

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: September 28, 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, D15 | ☒ Deb Barber, District 4 | ☐ 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, Committee Chair Chamblis called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:03 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Committee Chair Chamblis.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Obisakin, seconded by Osman to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Employee recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit General Manager

Metro Transit General Manager Lesley Kandaras introduced Chief Joseph Dotseth and Field Operations Assistant Director Antoinette Brasson who presented awards to: Officer Juan Peralta; Officer Chi Vang (not present), Officer Matthew Bushay, Transit Supervisor Toywonia Jones, TCC Supervisor Electra Albert, TCC Supervisor Pa Nah Vang, Operator John Edwards, Transit Supervisor Nabell Khoury (not present), Transit Supervisor Timothy Fowler and Transit Supervisor Jason Bordenvae.

Reports

1. Transportation Planning Director

Amy Vennewitz reported that at the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations conference, Council Member Barber won the Board Member of the Year award.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Lesley Kandaras thanked Council members for attending the Green Line Extension event where the opening date of June 12, 2027 was announced.

3. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)

No report.

4. Joint Labor Management Safety Committee (JLMSC)

Abel Mumbi and Andrew Boardman provided an update on the committee's work including the bus barrier pilot and agency safety plans.

Consent business

1. There were no consent items on the agenda.

Non-consent business

1. **2026-162:** METRO Blue Line Extension – Kimley-Horn Amendment, Contract 22P103A

It was moved by Obisakin, seconded by Osman, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute amendment 2 for contract 22P103A with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to increase the contract value by \$36,677,854 for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$175,953,302.

Metro Transit Blue Line Extension Assistant Design Director Ryan Kronzer presented this item. Council members did not have any questions or comments

Motion carried.

2. **2026-170:** Bloomington, Edina, and Roseville Area Fixed Bus Transportation Service, Contract 21P290 – Amendment 3

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 21P290 with Schmitt & Sons Transportation, Inc. for transit services that will add \$5,000,000, for a total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$34,255,000.

Contracted Transit Manager of Contracted Transit Service John Harper presented this item. Council members did not have any questions or comments.

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

3. **2026-172:** METRO Green Line Extension Cooperative Construction Agreement Amendment No. 4 – Contract 20I052

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Osman, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to Contract 20I052 with the St. Louis Park Economic Development Authority to add a not to exceed amount of \$180,659.71 for a total not to exceed amount of \$3,664,826.71.

Metro Transit Planning and Project Delivery Deputy General Manager Nick Thompson presented this item. Thompson provided clarification on where sidewalk crossings were located and confirmed that the amendment amount is within the project budget; this is conjoining it with the city's existing contract, instead of Metro Transit having its own separate

contract for signage.

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

4. **2026-179:** Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Hopkins (Hopkins Police Department), Eden Prairie (Eden Prairie Police Department), and St. Louis Park (St. Louis Park Police Department and the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD)-Contract # 26I057, 26I058 and 26I059

It was moved by Obisakin, seconded by Pacheco, that the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") # 26I057, 26I058 and 26I059 with the Cities of Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Eden Prairie.

Metro Transit Police Department Captain Erin Dietz presented this item. Osman thanked staff for their work on this JPA. Council members did not have any questions.

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

5. **2026-180:** Contracted Transit Electronic Equipment Maintenance, 25P038

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Obiskain, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P308 with Procellis Technology for technology services contract in an amount not to exceed \$25,200,000.

Contracted Transit Manager of Contracted Transit Service John Harper presented this item. Council members did not have any questions or comments.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Transit Asset Management Update

Metro Transit Asset Management Director Kristin Thompson presented this item. Council members thanked staff for their work.

2. 2027-2032 Transit Capital Improvement Program

Metro Transit Planning and Project Delivery Assistant General Manager Katie Roth, Acting Finance Director Kristin Prescott and Contracted Services Budget Manager Adam Yang presented this item. Council members discussed federal funding vulnerabilities, alternative funding plans and changes to CIP as it relates to the suburban transit providers.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:31p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of September 28, 2026.

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