

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Committee Members Present:

Melander, Van Eyll, Rodriguez, Munt, Schreiber, Commers, Cunningham, Haigh, Duininck, Reynoso, Rummel, Chávez, Kramer, McCarthy, Wulff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:05PM on Wednesday, April 16, 2014.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Reynoso to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2014 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

1. 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)

Arlene McCarthy gave a brief introduction and thanked the Council members for their participation, specifically CM Duininck, Chair of the TPP Task Force. Amy Vennewitz explained that progress on the TPP would be shared with the Council over the course of a few COW and Council meetings. The purpose of today's presentation was to provide a high level overview of the TPP and gather feedback on the messages and key tensions.

The TPP is the Transportation response to *Thrive MSP 2040*. It is one of three Council systems statements required by state law. The systems plans are tools used to implement Thrive. Comprehensive plans are reviewed to determine whether they conform to the regional systems statements. Additionally, the Council must produce a systems plan to comply with federal requirements; it must be a performance-based plan, it must lay out investments and assess the impacts of our investments on equity and future air quality of the region.

The TPP is divided into three parts. Part 1 is an introduction, part 2 resembles previous plans, and part 3 outlines how we believe we are meeting the federal requirements. Vennewitz asked members to think of it as a layered approach: the farther into the plan, the more detailed it becomes. Vennewitz also asked members to ask themselves if the messages resonated with them. She stated that while the safety message may not be strong in *Thrive*, it is a big part of the transportation plan. Equity and opportunity is a strong message in *Thrive*; all users of public transportation should be connected to jobs, etc. and there should be no disproportionate impacts. The economic competitiveness message is intended to ensure that freight continues moving and considers our position on national and global levels.

Michelle Fure distributed a handout illustrating the relationship between the *Thrive MSP 2040* outcomes to transportation and how they align with the TPP goals.

2. Public Hearing for *Thrive MSP 2040*

The group paused their discussion for the 5:00pm public hearing on *Thrive MSP 2040* in the Council Chambers. Chair Haigh called the public hearing to

order at 5:04PM. There were 8 individuals who spoke to the Council. The majority was in agreement with the direction of the document and offered constructive criticism. Representatives from Metro Cities, BATC, and MICAH provided feedback.

At 5:45PM CM Chávez made a motion to close the public hearing as there were no other parties interested in addressing the Council. Duininck seconded, motion carried.

3. Continuation of TPP Discussion

At 5:46PM Chair Haigh called to order the COW for the remainder of the TPP discussion. The group discussed multi-modal systems and regional balance of the Council's investments. Vennewitz stated that upcoming discussions would include streetcars.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary