

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: August 12, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Heywood 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.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Vento to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2024, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director

Deputy Director Amy Vennewitz reminded Council members that the Council will be voting this week to release the Transportation Policy Plan for public comment and that staff are available to discuss details or issues with Council members if needed.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

No report.

3. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)

No report.

4. Joint Labor Management Safety Committee (JLMSC)

Ron Forrest reported on the training members have been receiving, site visits and the committee's work on the Agency Safety Plans.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. **2024-138:** Camera System Phase II Expansion, Contract 24P23 Proposed Action

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source contract 24P238 with Luminator to provide up to 179 camera systems in an amount not to exceed \$1,146,316.

2. **2024-139:** Transit Master Systems, Contract 24P237

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source contract 24P237 with Vontas to provide up to 43 Transit Master Systems that includes installation and configuration in an amount not to exceed \$836,400.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. **2024-196:** 2024 Regional Solicitation Funding Program of Projects Selection

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

- Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to select 59 federally funded transportation projects through the Regional Solicitation process and include these projects in Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) in the future; and
- Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into grants for 17 projects selected by the Transportation Advisory Board to be funded with Active Transportation sales tax funds.

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Joe Barbeau presented this item. There were no questions from Council members.

Motion carried.

2. **2024-197:** 2022 Highway Safety Improvement Program Project Selection

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to fund 20 projects through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) solicitation and include all Urbanized Area projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Joe Barbeau presented this item. There were no questions from Council members.

Motion carried.

3. **2024-183:** Master Contracts for Metro Transit Rail Engineering Services, Contract 23P194

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts 23P194A – 23P194D for rail engineering design services that will support Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 as follows:

Organization	Contract Number	Contract Amount
Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.	23P194A	\$1,500,000
HDR Engineering, Inc.	23P194B	\$1,500,000
HNTB Corporation	23P194C	\$1,000,000
TKDA	23P194D	\$1,000,000

Metro Transit Senior Project Administrator Julie Brenny presented this item. There were no questions from Council members.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated this item could proceed as Consent to Council.

4. **2024-213:** Armored Car Services, Contract 23P223

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the



Regional Administrator to reject all bids for contract 23P223 for armored car services and resolicit bids for this contract.

Metro Transit Revenue Collection Senior Manager Dennis Dworshak introduced Revenue Operations Manager Abdul Ahmed who presented this item. Carter, Toni asked if armored car services are provided today and if there were changes to the services that increased the cost. Ahmed responded that there is currently a contract in place that provides the services and there would be no changes in operations, but the bid was higher than anticipated. Ahmed continued that staff want to go back and review the scope, to make any changes to make the contract more attractive to bidders. Ahmed stated that there will be no disruptions with the current contract/service as during COVID there was a slow down, so there are still remaining dollars on the current contract.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated this item could proceed as Consent to Council.

Information

1. Nicollet Mall Update

Metro Transit Arterial BRT Planning Manager Kyle O'Donnell Burrows and City of Minneapolis Transportation Planning and Programming Director Jeni Hager presented this item. Council members expressed the need to expand the engagement efforts to include neighborhoods, businesses and riders beyond this corridor and the need to prioritize transit riders' voices. Vento suggested staff engage with bus operators for their thoughts and suggestions. Chair Barber asked if there is the expectation that express routes won't come back. O'Donnell Burrows responded that picking one of these options doesn't foreclose express ridership growth. Staff confirmed engagement with Suburban Transit Providers on options. Council members discussed importance of signage and transfer locations in a bi-direction route option.

2. Operating Budget Overview

Metro Transit Finance Director Ed Petrie and Metropolitan Transportation Services Finance Director Heather Giesel presented this item. Cameron asked if there has been fluctuation in revenue generated by fares. Petrie provided a comparison between average fare in 2024 and 2025 budget. Carter, Toni asked if there is any additional funding, besides the sales tax, that is for safety. Petrie responded that safety and security items are eligible expenses for the regional sales tax and Metro Transit General Manager Lesley Kandaras added that there was a one-time funding that supported TSIP but that doesn't carry over into 2025. Staff will report back on the vanpool program.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of August 12, 2024.

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