

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

January 27, 2020

LOCATION: Metropolitan Council Chambers, Saint Paul, MN

**Committee Members Present: Chair Deb Barber, Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson, Reva Chamblis, Molly Cummings, Kris Fredson, Francisco Gonzalez, Phillip Sterner, Raymond Zeran**

**Committee Members Absent: Christopher Ferguson**

**TAAC Chair Present: None**

**TAB Liaison Present: Peter Dugan**

#### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Barber called the regular meeting of the Council's Transportation Committee to order at 4:01 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2020 in the Metropolitan Council Chambers, Saint Paul, MN.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion by Sterner, seconded by Atlas-Ingebretson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Atlas-Ingebretson, seconded by Sterner to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. Motion carried.

#### TAB LIAISON REPORT

Peter Dugan reported the following information from the January 15, 2020 TAB meeting:

Membership changes have taken place, the VW Settlement Phase II is occurring, the MAC has won several more awards, February will have a draft plan for streamlined tip amendment process changes.

#### METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIRECTOR AND METRO TRANSIT GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

Metropolitan Transportation Services Director Nick Thompson reported:

##### Regional Solicitation Training

This week training will be provided regarding the Regional Solicitation application process. There will be two different training sessions, typically attended by city, county, suburban providers, and hired consultants.

##### Contract Changes

In December, the vendor for Transit Link service that provides service to the airport in Hennepin County opted out of their contract, so service has now switched over for the airport and the remaining switch happens this weekend.

Metro Transit General Manager Wes Kooistra reported:

##### Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government – February 5, 2020

On February 5th, Representative Koznick will hold a Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government hearing. Right now, the official agenda is posted as “to be determined.” But based on what Representative Koznick has shared with reporters and with Judd Schetnan, we anticipate he will want to discuss transit security among other topics. The legislative session kicks off on February 11th.

### Mall of America Transit Center Grand Opening Event – Friday, February 14 at 9:00 AM

In the coming days, you will be invited to the Mall of America Transit Center Grand Opening event. The invitation will have more details, but we are planning for Friday, February 14th at 9 a.m. in the transit center. Mall of America is the busiest transit center in our system. The \$25 million project will noticeably improve the customer experience.

### New Flyer

Staff met with New Flyer CEO and staff last Thursday regarding progress on the electric buses. The BCTC chargers are running on in-revenue service and we are seeing the benefit of charging in-line.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Consent Items:**

Motion was made by Sterner, seconded by Gonzalez and carried, to approve the following consent items:

1. **2020-37:** 2020-2023 TIP Amendments: Three Hennepin County Requests

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) adding arterial bus rapid transit stations to three Hennepin County projects.

2. **2020-38:** 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for Dakota County Dodd Boulevard Safety Project

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change project termini and add mill-and-overlay for Dakota County's CSAH 9 safety project.

3. **2020-39:** 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for MnDOT's Minnesota Highway 95 Drainage Project

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a project repairing and replacing drainage infrastructure on MN Highway 95 in Bayport and West Lakeland Township.

4. **2020-40:** 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for Carver County: Norwood Young America Roundabout

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost of Carver County's roundabout at Minnesota Highway 5 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 33 in Norwood Young America.

### **Non-Consent Items:**

1. **2020-32:** Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Amendment #1 to Master Utility Agreement with CenturyLink Communications, LLC

Metro Transit Assistant General Manager Jim Alexander presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from Council Members.

Motion by Cummings, seconded by Fredson:

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Master Utility Agreement (MUA) with CenturyLink Communications, LLC (CenturyLink) to add \$3.175 million for reimbursement of costs, for a new total not to exceed amount of \$3.525 million, associated with relocation of utilities that conflict with the Southwest LRT Project.

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

2. **2020-34:** Master Contracts for Rail Engineering Services – Contract 19P131  
Metro Transit Senior Project Administrator Julie Brenny presented this item.

Atlas-Ingebretson asked if there were initially DBE goals. Brenny said there were not but staff work closely with vendors and track goals now. General Manager Kooistra added that this is a change from previous ways of handling this. Procurement Contracts and Procurement Director Jody Jacoby shared details about a Brooks Act procurement in response to Cummings inquiry. Chamblis asked how the job opportunities and/or trainings are communicated. Brenny said an annual meet-and-greet is held with large engineering firms and the approved MCUBs are invited.

