

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: July 13, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Heywood Chambers

Members present:

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| ☐ Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | ☒ Tyronne Carter, District 3 | ☒ Yassin Osman, District 7 |
| ☐ Vice Chair, Victor Obisakin, D 15 | ☒ Deb Barber, D4 | ☐ Anjuli Cameron, District 8 |
| ☒ Judy Johnson, District 1 | ☒ John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | ☒ Toni Carter, District 14 |
| | | ☒ = 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 Toni Carter called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:01 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

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

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Osman to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director

Carlson reported on the Regional Solicitation, extreme weather and changes to staff support at Transportation committee meetings.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Kandaras reported on the ongoing Renew the Blue project and extreme heat conditions for

staff and customers.

3. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)

No report.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. **2026-121:** Authorize Grant Agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to execute a subrecipient grant agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for modifications made to the Apple Valley Transit Station in the amount of \$5,000,000.

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Carter, Tyrone.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. **2026-118:** METRO H Line Engineering and Construction Administration Services, Contract 26P009

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Johnson, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 26P009 with HDR, Inc. for engineering and construction administration services for the METRO H Line project and associated ADA improvements in the amount not to exceed \$17,929,911.

Metro Transit Senior Project Coordinator Alicia Valenti presented this item. Council members discussed public engagement, project timeline, and differences in the H Line versus Gold Line Extension. Valenti confirmed that Council members will see an updated corridor plan in August.

Barber recused. Motion carried.

2. **2026- 120:** Disposition of Property at 1286 Paul Parkway NE Blaine

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Carter, Tyrone, that the Metropolitan Council declares the property, identified on the attached Exhibit A and commonly referred to as 1286 Paul Parkway NE, Blaine, Anoka County, Minnesota, as surplus for disposition, and to authorize the Regional Administrator to dispose of the surplus property consistent with Council policy and Federal regulations.

Metro Transit Program Manager Claudius Toussaint presented this item. Johnson questioned whether this land could be used for housing. Toussaint stated there are no restrictions on FTA concurrence and that all Metropolitan Council divisions were consulted and no need was identified.

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

Information

1. Renew the Blue Update

Metro Transit Operations Planning Senior Manager Bob Westgate presented this item. Council members thanked staff for their work, for taking all the feedback from last year and the last couple weeks to make changes as needed and for the great communication. Council members expressed the importance of this work.

Adjournment



Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of July 13, 2026.

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