

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, June 24, 2015 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Cunningham, Letofsky, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, 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 Rummel, seconded by Schreiber.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Munt.

ADA Proclamation

Wanda Kirkpatrick read a proclamation celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA was enacted by the U.S. Congress on July 26, 1990, to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities. The Metropolitan Council is strongly committed to continue its efforts to fully implement the ADA.

BUSINESS

Joint Report of the Management, Environment, Transportation, and Community Development Committees

2015-111 Authorize the amendment of the 2014 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the tables, and authorize the amendment of the 2015 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the tables.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Cunningham.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Dorfman, Cunningham, Letofsky, Reynoso, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Wulff, Duinick

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Chávez, Elkins (arrived after roll call), McCarthy (arrived after roll call)

Joint Report of the Management and Transportation Committees

2015-145 SW Authorize the amendment of the 2015 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the tables.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Dorfman.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 1 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Dorfman, Cunningham, Letofsky, Reynoso, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Wulff, Duininck

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Chávez, Elkins (arrived after roll call), McCarthy (arrived after roll call)

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-21)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2015-113 Approve Resolution 2015-5 authorizing the Regional Administrator to apply for Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program funding from the Minnesota Department of Transportation.
2. 2015-116 Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise contract 15P041 with Western Petroleum to supply diesel fuel to the Metropolitan Council/Metro Transit for a two year period, with options to extend for years three and four. The contract will be in an amount not to exceed \$114,651,674.
3. 2015-117 Authorize release of the 2015 Innovative Travel Demand Management Solicitation for 2015, 2016, and 2017 CMAQ set-aside funding.
4. 2015-118 Authorize an additional \$3,074,762 (3.5%) above the currently authorized construction contract change order authority of \$8,345,784 to a revised change order authority of \$11,420,546 and authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a claims settlement Change Order 325 not to exceed \$2,500,000 for additional cost and schedule related impacts for the Central Corridor (Green Line) Systems Contract.
5. 2015-123 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Midwest Paratransit Services, Inc. to provide Transit Link dial-a-ride service in Hennepin County from August 31, 2015 through July 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$6,773,910.
6. 2015-124 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Anoka County to administer transit service in Anoka County and northwest Ramsey County from August 31, 2015 through July 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$10,236,003.
7. 2015-126 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract 13P232A with Taxi Services Inc. to increase the maximum contract amount by \$159,470 from \$317,807 to \$477,277 and extend the term from June 30, 2015 to August 31, 2015.
8. 2015-128 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a land acquisition agreement for a future lift station site in Fridley, MCES Project No. 807900.
9. 2015-129 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract to construct North Area Interceptor Rehabilitation—Phase 8, Project 808680, Contract 15P079 to Lametti and Sons, Inc. for their low, responsive bid of \$17,987,878.
10. 2015-130 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute targeted stormwater management demonstration grants described in Attachment A in the total amount of \$800,000.

11. 2015-131 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute five-year full service engineering agreements for interceptor projects, each in an amount not-to-exceed \$4,000,000 with Brown and Caldwell, Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC, H.R. Green, Inc., Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. and TKDA.
12. 2015-133 Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Brooklyn Park to place the Astra Village West comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect; find that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
13. 2015-134 Adopt the review record and allow the City of Lakeville to place the Avonlea comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect; find that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts; advise the City to update its Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan to reflect the flow of the 172 homes impact by the flow diversion.
14. 2015-135 Conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2016 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan on August 17, 2015. The hearing will take place in the Council Chambers and will begin immediately following the 4:00 Public Hearing on the 2016-2021 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program.
15. 2015-136 Adopt Resolution 2015-6, required by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA), to authorize the Community Development Director to execute a continuation grant agreement for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.
16. 2015-139 Consider reimbursing Saint Paul up to \$196,000 from its share of a future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program for costs incurred above and beyond those paid through grant SG-2008-058 for construction of a parking lot at Lilydale-Harriet Island Regional Park. Inform Saint Paul that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.
17. 2015-140 Approve the conversion of 2.48 acres of the Rice Creek North Regional Trail corridor needed for transportation purposes in exchange for 2.48 acres adjacent to the trail corridor, as described in Attachments 1 and 2, and depicted in Attachment 3. Approve a master plan boundary amendment to the Rice Creek North Regional Trail corridor that removes the 2.48 acres needed for transportation purposes and adds the adjacent 2.48 acres as depicted in Attachment 3.
18. 2015-141 Release the draft *2016-2021 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program*; authorize a public hearing to be conducted regarding the draft *2016-2021 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program* at 4:00PM on August 17, 2015 as part of the Community Development Committee meeting; keep the public record open until 5:00PM on September 1, 2015; direct staff to publish public hearing notices and distribute copies of the draft *2016-2021 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program* for public comment under the Council's administrative procedure for public hearings; direct staff to submit the 2016-2017 portion of the draft *2016-2021 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program* as part of the Metropolitan Council's Preliminary 2016 State Bond Request to Minnesota Management and Budget; and require Dakota County, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, and Three Rivers Park District to submit specific project descriptions in priority order for the draft *2016-2021 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program* to the Metropolitan Council no later than August 17, 2015.
19. 2015-142 Authorize a grant of up to \$950,557 to reimburse Dakota County for acquisition of a 9.37-acre property for Spring Lake Park Reserve when funds are available in the Parks and Trails Legacy fund account of the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund. The Metropolitan Council will finance the grant through the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund (PAOF) Parks and Trails Legacy fund account, providing up to 75 percent (\$950,557) of the total acquisition costs. Dakota County will provide up to 25 percent (\$316,852) of the total acquisition costs. Consider reimbursing Dakota County up to \$316,852, its 25% share of the total acquisition costs, from a future Regional Park Capital Improvement Program. The Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that reimbursement will

be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement including the restrictive covenant.