Motion by Sterner, seconded by Zeran:

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute four master contracts for rail engineering services to support Blue Line, Green Line and NorthStar rail systems projects as follows:

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. - \$850,000

HDR Engineering, Inc. - \$550,000

TKDA - \$550,000

HNTB Corporation - \$550,000

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

3. **2020-35:** Gold Line Engineering Services Consultant Phase II Limited Notice to Proceed  
Metro Transit Senior Project Manager Chris Beckwith presented this item.

Gonzalez asked if the amount was in the ballpark range for this type of service. Beckwith said the engineering consultant services are included over the course of seven years through the various phases.

Motion by Chamblis, seconded by Gonzalez:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize a notice to proceed for Phase II of professional services contract #17P058 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (KHA) for the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (Gold Line) in an amount not to exceed \$8,100,000.

Motion carried.

4. **2020-36:** Gold Line Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 04 for the Maple Pedestrian Bridge  
Metro Transit Senior Project Manager Chris Beckwith presented this item.

Cummings asked how often we do the work and get reimbursed by MnDOT. Beckwith said there are less than a half dozen underway currently.

Motion by Gonzalez, seconded by Sterner:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line) Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 04 related to the

Maple Pedestrian Bridge with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for an amount not to exceed \$640,000.

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

5. **2020-41:** The Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan  
Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Heidi Schallberg presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from Council Members.

Motion by Sterner, seconded by Gonzalez:

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Twin Cities Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan.

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

6. **2020-42:** Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment  
Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Dave Burns presented this item.

Atlas-Ingebretson inquired about the significance of certain changes. Gonzalez asked about the elimination of the General Peer Regional Research and Comparison study. Burns said it was rolled into the Regional Electric Vehicle Study.

Motion by Cummings, seconded by Gonzalez:

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the proposed amendments to the 2020 Unified Planning Work Program.

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

7. **2020-43:** 2020 Safety Performance Targets, Resolution 2020-4  
Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Dave Burns presented this item.

Gonzalez asked if the fatalities were state-wide. Burns said they were metro-area only. Atlas-Ingebretson stated that she would like to see crash statistics for the Council services. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director Nick Thompson said a federal requirement is that it this is included in a safety plan so this summer it can be brought forward to the Transportation Committee.

Motion by Sterner, seconded by Zeran:

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the 2020 safety performance measures short-term targets for the Metropolitan Council Planning Area and Resolution as attached.

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

## **INFORMATION**

### 1. Rail Maintenance Overview

Metro Transit Rail Systems Maintenance Director Dan Suggs presented this item.

Chamblis asked how the work time during shutdowns has changed. Suggs said staff is able to be more efficient with the time they have now. Cummings, Atlas-Ingebretson, and Chair Barber voiced appreciation for staff work on this.

## 2. Blending Outreach, Training and Engineering for Accident Avoidance

Metro Transit Deputy Chief Operating Officer – Rail John Humphrey and Metro Transit Rail and Bus Safety Director Mike Conlon presented this item.

Chamblis asked about positive train control. Humphrey said there are rail signals, speed, and bar signals – no property has positive train control system in place that manages the bar signal aspect. Cummings encouraged Council Members to ride-along. Fredson asked if injuries/fatalities are classified. Conlon said commuter rail and light rail have different protocols. Conlon added that incidents are categorized as pedestrian/motorist, liability, primary cause and contributing factor, etc. Humphrey added that new training happens based off of incidents that take place. Cummings asked if incidents are increasing, decreasing, or staying the same. Conlon shared that the last three years have stayed about the same regarding mishaps and fatalities. Atlas-Ingebretson asked how culturally-responsive techniques are used in marketing. Conlon answered that the marketing department has a person who speaks the language as their first language read the brochure and ensure the message is conveyed properly. Chamblis said it would be helpful to have someone on staff familiar with sociocultural linguistics. Fredson said having location data would be helpful, especially with left turns. Humphrey added that Metro Transit does meet with the cities and addresses trends.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Jenna Ernst  
Recording Secretary