

# Minutes

Transportation Committee



**Meeting date:** May 11, 2026

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** Robert St Chambers

## Members present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair, Deb Barber, D4                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 8 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 7     | <input type="checkbox"/> Victor Obisakin, District 15          |
- = present, E = excused

## 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 Vice Chair Chamblis called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:02 p.m.

## Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

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

## Agenda approved

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

## Approval of minutes

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Carter, Tyronne to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Employee recognition – Metro Transit

### 1. Metro Transit General Manager

Kandaras introduced Maintenance Manager Mike Rood who presented awards to Electro Mechanical Technicians Kevin Deneen, Anthony Thesing, and Assistant Manager Rail Transportation Holland Groves who presented awards to Train Operator Abdusemed Ahmed and Assistant Manager Rail Transportation Jonathon Hendrickson who presented awards to Rail Supervisors Matt Cox, Mike Stenberg.

## Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director

Carlson reported on the upcoming household travel survey to launch in June, and that applications for the Regional Solicitation are now being accepted until June 25, 2026.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Kandaras reported on the recent crash involving a Metro Transit bus, the recent Open Trails to Rails event.

3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

There was no TAB report.

4. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)

There was no TAAC report.

## Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. There were no items on the consent agenda.

## Non-consent business

1. 2026-74: Metro Mobility South Zone, Contract 25P270 (Andy Streasick 651-602-1416)

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the **Metropolitan Council** authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Transit Team to provide Metro Mobility Demand South Zone service in an amount not to exceed \$368,000,000.

Council Members asked for specifics about the change from the prior contract, and how concerns are handled.

**Motion carried.**

2. 2026-96: Suburban Provider Fleet Transfer (Paul Colton 651-602-1668, Larry Philips 651-602-1025)

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and transfer ownership of public transit revenue and non-revenue fleet from the Metropolitan Council to SouthWest Transit (SWT) and Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) with an original purchase value of \$102.7 million with a current net book value of approximately \$38.4 million.

Council Members asked for clarification on timing.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Vice Chair Chamblis stated this item could proceed Consent to Council.**

3. 2026-100: MTS Electronic Equipment Maintenance, Contract 19P383A – Amendment No. 5 (Ben Bradley 651-602-1859)

It was moved by Carter, Tyronne, seconded by Cameron, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment for contract 19P383A with Procellis Technology for electrical equipment maintenance that will add an additional \$1,200,000 for a revised total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$10,444,000.

Council Members asked about vehicles included.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Vice Chair Chamblis stated this item could proceed Consent to Council.**



4. **2026-91:** Amendment to Axon Body Worn Camera Contract 25P096 and the Metropolitan Council - Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) (Captain Erin Dietz 612-349-7200, Sue Hauge 651-602-1136)

It was moved by Pacheco, seconded by Osman, that the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Amendment #2 with Axon Enterprise Inc.

Council Members commented on the importance of the item, asked about the retention policy, and asked about the timeline of applications to hiring.

**Motion carried.**

### Information

1. Quarterly Service Change/Workforce Update (Adam Harrington 612-349-7797, Shanta Hejmadi 612-349-7107)

Council Members asked about specifics for riders.

### Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:04: p.m.

### Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of May 11, 2026.

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