

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: October 12, 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 was not present when Committee Chair Chamblis called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:05 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

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

Agenda approved

Committee Chair Chamblis stated that due to no quorum, all business items would be deferred to the October 26, 2026 Transportation Committee meeting.

Approval of minutes

Due to no quorum, approval of the minutes of the September 28, 2026 Transportation Committee was deferred until the next meeting.

Reports

1. Contracted Transit Executive Director

Charles Carlson reported on the collaboration between divisional teams to launch the new Metro Micro zone on October 1, 2026 and HourCar's announcement regarding ceasing operations on October 15, 2026.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Lesley Kandaras reported on the October 3, 2026 fatal shooting on the Green Line LRT and

the opening date of the Gold Line Extension, March 27, 2027.

3. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)

No report.

Consent business

Due to no quorum present, consent business items were deferred to the October 26, 2026 meeting.

1. **2026-181:** Authorize Two Grant Agreements with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for CMAQ Operating Assistance

Non-consent business

Due to no quorum present, non-consent business items were deferred to the October 26, 2026 meeting.

1. **2026-140:** University of Minnesota Universal Pass Renewals for 26R008 Staff & Faculty and 26R009 Students
2. **2026-171:** Disposition of 13 Properties in the Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund Program
3. **2026-183:** Disposition of Property and Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Oakdale and Oakdale Economic Development Authority for Redevelopment near Helmo Ave Station

Information

1. Metro Micro Overview

Metro Transit Senior Transit Planner Ben Picone, Contracted Transit Manager of Contracted Transit John Harper and Transportation Planning Planning Analyst Bradley Bobbitt presented this item. There was discussion around the on-demand service model including wait times, how feedback is monitored and addressed, subsidies and how boundaries are established in conjunction with the cities.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of October 12, 2026.

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