20. 2015-146 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include additional funds for Section 5307 Preventative Maintenance.

21. 2015-155 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator, or his delegate, to execute a joint powers agreement (JPA) with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to receive supplemental money for the Environmental Information Management Redesign Project.

BUSINESS

Community Development

2015-137 Award 16 Tax Base Revitalization Account grants as follows and authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council:

Projects Recommended for May 2015 TBRA funding cycle:	Recommended amount
Contamination Site Investigation	
Minneapolis—PRG Southside Rehabilitation	\$50,000
Pilot	
Minneapolis—4146 Fremont Av N	\$68,600
Minneapolis—Upper Harbor Terminal	\$32,200
Minneapolis—Western Motors	\$13,100
St. Paul—845-851 Payne Av	\$27,100
St. Paul—Rice & Sycamore	\$27,100
St. Paul—Saxon Ford	\$22,500
Contamination Cleanup	
Hopkins—Oxford Village Apartments	\$190,100
Maplewood—Villages at Frost-English	\$77,900
Minneapolis—4041 Hiawatha	\$130,100
Minneapolis—Huron Hotel	\$180,400
Minneapolis—Seward Towers	\$517,950
Minneapolis—Superior Plating (former)	\$798,800
St. Louis Park EDA—Shoreham	\$594,000
St. Paul—Schmidt Keg House (former)	\$94,500

St. Paul Port Authority—Macys	\$720,750
TOTAL	\$3,545,100

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Commers.

Motion carried.

Environment

2015-151 SW For the purposes of holding a public hearing and receiving public comment, the Metropolitan Council release the 2015 Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Master Water Supply Plan for public review and comment and authorize a public comment period from June 25, 2015 to August 21, 2015, including a public hearing on August 11, 2015 at 5:00PM.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Reynoso.

Motion carried.

Management—No Reports

Transportation

2015-125 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with First Transit, Inc. to provide regular route local and express transit service within the East, West, Crosstown contract from September 27, 2015 through September 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$19,335,285..

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt. Reynoso abstained.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. 2015-147 Appoint Wes Kooistra to the position of Regional Administrator.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

2. 2015-150 Approve Chair Duininck’s recommendation to appoint the following persons to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee to terms as noted:

Chair	Mary Hamann-Roland , Mayor, City of Apple Valley (serves at the pleasure of the Council)
The following persons are recommended for appointment or re-appointment to three-year terms in the listed expertise categories:	
Development Finance-Public	Ken Johnson , retired, former President, St. Paul Port Authority and Director, St. Paul PED (reappointment)

Development (two new appointments)	Jamie Thelen , Sand Companies (new appointment) Renee Spillum , Seward Redesign (new appointment)
Transportation and Development Relationship	James Barton , retired transportation planner, Metropolitan Council, and consultant (reappointment)
Environment-Integration of Natural and Water Resources in Development	Regina Bonsignore , landscape architect, MN Department of Natural Resources (reappointment)
Site Design – Architecture/Land Planning	Satoko Muratake , landscape architect, Cunningham Group (new appointment)
Community-Based Community Development Organization (two new appointments)	Jun-Li Wang , Springboard for the Arts (new appointment) Deanna Foster , Dayton’s Bluff (new appointment)

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Dorfman.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

SPO Technical Capacity Review

Mike Wilson from Accenture delivered a presentation on Accenture’s technical capacity review of the Southwest Project Office. At the Metropolitan Council’s request, Accenture conducted an independent review on the Southwest Project Office. The review included an assessment to evaluate SPO Project Services Capabilities against leading practices, to identify gaps and to propose recommendations for further improving Project Services Team Capabilities. The review focused on two functional areas: the current SPO organizational structure, and the project management processes and systems. The review was conducted through stakeholder interviews, high level document validations, *Capabilities Assessment Model (CAM)*, and gap and opportunity identification. Thirteen interviews comprising of nineteen different team members/partners across four different organizations were conducted to investigate project service capabilities and better understand technical and functional adequacy and adoption. Accenture found that the SPO Team has the right capabilities and are operating at a level expected for a project this size. They recommend further defining and standardizing processes and procedures to better facilitate communication and introduce technology to reduce repetitive and manual activities. In summary, Accenture recommended the following: develop a system to define and move between transition/phases of the project; continue to design, document, and communicate processes and methodology; implement a cost tool and integrate with schedule management tool; further develop the Risk Management Plan and formalized Risk Manager position/role; and standardize communication, reporting, and traceability.

SWLRT Cost Reduction Scenarios

Craig Lamothe gave a presentation on the various cost reduction scenarios under consideration. These scenarios include, but are not limited to, the following: end at Southwest Station; end at Eden Prairie (EP) Town Center (PE Plan); end at Golden Triangle Station; end at EP Town Center Station (Flying Cloud); end at EP Town Center Station (Eden Rd). Ending at Southwest Station would mean a ridership of 26,700 (2040), which is too low to achieve a New Starts rating. With a cost reduction of \$300M-\$334M, it would not achieve the necessary reduction of \$341M. Lamothe went through the various scenarios in detail and explained the cost savings options. The Council members discussed the options. The Council will hear a recommendation from the Corridor Management Committee on the project scope and budget at the July 1 Committee of the Whole meeting. The Council is scheduled to take action on the project scope and budget at the July 8 regular Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 24, 2015.

Approved this 8th day of July, 2015.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary