

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: October 27, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Heywood Chambers

Members present:

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| ☐ Chair, Deb Barber, D4 | ☒ Tyronne Carter, District 3 | ☒ Anjuli Cameron, District 8 |
| ☐ Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | ☒ John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | ☒ Toni Carter, District 14 |
| ☒ Judy Johnson, District 1 | ☐ Yassin Osman, District 7 | ☐ Victor Obisakin, District 15 |
| | | ☒ = present |

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

A quorum being present, Council member Carter, Toni called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Council member Carter, Toni.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Carter, Tyronne to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2025, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Public Hearing on Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Amendment 2: Aviation System Plan Update

Catherine Fleming made comments on transit policy, but not in relation to the aviation system plan update.

Employee recognition – Metro Transit

Metro Transit Chief Operating Officer Brian Funk introduced Interim Chief of Police Joseph Dotseth who presented awards to Officer Angela Kruyer, Sergeant Hela Maurer and Officer Kham Vang; and Rail Maintenance Supervisor Ben Engen who presented awards to Electro

Mechanical Technicians Calvin Hill, Timothy Malmstedt and James Wallisch (not present).

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director
Charles Carlson reported on a recent mutual aid effort that MTS and Metro Transit assisted with, upcoming contracted services overview and regional solicitation information items.
2. Metro Transit General Manager
Chief Operating Officer Brian Funk reported on the recent mutual aid effort, increased ridership the weekend of November 17th in connection with several large events and upcoming employee town halls.
3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)
No report.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. **2025-264:** Procurement of Four Small Buses for Transit Link Scott County, Contract 25P310
Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P310 with United Bus Sales utilizing the State of Minnesota contract #B-347(5) for four (4) replacement small buses for Transit Link Scott County in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

It was moved by Carter, Tyronne, seconded by Pacheco.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. **2025-187:** METRO Blue Line Extension – Kimley-Horn Amendment, Contract 22P103A
It was moved by Carter, Tyronne, seconded by Cameron, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment for contract 22P103A with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to increase the contract value by \$42,900,000 for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$139,275,448.

Metro Transit Blue Line Extension Project Director Alicia Vap presented this item. Vap confirmed that the funds are flowing from Hennepin County to the Council to continue this work.

Motion carried.

2. **2025-240:** Research Services, Contract 24P240
It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Pacheco, that the Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P240 with Professional Data Analysts to support research services like large public and employee sentiment surveys and focus groups to inform outreach, marketing and program evaluation activities, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

Metro Transit Office of Performance Senior Manager Rachel Dungca presented this item. Council members stated support for this work and MCUB goal and discussed the parameters of the not to exceed contract. Dungca confirmed that staff aim to conduct about four to six surveys a year.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Council member Carter, Toni stated that this item could proceed as consent to Council.

3. **2025-257:** Material Management Warehouse Facility Design, Contract 25P078
It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P078 with Mohagen

Hansen Architecture for the material management warehouse facility design and construction support services, in an amount not to exceed \$892,665.

Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities Manager Robert Rimstad presented this item. Rimstad confirmed this was a spec building that staff found while searching for properties and that the building has already been purchased.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Council member Carter, Toni stated that this item could proceed as consent to Council.

4. **2025-260:** Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Brooklyn Center (Brooklyn Center Police Department) and the Metro Transit Police Department, Contract #251102

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Pacheco, that the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") # 251102 with the City of Brooklyn Center.

Metro Transit Police Department Interim Chief of Police Joseph Dotseth this item. Council members discussed how these JPA's provide clarity and define responsibilities for both MTPD and local agencies, primary jurisdiction responsibility and how JPA's improve collaboration. Interim Chief Dotseth explained that MTPD's roles are defined in state law 473.407, JPA's help define primary responsibility and that MTPD tries to renew these agreements every three to five years.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Council member Carter, Toni stated that this item could proceed as consent to Council.

5. **2025-271:** Approval of Minneapolis, FTA Pilot Program for TOD Planning (Blue Line Extension) 24I050

It was moved by Carter, Tyronne, seconded by Cameron, that the Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a pass-through Subrecipient Grant Agreement (SGA) 24I050 with the City of Minneapolis for the \$700,000 FTA Pilot Program for a TOD Planning grant award.

Metro Transit Deputy General Manager Capital Programs Nick Thompson presented this item. Council members did not have any questions.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Council member Carter, Toni stated that this item could proceed as consent to Council.

6. **2025-275:** 2026-2029 Streamlined TIP Amendment Request – Reconnect Rondo's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Planning Grant

It was moved by Carter, Tyronne, seconded by Johnson, that the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to add Reconnect Rondo's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program planning grant.

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Joe Barbeau presented this item. Council members stated their appreciation for this work.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Council member Carter, Toni stated that this item could proceed as consent to Council.

7. **2025-276:** East, West, and Crosstown Transit Service; Contract 20P099 – Amendment 7

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Cameron, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 20P099 with Transdev, North America, for transit services that will add \$6,000,000, for a total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$38,415,460.

Metropolitan Transportation Services Contracted Services Manager John Harper presented this item. There were no questions from Council members.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Council member Carter, Toni stated that this item could proceed as consent to Council.



Information

1. There were no information items.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:13p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of October 27, 2025.

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