METRO Blue Line Extension
Project Decisions Board
Meeting Minutes

Date & Time	September 16, 2026 9:00 am - 10:30 am
Location	6465 Wayzata Blvd, Ste 600, St. Louis Park, MN 55426 North Conference Room
PDB Members: Project Staff:	Robin Hutcheson, Irene Fernando, Reva Chamblis, Marion Greene, Jeff Lunde Lisa Cerney, Robin Hennessy, Alicia Vap, Dan Soler, Nick Thompson, Luana Steele, Peter Hanf

Action Required

1. **Call To Order**
   Chair Robin Hutcheson, Metropolitan Council, Chair of METRO Blue Line Extension (BLE) Project Decisions Board (PDB), called the PDB meeting to order at 9:04 am and welcomed members to the meeting.

2. **Minutes from July 23, 2026, Meeting** — Approved 9/16/2026
   Chair Robin Hutcheson called for a motion to approve July 23, 2026, meeting minutes. Commissioner Irene Fernando, Hennepin County, motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jeffrey Lunde, Hennepin County.

   Motion carried.

   The minutes were officially approved.

3. **Resolution 26-PDB-019 – Kimley-Horn Contract Amendment #2** — Approved 9/16/2026

   Chair Hutcheson stated that Dan Soler, Hennepin County, and Ryan Kronzer will provide an overview of the resolution to amend the engineering consulting contract.

   Ryan Kronzer, Assistant Director of Design & Engineering, shared that there are two reasons why the proposed contract amendment is needed. There is

additional scope in this amendment that was not contemplated in the original contract, and there are items that became more complex as designed moved along in the project. A few examples of additional scope include business access maps that were created for maintaining access to businesses as construction advances. Another example of additional scope are watershed district changes in rules, and needing to update the design to meet those updated requirements.

Examples of items more complex are a higher volume of stakeholder comments received, and increased coordination with adjacent public projects such 7th St bridge project on the west side of downtown. This requires some redesign.

This design contract will require future amendments, such as the completion of design for the Operations and Maintenance Facility building, the park & ride structures, landscaping, and then design support during construction.

This amendment will go through the civil and systems bid opening and contract Notice to Proceed.

Commissioner Fernando asked what watershed district rules were changed. Mr. Kronzer noted that watershed have their own rules, and their treatment requirements changed.

Chair Robin Hutcheson called for a motion to approve Resolution 26-PDB-019. Commissioner Fernando motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene.

Motion carried.

The resolution was approved.

4. Update on Descoped Items to FTA Discussion

Chair Hutcheson stated that staff will give an update on the proposed items presented to FTA.

Alicia Vap, Blue Line Extension Project Director, reported that the Project requested from FTA that four items be eliminated from the budget. FTA approved three of the items, removal of the 63rd Ave Station pedestrian bridge, Oak Grove station changes from structure parking to surface, and removal of the finance charges. FTA is still reviewing the fourth item, reduction in systems construction costs.

Ms. Vap stated there will be formal communication once we hear back on the 4th element.

Chair Hutcheson shared a thank you to Commissioner Fernando for potential savings and scope reductions, and the project team is working on them. Commissioner Fernando acknowledged that CM Reva Chamblis summarized the information and it was joint work.

5. **Next Meeting: October 21, 2026**
   Chair Hutcheson adjourned the meeting at 9:18 AM.

Meeting Materials Provided:
Meeting Agenda, September 16, 2026
July 23, 2026, PDB Minutes
Resolution 26-PDB-019 – Kimley-Horn Contract Amendment #2

Respectfully submitted, Luana Steele, Blue Line Ext. Recording Secretary