

Council Chair Susan Haigh

Council Members

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| Katie Rodriguez | Jennifer Munt | Gary Cunningham | Edward Reynoso | Sandy Rummel | Richard Kramer | Steven Chávez |
| Lona Schreiber | Steve Elkins | Adam Duinick | Marie McCarthy | Harry Melander | Jon Commers | Wendy Wulff |
| Gary Van Eyll | James Brimeyer | | | | | |

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 28, 2014 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 4:11PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Van Eyll

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Rummel

PUBLIC INVITATION

Several individuals shared their desire for the Council to form an advisory committee to address equity and community engagement issues and implement equitable policies and procedures.

BUSINESS

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

2014-103 Amend the 2014 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Duinick, Reynoso, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Haigh

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 McCarthy, Cunningham

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-10)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2014-104 Authorize renewal of its property insurance, effective 6/1/14—6/1/15, in an amount not to exceed \$1,485,000.

2. 2014-105 Authorize renewal of its railroad liability insurance, effective 6/1/14—6/1/15, for the Northstar Commuter Rail Operations in an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000.
3. 2014-106 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the following Operations and Maintenance agreements for the Green Line LRT: Operating and Maintenance Addendum to the Agreement for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project (CCLRT) between the Council, the Regents of the University of Minnesota, the City of Minneapolis, and Hennepin County; the Operating and Maintenance Agreement for the Washington Avenue Bridge between the Council and Hennepin County; Operating and Maintenance Agreement for the CCLRT between the Council, the City of Minneapolis, and Hennepin County; and Operating and Maintenance Agreement for the CCLRT between the Council, the City of Saint Paul, and Ramsey County.
4. 2014-107 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the current Masterson Personnel Contract No. 11P076 by ratifying the \$100,000 emergent addition of money in April 2014 and increasing the dollar amount an additional \$200,000 for the remainder of 2014.
5. 2014-110 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract amendment to Contract No. 09P104 with First Transit, Inc., to extend the term from November 1, 2014 to December 6, 2014, and increase the maximum contract amount by \$215,842, for an amended contract total of \$2,998,598.
6. 2014-111 Authorize a grant of up to \$25,071 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to Three Rivers Park District to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire two permanent public trailway easements for the Intercity Regional Trail described in Attachment 2. The grant will be financed as follows: \$15,043 from the FY2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and \$10,028 from Metropolitan Council bonds. Three Rivers Park District will match the grant with up to \$8,357, its 25% share of the total acquisition cost. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant.
7. 2014-112 Authorize a grant of up to \$420,000 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to the City of Bloomington to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire 0.3 acres at 7501 Izaak Walton Road in Bloomington for the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve. The grant is financed as follows: \$252,000 from the FY2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and \$168,000 from Metropolitan Council bonds. The City will match the grant with up to \$140,000 for its 25% share of the total acquisition costs. Consider reimbursing the City of Bloomington up to \$140,000, 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 and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant.
8. 2014-115 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the Seneca Area System Rehabilitation Phase 2, MCES Project No. 808020, Contract No. 14P028, with SAK Construction for their low bid of \$4,976,254.35.
9. 2014-116 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend Contract No. 12P213 with SKB Environmental, Inc. for transport and disposal of alkaline stabilized material from \$3,000,000 to \$4,500,000.
10. 2014-117 Accept the Highway Transitway Corridor Study Final Report dated May 2014.

BUSINESS

Community Development

2014-113 Adopt an amendment to the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* to replace the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Rules currently found in Chapter 4 with rules that were considered

through the February 18, 2014 public hearing with additional language to the rules as shown in the business item.

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Rummel

Wulff commented that staff explained that the Council does not have authority to treat such acquisitions differently, but it does bring up the point that the Council needs to look at this when updating the Parks Policy Plan, and may have to look at master plans differently to avoid causing issues for landowners.

Motion carried.

Environment—Reports on Consent List

Management—Reports on Consent List

Transportation—Reports on Consent List

Joint Report of the Environment and Community Development Committees

2014-114 Adopt Resolution No. 2014-8, which authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute termination of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Lake Elmo and the Council after the City submits documentation that confirms local infrastructure improvements have been substantially completed.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Melander

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2014-125 Accept the public comment report on *Thrive MSP 2040*; adopt *Thrive MSP 2040* as the first chapter of the comprehensive development guide of the metropolitan area authorized under Minn. Stat. 473.145, replacing the *2030 Regional Development Framework* adopted in 2004 (as amended); use *Thrive MSP 2040* as the basis for (1) making investment decisions, expanding the Council's technical assistance and informational resources, and providing advisory comments to local governments; and (2) developing the Council's metropolitan system and policy plan updates (i.e., the Housing Policy Plan, the Regional Parks Policy Plan, the Transportation Policy Plan, and the Water Resources Policy Plan); adopt *Thrive* local forecasts for 2040; direct staff to present future Council business items addressing a proposed process for implementing *Thrive MSP 2040* relative to local comprehensive plan amendments submitted prior to the 2015 release of System Statements, local forecasts for 2020 and 2030 aligned with the *Thrive* forecasts for 2040, and indicators to measure the region's progress on the *Thrive* outcomes and strategies.

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Chávez

Members shared their accolades for a job well done by all.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Green Line Light Rail Transit: Opening Events

Meredith Vadis introduced the presentation with an overview of the grand opening events. Events and activities will occur from 9AM to 6PM on Saturday, June 14. The Council has been collaborating with the Central Corridor Funder's Collaborative, United Strategies and Mylan Communications on seven

local community events at stations. Regional celebrations will be held at Union Depot and Target Field Station. Ribbon cutting with elected officials and dignitaries will occur at 9AM, and service on the trains will begin at 10AM. Laura Mylan shared more detailed information about the community celebrations. Community partners are planning events that reflect their communities. Bruce Howard continued the presentation with a brief update on the media and marketing.

Draft TPP

Amy Vennewitz and Jonathan Ehrlich provided information regarding Equity and Environmental Justice in the Transportation Policy Plan. Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and Executive Order 12898 both create requirements in the transportation planning process to prohibit discrimination and avoid disparate adverse effects. This portion of the TPP utilizes the equity definition found in *Thrive MSP 2040* to guide the work. New to the TPP process is a public engagement plan, studies on disparities (preservation and maintenance spending, safety outcomes), development of tools for use of equity as a prioritization factor, and advancing the role of transportation in achieving equity by collaboration with public, private, and non-profit partners. Tensions in this portion of the TPP include prioritizing investments considering both equity and regional balance, and the expectation that investments in every mode will contribute to equitable outcomes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of May 28, 2014.

Approved this 11 day of June, 2014.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary