

Minutes

Transportation Committee



Meeting date: April 13, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 7 | <input checked="" 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 4:01 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 Carter, Tyronne, seconded by Cameron to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Employee recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit General Manager

Deputy GM COO – Bus and Rail Brian Funk presented an award to Equity and Inclusion Senior Manager Celina Martina and then introduced Celina Martina and TCC Manager Carri Sampson who presented awards to Celina Martina, Intern Gregory Gallenberger, TCC Assistant Manager Jerry Duckworth, Transit Control Supervisor Nicholas Grecco, Equity and Inclusion Program Specialist Heidi Wrenson, Employee Experience Senior Manager Michelle Thom, Equity and Inclusion Program Specialist Rachel Cagle, Peer Support Coordinator Brianne Waterhouse, and Peer Support Supervisor Trisha Hopkins-Smith.

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director
Carlson reported on construction season impacting and improving the region.
2. Metro Transit Deputy GM COO – Bus and Rail
Funk reported on a current bill working through the legislature about assaulting transit workers, and upcoming Metro Transit events.
3. 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. 2026-66: Authorize Grant Agreements with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority and SouthWest Transit for the Disbursement of federal Section 5307 earnings (Heather Giesel 651-602-1715)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Cameron, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute grant agreements with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) and SouthWest Transit (SWT), Replacement Service Providers, for the disbursement of the balance of their undesignated FTA Section 5307 earnings as part of their transition to become FTA direct recipients. The table below identifies the amount and source of funds by Replacement Service Provider.

Provider (Funding Source)	Amount
MVTA (Regional Transp. Sales Tax)	\$5,587,167.19
MVTA (Motor Vehicle Sales Tax)	\$608,278.92
MVTA Grant Agreement Total	\$6,195,446.11
SWT (Regional Transp. Sales Tax)	\$2,498,870.01
SWT (Motor Vehicle Sales Tax)	\$3,614.86
SWT Grant Agreement Total	\$2,502,484.87
Total of Grant Agreements	\$8,697,930.98

Council Members asked clarifying questions about Section 5307.

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

2. 2026-67: 2050 Transportation Policy Plan Administrative Modification for Environmental Mitigation and Performance Trends (Cole Hiniker 651-602-1748, David Burns, 651-602-1887)

It was moved by Obisakin, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached administrative modification to the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) to:

Add an environmental assessment and mitigation resources section

Update the federal performance measures and targets discussion to include trend data

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



3. 2026-68: Release of 2026 Regional Solicitation, Active Transportation, and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Solicitations (Steve Peterson 651-602-1819)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council accept the public comment report and approve the release of the 2026 Regional Solicitation, Active Transportation Solicitation, and Highway Safety Improvement (HSIP) Solicitations.

Council Members voiced appreciation for staff work.

Motion carried.

4. 2026-73: Master Contract for Stray Current Rail Engineering Services, Contract 25P033 (Steve Hamilton 612-474-3087)

It was moved by Obisakin, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P033 with Hatch Associates Consultants, Inc. to provide stray current rail engineering services that will support Metro Transit Engineering and Construction in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.

Council Members asked questions about the frequency of stray current impacts.

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

5. 2026-79: 2026 Transportation Committee Workplan (Lesley Kandaras 612-649-7513, Charles Carlson 651-602-1761)

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Pacheco, that the Transportation Committee adopt the attached as its 2026 workplan.

Motion carried.

Information

1. There were no items on the information agenda.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of April 13, 2026.

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