presentation

Mary Bogie and the division heads presented on the division level budgets. The Council will be asked to adopt the preliminary budget and levies at the next meeting (August 28). Guy Peterson presented the Community Development unit’s budget, Leisa Thompson presented the budget for Environmental Services,

and Arlene McCarthy and Brian Lamb presented the budget for Transportation. The proposed operating budget for 2014 is \$888 million.

**B. Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Policy Elements: Next Steps**

Allison Bell provided an overview of the next steps for TOD policy making. Elements of the TOD policy will include principles and goals inspired by Thrive MSP 2040, influences from Corridors of Opportunity and related regional efforts, and existing Council policy such as the 2006 Land Disposition Policy. The TOD policy will communicate our vision to our partners, set expectations around investments, influence TOD-related programs, and support the Federal New Starts application. The Council will be asked to adopt the TOD policy in October.

**C. SWLRT Project Wide Scope and Budget Briefing**

Jim Alexander provided a briefing on the SWLRT project scope and cost estimate. The location for the OMF site has been narrowed down to two options: site number 3/4 in Eden Prairie and site number 9A in Hopkins. The cost drivers for the Eden Prairie site include site demolition/clearing and yard tracks on the structure; cost drivers for the Hopkins site also include site demolition/clearing and site grading/earthwork (both sites have existing structures). Technical issue number 1 is the Eden Prairie alignment. The three alignment adjustment finalists are: Mitchell Station & Comp Plan Station via Technology Drive, Mitchell Station & Singletree Station via Technology Drive, and Mitchell Station & Singletree Station via TH 212 frontage. The cost drivers for all three include ROW acquisition and increased length of the corridor by 1/3 to 1/2 mile. Overall LRT cost drivers include the operations and maintenance facility, Eden Prairie alignment adjustments, a shift from surface to structured parking, a shift from publicly held land to privately held land for park-n-ride facilities, and additional bridge and tunnel structures/length.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08PM.

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 14, 2013.

Approved this 28 day of August, 2013.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary