



Metropolitan Council

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Part I - Narrative

Members present:

Peter Bell, Chair; Tony Pistilli, Mary Hill Smith, Russ Susag, Peggy Leppik, , Lynette Wittsack, Natalie Steffen, Kris Sanda, Georgeanne Hilker, Chris Georgacas, Rick Aguilar, Daniel Wolter, Brian McDaniel

Members absent: Roger Scherer , Annette Meeks, District 4 vacant, District 14 vacant

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

A quorum being present, the Chair called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:05 p.m. It was moved by McDaniel seconded by Leppik to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by McDaniel seconded by Wolter to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of May 23, 2007. Motion carried.

Public Invitation

No one asked to address the Council regarding matters not on today's agenda.

Part II - Exhibits

Business

Committee Consent List

[2007-126 - 2008-2013 Regional Parks CIP Structure](#)

It was moved by Susag and seconded by Leppik

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. That the Metropolitan Council prepare a 2008-13 regional parks CIP that divides the amount proposed for each regional park agency by weighting the most recent population data for that park agency by 70% and by weighting the percentage of non-local visits that agency hosted from the 1998-99 parks visitor study by 30% as shown on Table 1;
2. That the regional park agencies submit a prioritized list of funding requests for projects for the 2008-13 parks CIP within the amount proposed for that agency as determined by the formula in recommendation 1 and shown on Table 1. Funding requests for projects from each agency's prioritized list must be consistent with Metropolitan Council approved master plans, and in the case of reimbursement requests the Council must have approved consideration of the reimbursement in a former action of the Council. If those funding requests for projects are not consistent with a Council approved master plan or past

Council action on a reimbursement, the Council will return the list to the agency for resubmittal of a new list;

3. That appropriations of State funds and matching Metropolitan Council bonds for the 2008-13 parks CIP be granted among the park agencies as determined from the formula in recommendation 1 and shown on Table 1, and that the agencies be required to spend the grants on the Council approved prioritized list of CIP projects. If the CIP funding request is not fully funded the park agency must spend its grant on projects in priority order of the CIP list of projects for that agency;
4. That the 2008-09 portion of the CIP is based on the issuance of up to \$7 million of Metropolitan Council bonds to provide a 40% match to a 2008 State bond request of \$10.5 million. This results in a 2008-09 CIP total of \$17.5 million. And that Council staff receive prioritized funding requests from each park agency consistent with the amount shown for that agency in Table 1 by June 18 in order that a preliminary 2008 State bonding request of \$10.5 million can be prepared and submitted to the Minnesota Dept. of Finance by June 25. For planning purposes, a \$10.5 million State bond request matched with \$7 million of Council bonds for the 2010-11 and 2012-13 biennium's should also be submitted on June 25. The Metropolitan Council and park agencies may revise the park agency prioritized lists within the amounts shown on Table 1 via formal review and approval such that a final bonding request composed of Council-approved projects is submitted to the Minnesota Dept. of Finance by October 10."

Motion carried.

2007-148 - Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) Funding Recommendations

It was moved by Susag and seconded by Leppik

"That the Metropolitan Council accept the staff recommendation that no proposals submitted during the Spring funding round of the Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) program should be funded, and approve awarding all of the \$1.89 million intended for distribution through the 2007 LHIA program during the Fall funding round, which includes both ownership and multifamily rental proposals."

Motion carried.

2007-195 - Authorization to Hold Public Hearings on Proposed Amendment to the 2030 Water Resources Management Policy Plan

It was moved by Susag and seconded by Leppik

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing for the proposed amendment to the 2030 Water Resources Management Policy Plan to be held on July 31, 2007."

Motion carried.

2007-200 - New Germany Planning Designation for Forecast Revisions

It was moved by Susag and seconded by Leppik

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. approve the changes in the total forecasts as recommended by staff for New Germany;
2. approve changes in geographic planning area designations for New Germany from “Rural Center” to “Rural Growth Center.”

Motion carried.

[2007-203](#) - Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Amendment to Inter-Governmental Agreement with the City of Woodbury

It was moved by Susag and seconded by Leppik

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Council's inter-governmental agreement with the City of Woodbury."

Motion carried.

Report of the Environment Committee

All items were on the Consent List.

Report of the Community Development Committee

All items were on the Consent List.

Report of the Management Committee

There was no report this week.

Report of the Transportation Committee

[2007-193](#) SW - 2007-2010 TIP Amendment: MnDOT Metro, Add lift-equipped vehicle purchases funded through the Section 5310 Program, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities – TAB Action 2007-36

It was moved by M. Smith and seconded by Susag

"That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include bus purchases from the Section 5310 Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program."

Motion carried.

[2007-194](#) SW - 2007-2010 TIP Amendment: MnDOT SP#880M-SRS1-08: Safe Routes to School Infrastructure and SP#880M-SRS2-08, Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure - TAB Action 2007-37

It was moved by M. Smith and seconded by Susag

"That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include

MnDOT SP#880M-SRS1-08: Safe Routes to School Infrastructure and SP#880M-SRS2-08: Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure.”

