

# Minutes

Transportation Committee



**Meeting date:** January 27, 2025

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** Robert St Chambers

## Members present:

Chair, Deb Barber, D4

Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2

Tyronne Carter, District 3

John Pacheco Jr., District 5

Anjuli Cameron, District 8

Diego Morales, District 9

Susan Vento, District 12

Toni Carter, District 14

Tenzin Dolkar, District 15

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## Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Barber called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:02 p.m.

## Agenda approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

## Approval of minutes

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyronne to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Employee recognition – Metro Transit

### 1. Metro Transit General Manager

Metro Transit General Manager Lesley Kandaras introduced Training Supervisor Ben Engen who presented awards to Brian Burville and Jaime Galindo for awards. Vladimir Banchik received an award also but was not present.

## Reports

### 1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director

Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director Charles Carlson reported that the new Micro service has been getting positive reviews.

### 2. Metro Transit General Manager

General Manager Lesley Kandaras thanked staff for their service and vigilance for looking out for customers during the cold weather this past couple weeks.

### 3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Peter Dugan reported on the December and January TAB meetings.

## Consent business

Consent business adopted

### 1. 2025-35: Streamlined 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Request – MnDOT's I-94 & I-35E Bridge

Improvements Project Cost Reduction (Robbie King 651-602-1380)

2. 2025-36: Streamlined 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Request – MnDOT’s Section 5310 Bus Purchases (Robbie King 651-602-1380)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

## Non-consent business

1. 2025-31: 345 Industrial Blvd Lease, Contract 25M008 for Engineering and Facilities (Jim Harwood 612-349-7339)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25M008 with NorthPoint Development, for the 10-year lease agreement in the amount of \$14,344,453, which includes a Tenant Improvement Allowance (TIA) to build out the space and Common Area Maintenance (CAM) expenses.

Vento asked about mitigation of toxins.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed consent to Council.**

2. 2025-32: Heywood Office - Furniture, Contract 25P224 for Engineering and Facilities (Jim Harwood 612-349-7339)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P224 with Henricksen Incorporated via the Minnesota State Contract F-379(5) in the amount of \$2,500,000, which includes all cubicle workspaces and conference room furniture throughout the 5-story Heywood Office building as a part of the larger 2024-2025 remodel project.

Morales asked for subcontractor details.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed consent to Council.**

3. 2025-34: Adopted Zero Emissions Bus Transition Plan Updates (Jim Harwood 612-349-7339)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Metropolitan Council approve updates to the adopted Zero Emission Bus Transition Plan for submittal to the MN State Legislature by February 15, 2025, as required by Minnesota Statute 473.3927.

Chamblis asked about the statutory requirements.

**Motion carried.**

4. 2025-37: Metro Transit Bus Battery Purchase, Contract 24P271 (Jeremiah Riter 612-349-5005)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 24P271 with CMD Properties, Inc., to provide replacement batteries for diesel buses 12/24 volts systems and delivery to all Bus Maintenance Garages in an amount not to exceed \$1,316,206.

Carter, Tyrone asked for battery specifics.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed consent to Council.**

5. 2025-3JT: Adoption of the Imagine 2050 Transportation Policy Plan and Public Comment Report (Cole Hiniker 651-602-1748)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council: 1. Accept the



public comment report for the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan. 2. Adopt the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan as a component of Imagine 2050.

**Motion carried.**

### **Information**

1. Nicollet Mall Downtown Transit Update – Kyle O’Donnell Burrows (612-349-7749, Kathleen Mayell (City of Minneapolis))

Council Members asked about the lack of an option to keep buses on Nicollet Mall, access to skyways, and impact on small businesses, commuter impacts, and costs and funding.

### **Adjournment**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

### **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of January 27, 2025.

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