



Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 25, 2012
Robert Street Council Chambers
4:00 P.M.

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Part I - Narrative

Attendance:

Susan Haigh, Steven Chávez, Jon Commers, Gary Cunningham, Adam Duininck, Steven Elkins, Rich Kramer, Harry Melander, Jennifer Munt, Edward Reynoso, Sandra Rummel, Lona Schreiber, Roxanne Smith, Gary Van Eyll, Wendy Wulff

Members absent: James Brimeyer, John Doan

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

A quorum being present, the Chair called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:07 p.m. Item 2012-20 was moved from the consent list to the Environment Committee report. It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Smith, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Elkins, to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of January 11, 2012. Motion carried.

Public Invitation

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

Part II - Exhibits

Business

Consent List

2012-2 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Request for Hennepin County SP#072-619-019 CSAH 19/North Shore Drive over West Arm Channel bridge replacement in Orono (TAB Action 2011-68)

"That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include an increase in the total cost of the North Shore Drive over West Arm Channel bridge replacement in Orono to \$2,250,000."

2012-3 2012-2015 TIP Amendment request to add MnDOT SP#1925-55: Preliminary Engineering for managed lane on TH 77 from 138th St. in Apple Valley to I-494 in Bloomington (TAB Action 2011-69)

"That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Preliminary Engineering for a managed lane on TH 77 from 138th Street in Apple Valley to I-494 in Bloomington."

2012-4 Authorization to Amend Contract for Cedar Avenue BRT Services

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract 09P172 with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for Cedar Avenue BRT transit service and facilities maintenance to extend the term through December 31, 2012, and amend the maximum contract amount by \$650,000, for a total contract amount of \$1,700,000.”

2012-6 Authorization to Execute Agreement with Cubic Transportation Systems for Fare Collection Software Support Services

“That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a fare collection software support agreement with Cubic Transportation Systems (Cubic) for three years with options to extend for two additional one-year terms for a value of up to \$3,750,000.”

2012-8 Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line): Reimbursement to Minnesota Public Radio for Airborne Noise Mitigation

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to act to implement terms of the April 2009 Agreement between the Metropolitan Council and Minnesota Public Radio (MPR). Specifically to:

- Make payment to MPR in the amount of \$475,000 to improve MPR’s recording studios MMW and P, mitigating them against the impacts of Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) airborne noise;
- Negotiate and execute any required documentation associated with this payment, consistent with the terms of the April 2009 Agreement between the Metropolitan Council and MPR.”

2012-18 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Engineering Services Agreements for Interceptor Projects

“The Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute engineering services agreements for interceptor projects with the following firms at the stated not-to-exceed amounts:

Brown & Caldwell	\$ 12,000,000
Foth Infrastructure	\$ 4,000,000
H.R. Green	\$ 4,000,000
SEH	\$ 4,000,000 "

2012-19 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Engineering Services Agreement for Interceptor Sewer Tunneling Master Contract

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an engineering services agreement with CNA Consulting Engineers for Interceptor Sewer Tunneling Master Contract 11P179 for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.”

2012-21 Minnesota River Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan, Dakota County

“That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Minnesota River Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan.
2. Require Dakota County to provide trail alignment plans to MCES for review to protect the access to the Seneca WWTP and adjacent RMF.
3. Require Dakota County to provide trail development plans to MCES for review and comment to ensure the integrity of the wastewater treatment interceptor system."

2012-22 North Creek Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan, Dakota County

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the North Creek Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan (Referral No. 50015-1).
2. Require Dakota County to work with Metropolitan Council Environmental Services as the County prepares the initial development plans for the trail segment along the Vermillion River near the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant, as well as during construction of this trail segment, in order to minimize impacts on the wastewater treatment plant site.
3. Require that prior to development of new trail segments along the entire length of the regional trail corridor, Dakota County should send development plans to Metropolitan Council Environmental Services for review and comment to ensure the integrity of the regional interceptor system."

2012-23 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Miesville Ravine Park Reserve, Dakota County

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of up to \$100,500 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Dakota County to finance 75% of the acquisition of 25 acres (Lewis parcel) as depicted in Figure 1 for Miesville Ravine Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with:

\$60,300 from the 2009 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation
\$40,200 from Metropolitan Council bonds"

**It was moved by Rummel and seconded by Munt to approve the consent list.
Motion carried.**

Report of the Transportation Committee

2012-1 Approval of Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) 2012-2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

It was moved by Elkins and seconded by Chavez

"That the Metropolitan Council:

- 1) Find that the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) has an adequate public participation process for the development and review of its 2012-2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), including preparation of an assessment of environmental effects (AOEE) for 2012 projects with potential environmental effects.

- 2) Find that the 2012 CIP projects have adequate funding and are in conformance with the region's Aviation System Plan and consistent with Council policy.
- 3) Recommend approval of the following project: MSP Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS)."

Motion carried.

2012-7 Northstar Commuter Rail: Authorization to Execute Agreements for Ramsey Station with Burlington Northern Railway Company (BNSF)

It was moved by Elkins and seconded by Reynoso

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for a Ramsey Station Easement with BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) in a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,400,000; and

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Platform Agreement and an Overpass Agreement with BNSF for the Ramsey station; and

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute amendments to the Joint Use Agreement and the Commuter Service Agreement with BNSF."