Motion carried.

2007-204 SW - Metro Mobility Agency Contract

It was moved by M. Smith and seconded by Leppik

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract for the operation of Metro Mobility agency transportation service for the term October 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012 with Laidlaw Transit Services (LTS), Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$22,090,000.”

Motion carried.

2007-210 SW - Amendment to 2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Resolution 2007-14

It was moved by M. Smith and seconded by Steffen

“That the Metropolitan Council:

1. amend the 2007 Unified Planning Work Program, as shown on the attached summary sheet, to add \$921,111.
2. adopt the attached resolution and authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the UPWP agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, to obtain the additional planning funds.”

Motion carried.

2007-214 SW - Award Professional Engineering Services Contract for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit

Central Corridor Project staff Jim Alexander and Rich Rovang summarized the scope of work for the engineering services professional services contract ([PRESENTATION](#)). Regional Administrator Weaver emphasized the consulting engineers will provide information and facts to the Council for final review. Council updates will be presented throughout the preliminary engineering phase.

It was moved by M. Smith and seconded by Susag

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to:

1. negotiate and execute a professional services contract with DMJM Harris for Engineering Services for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project in an amount not to exceed \$91 million;
2. issue a Notice-To-Proceed for Preliminary and Advanced Preliminary Engineering activities through the end of calendar year 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$35.5 million;
3. approve amendments to the Central Corridor Light Rail Project Engineering Services contract such that the cumulative amendments do not exceed \$4.5 million and any individual amendment does not exceed \$250,000.”

Motion carried.

2007-216 SW Sole Source Procurement Contract with Siemens for Software and Hardware Maintenance Agreement

It was moved by M. Smith and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to make on-going maintenance and support service payments on a sole-source basis for installed software and hardware for the Siemens Transit Master system. The agreement is for three years with an annual base cost of \$380,830."

Motion carried.

Other Business

Update on TMDL's and Annandale/Maple Lake Supreme Court Decision

MCES General Manager Bill Moore reported on the Supreme Court decision allowing MPCA to issue an NPDES permit to Annandale/Maple Lake and the limited impact on MCES.

Report on Opening of HRA's Rental Assistance Waiting Lists

Beth Reetz, HRA Program Manager, summarized recent activities related to opening the rental assistance wait lists. The Section 8 Program is funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The basic purpose of the Section 8 Program is to offer expanded rent assistance opportunities to low income households by utilizing existing housing units. Over 25,000 applications were submitted for the Section 8 Program and the public housing units. A random drawing will place 5000 names on a waiting list.

Chair Bell thanked Ms. Reetz and HRA staff for their work on this important effort.

Department Results Update

Bob Dietrick noted the Department Results is a Pawlenty Administration performance management initiative designed for use by the general public. Minnesota's twenty-five cabinet departments and the Metropolitan Council were asked to identify their priority goals and related performance measures. Additional information is available at www.departmentresults.state.mn.us

Regional Benchmarks Annual Update

Due to time constraints, this presentation will be delivered at a future meeting.

Reports

Chair

Chair Bell reported:

- he and staff are preparing the Council bonding request to be presented to the Department of Finance on June 21;
- the Governor will make Council Member appointments within a week;
- he met with adjacent county officials on June 8 and believes the bi-annual meetings are worthwhile;
- the Metropolitan Council's 40th anniversary documentary is available on the Council website at: <http://www.metrocouncil.org/about/40anniv/40anniv.htm> DVD's are also available from Steven Dornfeld.;

- plans are being finalized for the Regional Policy Conference on Monday June 25 at the Four Points Sheraton;
- he presented a transportation overview to the Governor's Cabinet at the June meeting;
- he met with the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority to discuss Central Corridor issues;
- Council member Russ Susag was awarded the University of Minnesota's "Outstanding Achievement Award" at commencement ceremonies in Minneapolis recently. The award recognizes graduates or former U of M students who attain professional distinction and demonstrate effective leadership at the local, state or national level. It is the highest honor the University confers on alumni.

Council Members

Mary Smith reported she, Judd Schetnan and Amy Vennewitz attended the Transportation Alliance Fly-in in Washington DC and visited with U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Peters and Minnesota Congressional members.

Regional Administrator

Regional Administrator Weaver reported:

- the Metropolitan Council's UPA proposal to develop innovative ways to mitigate congestion is one of nine semi-finalists named by the US Department of Transportation. The awards may be announced in mid-July.
- May bus ridership recorded the best growth in over seven years. It is 400,000 over May 2006.
- the Panel Review requested by Senior Community Services for the dial-a-ride contract will be June 22, 2007.
- a briefing on the Council's procurement process will be presented at the July 11 Council meeting. Members should contact Weaver with any specific questions or concerns they want addressed

General Counsel

There was no report.

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Part III - Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 13, 2007

Approved this 27th day of June 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Curtiss, Recording Secretary