Minutes

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 22, 2026 **Time**: 4:00 PM **Location:** Robert St Chambers

Members present:

- ☒ Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2
- ☒ Vice Chair, Victor Obisakin, D15
- ☐ Deb Barber, D4
- ☐ Tyronne Carter, District 3
- ☐ John Pacheco Jr., District 5
- ☒ Yassin Osman, District 7
- ☐ Anjuli Cameron, District 8
- ☒ Toni Carter, District 14
- ☒ Judy Johnson, District 1

☒ = 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 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 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 June 8, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried**.

Employee recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit General Manager

   Kandaras introduced Chief Safety Officer Andrew Brody who presented awards to Network Engineer Rebekah Richards, Senior BI Developer Ayodele Olufemi; and Bus System Safety Manager Annette Hammerlund who presented an award Bus Safety Specialist Michael Wright.

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director

   Carlson reported that this is the last week of the Regional Solicitation application phase, the upcoming transition of the Transportation Committee to Heywood in Minneapolis.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

   Kandaras reported that starting next Monday buses will be replacing trains on the entire Blue Line through August 19, 2026, as well as the partial Green Line closures over the summer.

3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

   Dugan reported on safety updates from the TAB, Obisakin asked about e-bike safety impacts.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. 2026-106 SW: Streamlined 2026-2029 TIP Amendment Request – Four Project Adjustments (Joe Barbeau)

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

   Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. 2026-93: Agency Prepaid Transit Fare Amendment One Hennepin County, Contract No. 20I026 (Blia Xiong)

   It was moved by Osman, seconded by Johnson, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to: Enter into and execute the amended Agency Transit Fare Contract No. 20I026 with Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department to provide transit fares to their clients.

   Council Members noted the significance of the item.

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

2. 2026-113: St. Paul OMF LRV Storage Barn, Contract 25P196 (Neal Knopik)

   It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to reject all bids for contract 25P196 for the construction of the St. Paul OMF LRV Storage Barn Project.

   Council Members asked about noticed trends, redesign timelines, and adjustments with inflation.

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

3. 2026-115: METRO D Line - Station Plan Amendment #2 (Chicago & 38th Street) (Kyle O'Donnell Burrows)

   It was moved by Osman, seconded by Obisakin, that the Metropolitan Council approve Amendment #2 to the D Line Station Plan, aligning future D Line platform locations at Chicago & 38th Street with the layout approved by the City of Minneapolis.

   Motion carried.

4. 2026-117: Release of Draft 2050 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Amendment 3 for Public Comment (Cole Hiniker)

   It was moved by Osman, seconded by Carter, Toni, that Metropolitan Council approve

releasing the draft 2050 TPP Amendment 3, updating the Bronze Line (formerly Purple Line) bus rapid transit project and adding the J and K Line bus rapid transit projects, for public review and comment.

Council Members asked about existing policy and funding and line connections.

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

5. 2026-116: 26P026 Fuel Supply Metro Mobility (Clay Stenback)

   It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Obisakin, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 26P026 with Sunoco, LLC., to supply gasoline for Metro Mobility in the amount not to exceed $53,444,020.78.

   Council Members asked about timing of purchases.

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

Information

1. Building Rider Insights (Ben Rajkowski, Michael Culshaw-Maurer)

   Council Members asked about data collection, the customer experience, the communication when buses replace trains for the Blue Line, safety and security metrics tracked, and AI integration.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of June 22, 2026.

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