

Minutes

Committee of the Whole



Meeting Date: June 7, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Charlie Zelle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Cederberg, District 12 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Lilligren, District 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenzin Dolkar, District 15 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Barber, District 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 11 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present |

Call to Orde

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:03 p.m.

Agenda Approved

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

Information

1. Equity Framework for the 2050 Regional Development Guide (Angela R. Torres, 651-602-1566; C Terrence Anderson, CURA)

Council Member Lilligren shared opening remarks and introduced Angela Torres, Senior Manager, Regional Planning, and C Terrence Anderson, Director of Community Based Programs for the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) at the University of Minnesota. Torres and Anderson discussed the overall approach toward equity in 2050 Regional Development Guide (RDG). They discussed equity in the 2040 Thrive Regional Development Guide, the approach for equity in the 2050 Regional Development Guide, and the Council's partnership with CURA. The three principles of equity work in the 2050 RDG are: contextualized, community-centered, and reparative.

Council members had questions and comments regarding opportunities to work with the private sector, engagement with traditional community leaders, specific inequities rather than a broad lens, and individual leadership.

2. Purple Line Update

Craig Lamothe, Project Director, METRO Purple Line, and Nick Thompson, Interim Executive Director, Regional Transportation Infrastructure, gave an update on the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. The Purple Line is a proposed BRT line in

Ramsey County and will connect with existing and future light rail and BRT service of the METRO system, including direct connections to the Green Line, Gold Line, B Line, G Line, and H Line, as well as local and express bus routes. LaMothe shared information about BRT Route Modification Study (RMS) Phase I. In response to a March 2022 White Bear Lake City Council Resolution, the Purple Line Corridor Management Committee (CMC) gave direction to study the feasibility of modifying the BRT route to route and terminate outside of the City of White Bear Lake. The goal of the Route Modification Study is to develop and evaluate multiple alternate northern terminus station locations and routing options consistent with the project's purpose and need.

Council members discussed dedicated lanes and what that would like for service, Arterial BRT (ABRT) versus BRT, risks to transit projects and Transit Advancement Policy, the cost and complexity of ABRT and dedicated lanes, and the timing of the different project phases.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole meeting of June 7, 2023.

Approved this 21st day of June 2023.

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