

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: March 23, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Robert St Chambers

Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Deb Barber, D4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyrone Carter, District 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | <input type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input checked="" 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 Chair Barber called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:04 p.m.

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, Tyrone to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Employee recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit Deputy General Manager – Capital Programs

Thompson introduced Ben Rajkowski who presented awards to Rachel Jones, Deniz Coral-Irwin, Michael Culshaw-Maurer, Jasna Hadzic-Stanek.

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Metropolitan Transportation Planning Director

Vennewitz reported that the Transportation Advisory Board took the action to adopt and release the Regional Solicitation.

2. Metro Transit Deputy General Manager – Capital Programs

Thompson reported on ongoing maintenance and construction for the Blue Line, Metro Transit preparations for an anticipated rally at the Capitol, and a Gold Line service update after one year since the opening.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. 2026-61 SW: Streamlined 2026-2029 TIP Amendment Request – I-394 Lighting Systems Replacement (Joe Barbeau, 651-602-1750)
2. 2026-71 SW: Streamlined 2026-2029 TIP Amendment Request – Cost Decrease for MnDOT’s MN 77 Bridge Rehabilitation (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1750)
3. 2026-15: Metro Freeway Approval: TH 610/East River Road in Coon Rapids (Bethany Brandt-Sargent 651-602-1725)

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Carter, Toni.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. 2026-69: Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension/Minnesota Fusion Center (Contract #26I001) (Chief of Police Joseph Dotseth, Captain Richard Raymond, 612-649-7200, Acting Lieutenant Kadra Mohamed 612-349-7200)

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) # 26I001 with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (“BCA”) for Minnesota Fusion Center (“MNFC”) access.

Council Members asked about the history of this JPA and clarification on the details of the agreement.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed Consent to Council.

2. 2026-70: West Metro Transit Service, Contract 25P218 (John Harper 651-602-1744)

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P218 with Transdev Inc. for regular route transit in the West Metro Transit Service contract in an amount not to exceed \$76,488,300.

Council Members asked for service area specifics and contract length.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Customer Experience: Improving the end-to-end Customer Journey (Ben Rajkowski 612-349-7397)

Council Members voiced appreciation for staff work to prioritize the customer experience.

2. METRO H Line Draft Corridor Plan (Jake Knight 612-349-7546)

Council Members commented on responsiveness to community input, projected completion date.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of March 23, 2026.

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