

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**  
**390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

4:05 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Susan Haigh, James Brimeyer, Steven Chávez, Jon Commers, Gary Cunningham, John Doan, Steve Elkins, Richard Kramer, Jennifer Munt, Sandra Rummel, Lona Schreiber, Roxanne Smith Gary Van Eyll

Members Absent: Adam Duinick, Harry Melander, Edward Reynoso, Wendy Wulff

**CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the Committee of the Whole to order at 4:05 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 2011.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Van Eyll to approve the agenda. Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Schreiber to approve the minutes for the meetings of June 15, 2011 and July 20, 2011. Motion Carried.

Congratulations were extended to Council member Cunningham on his recent marriage.

**Overview of Transportation Policy Plan**

Presenters from Metropolitan Transportation Services: Arlene McCarthy, Director; Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director of Finance and Planning; and Connie Kozlak, Manager, Systems Planning.

Arlene McCarthy started the presentation with the region's long-range transportation plan, federal requirements, state requirements and how the plan is prepared—in coordination with MnDOT, Transit Providers and MAC.

Issues covered included:

- Highway and Transit plan overview
- Regional Mobility: managing congestion

- Highway Vision: The region has a strong foundation for management solutions including 300 miles of bus-only shoulders, I-394, 35W MnPASS (priced) lanes and building a flexible highway strategy.
- Regional Highway Investment 2011-2030, total investment \$8.0 - \$8.7 Billion

Transit:

- Major transit issues: demand for service increasing, projected operating costs exceed projected revenues, land use not supportive, congestion hinders fast reliable transit—managed lanes can help
- Transitway development
- Transit plan costs

Transportation and Land Use:

- Land use affects travel patterns, can support or hinder efficient use of transportation
- Pedestrians and bicyclists rates are up but barriers exist

Freight:

- Truck, air and rail freight are essential to economy
- Safety and security are important

Aviation:

- New 2030 Forecast
- Many circumstances affected aviation

Changes to Federal Law: Changes in policies, programs and funding. Performance , measurement and monitoring

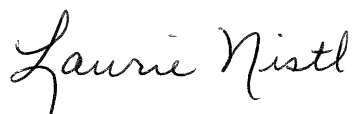
Future Issues include ongoing performance monitoring, procedures to identify strategic highway capacity and more effective policies and how better to invest

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Nistl, Recording Secretary