Motion carried.

Joint Report of the Management and Transportation Committees

2012-9 Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension): Authorization to Execute Southwest Project Office Lease Agreement between Metropolitan Council and Golub and Company/AEW Capital Management Partnership

It was moved by Chavez and seconded by Elkins

"Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Southwest Project Office lease agreement between the Metropolitan Council and Golub and Company LLC / AEW Capital Management, L.P. for leasing a 21,953 square foot area in the fifth floor of Park Place West in St. Louis Park for the seven-year five-month (89-month) period from March 1, 2012 through July 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$3,600,000."

Motion carried.

2012-10 Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension): Authorization to Purchase Office Furniture and Information Technology Equipment for Southwest Project Office

It was moved by Chavez and seconded by Elkins

"Authorize the Regional Administrator to purchase office furniture and information technology (IT) equipment for the Southwest Project Office (SPO) in a total amount not to exceed \$1,975,000 for office furniture and IT equipment for Phase One of the project office mobilization through preliminary engineering (PE) in 2012 and 2013."

Motion carried.

Report of the Community Development Committee – items on consent list

Report of the Environment Committee

2012-16 Authorization to Award and Execute Construction Contract 11P060 for East Bethel Water Reclamation Plant and Land Application Basins, Project Number 801622

It was moved by Rummel and seconded by Reynoso

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the East Bethel Water Reclamation Plant and Land Application Basins, Project Number 801622, Contract 11P060, with Rice Lake Construction Group for its low bid of \$13,056,600.00."

Motion carried.

2012-17 Authorization to Accept Grant and Execute Grant Agreement with St. Paul Port Authority for Evaluation of Anaerobic Digestion as Renewable Energy Process

It was moved by Rummel and seconded by Van Eyll

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to accept a \$150,000 grant from, and to execute a grant agreement with, the St. Paul Port Authority for evaluation of anaerobic digestion as a renewable energy process at selected MCES facilities."

Motion carried, with one abstention.

2012-20 Authorization for Sole Source procurement from Barr Engineering Company for Update of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Regional Groundwater Flow Model

It was moved by Rummel and seconded by Elkins

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to procure an update of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Regional Groundwater Flow Model (Metro Model 2) on a sole source basis from Barr Engineering Company. This is for an amount not to exceed \$314,570 over a five-year period."

Motion carried, with one abstention.

Report of the Management Committee – Items on joint report

Other Business

Information

Corridors of Opportunity - Progress Report

Allison Bell, project manager for Corridors of Opportunity (CoO), reviewed the goals and structure of CoO, its achievements in 2011, and plans for 2012.

Reports

Chair. Chair Haigh reported on recent meetings and events. Highlights include:

Participated in meeting that was initiated by transit for livable communities, following up with the people who came from Saint Louis to talk about their advocacy efforts around transit/transportation.

Working with the commissioner of natural resources to make appointments to the parks and trails legacy advisory committee. There will also be appointments to a funding committee associated with that.

There have been a series of meetings with business stakeholders and contractors on the Central Corridor. Discussed areas of concern and lessons learned. Council member Commers added that two Saint Paul city council members are hosting a meeting with business owners in the area further east which will be under construction in 2012 to connect them with business owners who had just been through the experience.

Haigh participated on panel at Federal Reserve on community development; discussed strategies for developing housing in region and connecting housing development to specific neighborhood strategies.

Attended CoO policy board meeting today. There was a wide ranging policy discussion about some of the things that we could be doing as a region to further the goals of CoO. Talked about importance of prioritizing investment in housing and economic development projects, and how there are different goals for different communities. Discussed strategies to continue effort when funding ends. Staff has been asked to assemble bonding priorities of all partners on the CoO, and the legislative priorities.

Attended Minneosta Chamber Dinner.

Council Members

- Commers: The Federal Reserve community affairs group has a very robust program on issues that relate to how public and private nonprofit sectors interact regionally, and he encouraged council members to sign up for meetings. Commers reported on last week's Land Use Advisory Committee meeting.
- Smith: Attended Minnesota Housing Partnership last week. Attended NW Hennepin League of Cities, where Metro Cities presented. Met with City of Medina.
- Elkins: Attended informal TAB orientation that was organized by Minneapolis. Attended the Bloomington City Council meeting where Charles Carlson, MC transportation staff, did an outstanding job on the arterial BRT study. Attended Bottineau Open House in Brooklyn Park. Attended League of Women Voters forum in Richfield, where metropolitan governance was discussed.
- Munt: Gearing up to start a community advisory committee along the SW LRT Corridor.
- Chavez: Attended event hosted by Isaiah in Rosemount, where he was part of informal panel discussion with mayors of Apple Valley, Rosemount, school district superintendent, and principal from Burnsville. Topics included housing, employment, education, transportation. Met with Dakota County mayors. Attended monthly MAC board meeting.
- Rummel: Attended White Bear Chamber meeting. Attended Clean Water Council meeting, where discussion is taking place on groundwater supply. Attended Rush Line corridor meeting.

Regional Administrator. RA Born: Council Members Rummel and Commers volunteered to participate in the Investment Committee.

General Counsel – no report

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 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 January 25, 2012.

Approved this 8th day of February, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary