

hours. Some officers ride buses for their entire shifts while others combine bus riding with squad-car and foot patrolling. The annual figures also include saturation details undertaken monthly between April and September.

- 5) Two Transit Police lieutenants will be among the students attending the prestigious Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command next month. MTPD Lieutenants Gordon Greenwaldt and James Franklin were selected for the executive training program hosted by the Minneapolis Police Department from February 9 to April 17, 2009. The ten-week course, sponsored by Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety in Evanston, IL, focuses on law enforcement management, standards, criminal law, ethics, labor/management relations, planning and research.
- 6) Interested bidders gathered at Metro Transit's Heywood location on January 7 to learn more about plans to extend platforms at ten Hiawatha light-rail stations to accommodate three-car trains. Included in the bid package is construction of American Boulevard Station, the 18th station on the Hiawatha Line. It will be built on 34th Avenue just south of Highway 5 between Humphrey Terminal Station and Bloomington Central Station and will serve as the transportation anchor for a major transit-oriented development planned by the City of Bloomington. The project also will upgrade control systems at grade crossings to improve the reverse running of trains. Construction bids are due to Metro Transit on January 29, 2009.

A quorum being present, the meeting continued.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Scherer to adopt the agenda for the January 12, 2009 meeting of the Transportation Committee. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Beach to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2008 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. Motion passed.

BUSINESS – Non-Consent Items

SW 2009-11 2009-2012 TIP Amendment, Griggs Pedestrian Bridge Replacement, SP6282-62809, (TAB Action 2008-34)

Carl Ohrn, Metropolitan Transportation Services, presented this item and answered a general question about the TIP.

Motion by Steffen, seconded by Beach,

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the TAB action to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include replacement of the Griggs Pedestrian Bridge located between Lexington Ave. and Hamline Ave. over I-94 in St. Paul.

Motion passed.

SW 2009-21 *Adoption of 2030 Transportation Policy Plan*

Ethan Fawley of the Sierra Club, Lynne Bly of FreshEnergy and Minneapolis resident Tom Clarke spoke in opposition to adding any highway expansion projects to the final plan. They all favored spending stimulus money on alternative modes. Connie Kozlak distributed and summarized the 23 written/emailed comments received by 3 pm Monday on the proposed addition of potential highway expansion projects to the plan for potential federal economic stimulus funding. Although details about this funding are unknown until a bill is passed by Congress, it is anticipated that no more than one of these projects could be funded.

Councilmember Steffen questioned what process would be used to determine which expansion project would be funded. Staff stated that this determination would depend on the federal language and requirements placed on the new funding, but that to the extent possible, the Council/TAB and MnDOT would jointly determine the project selection. However, since it is expected that this money will have to be spent quickly,

staff also clarified that the usual TAB/TAC regional solicitation process, which takes 9-12 months, could not be used. Councilmember Scherer asked if all 12 of these projects are actually ready to be constructed. Staff said it is not known at this time, but Mn/DOT is assessing it.

There was also a brief discussion of the Council's ongoing efforts to identify other non-highway infrastructure projects, such as transit and wastewater, that may be potentially funded with economic stimulus money.

Prior to final adoption several council members expressed that although they will support the plan they were concerned that it does not adequately fund needed highways.

Motion by Steffen, seconded by Scherer,
That the Metropolitan Council adopt as the final 2030 Transportation Policy Plan the Proposed Final 2030 Transportation Policy Plan dated December 19, 2008 incorporating the changes shown on attachment A.

Motion passed, with Peterson abstaining.

SW 2009-12 Fare Collection System Hardware and Software

The Business item was presented by Tom Randall, Senior Manager Revenue Operations. A question on risk mitigation was clarified noting the hardware and software to be purchased would reduce the risk of fare collection system downtime.

Motion by Steffen, seconded by Beach,
That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a purchase agreement in an amount not to exceed \$310,000 to purchase computer hardware and software licenses for implementation and operation of the Fare Collection System Upgrade.

Motion passed.

SW 2009-13 2009-2010 Transportation Management Organizations (TMO) Subgrant Agreements

Bruce Howard, Metro Transit Director of Marketing, presented this item to the committee. There were no questions.

Motion by Scherer, seconded by Beach,
To authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contracts with the four regional Transportation Management Organizations (TMOs) for the pass-through of federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for the period of April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$2,044,479.

Motion passed.

SW 2009-22 Authorization to Award Contract for 26 Coach Buses

Jan Homan, Metro Transit Director of Bus Maintenance, and Chris Gran, Metro Transit Director of Purchasing, presented this item. The Committee asked about the extended warranties to be purchased with the coach buses in light of Motor Coach Industries' filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Staff explained that the only components on the coach with extended warranties will be the engine (Cummins) and transmission (Allison), and that the extended warranties will be registered directly with those manufacturers.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Scherer,
That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Motor Coach Industries, Inc. for the purchase of 26 forty-five foot coach buses, with an option to purchase up to an additional 86 buses, in accordance with the Council's specification and Motor Coach Industries' Best and Final Offer, contingent on satisfactory results from the Buy America Pre-Award Audit.

Motion passed.

Presentation: UPA Park & Ride Construction – Overview and Update (Tom Thorstenson)

SW 2009-15 Construction of the Kenrick Avenue Parking Structure in Lakeville, Project 63740

This item was presented by Tom Thorstenson, Director of Engineering & Facilities for Metro Transit. After a brief introduction and update, staff modified the proposed action as originally set forth in the Executive Summary with the identification of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Motion by Aguilar, seconded by Scherer,

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Adolphson and Peterson Construction, for the construction of the Kenrick Avenue Parking Structure in Lakeville, Minnesota at a cost of \$8,316,200. The award will be contingent upon FTA approval of the environmental documents.

Motion passed.

SW 2009-16 Construction of the I-35W and County Road C Parking Structure in Roseville, Project 63740

Tom Thorstenson presented this item. After a brief introduction and update, staff recommended the proposed action.

Motion by Steffen, seconded by Beach,

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Adolphson & Peterson Construction, for the construction of the I-35W and County Road C Parking Structure in Roseville, Minnesota, at a cost of \$6,561,300.

Motion passed.

SW 2009-17 Construction of the I-35W and 95th Avenue Parking Structure in Blaine, Project 63740

Tom Thorstenson presented this item. After a brief introduction and update, staff recommended the proposed action.

Motion by Steffen, seconded by Beach,

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Knutson Construction Services, Inc., for the construction of the I-35W and 95th Avenue Parking Structure in Blaine, Minnesota, at a cost of \$6,523,000.

Motion passed.

INFORMATION

1. Urban Partnership Agreement Technology Projects

Tom Thorstenson provided an overview of the technology projects to be included in the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) projects along with estimated costs and timelines. Features of the proposed technology include transit signal authority, real-time bus arrival information and ongoing traffic time and park-and-ride status updates for commuters.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Leppik adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m., January 12, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Maday, Recording Secretary