



## Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

Robert Street Council Chambers

4:00PM

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### Part I - Narrative

#### Attendance:

Gary Van Eyll, Steve Elkins, James Brimeyer, Gary Cunningham, Rich Kramer, Jon Commers, Sandra Rummel, Lona Schreiber, Susan Haigh, Jennifer Munt, Steven Chávez, Adam Duininck, Roxanne Smith, John Doãn, Wendy Wulff

Members absent: Edward Reynoso, Harry Melander

#### *Call to Order and Approval of Agenda*

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the special meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:10PM. It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel to approve the agenda.

**Motion carried.**

#### *Minutes*

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Elkins to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meetings of October 31, 2012.

**Motion carried.**

#### *Public Invitation*

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

Councilmember Brimeyer introduced the group of students visiting from the Ukraine. They have been in Minnesota for two weeks and have experienced a variety of activities (visited an MCES wastewater plant, spent time at the Mall of America, and attended a City Council meeting) to learn about American life. One of the students presented Chair Haigh with a clock as a thank-you gift.

### Part II – Exhibits

#### *Business*

#### **Joint Reports of the Management and Transportation Committees**

#### **2012-291 2012 Unified Operating Budget Amendment**

It was moved by Brimeyer, seconded by

“That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2012 Unified Operating Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.”

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14—Smith, Schreiber, Munt, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Duininck, Doãn, Rummel, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Haigh

Nay: 0

Absent: 3—Van Eyll (arrived during the Information Item), Reynoso, Melander

**2012-292 2012 Unified Capital Program Amendment**

It was moved by Brimeyer, seconded by

“That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2012 Unified Capital Program as indicated and in accordance with the attached business item and table.”

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14—Smith, Schreiber, Munt, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Duininck, Doàn, Rummel, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Haigh  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 3—Van Eyll (arrived during the Information Item), Reynoso, Melander

**Consent List**

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Rummel to approve the consent list.

**Motion carried.**

**2012-322 Northstar Corridor Commuter Rail Supplemental Subordinate Funding Agreement with Sherburne County Regional Railroad Authority**

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Supplemental Subordinate Funding Agreement with the Sherburne County Regional Railroad Authority for commuter rail operating costs for the period from July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013 for an amount up to \$1,781,902.”

**2012-325 Amend Interagency Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation to Fund Highway 36 and Rice Street Park & Ride Construction, Change Order Allowance**

“That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to:

- Increase the Contract Price for contract number 11P166, for the construction of Highway 36 and Rice Street Park and Ride, up to 17.3% of the original Contract Price.
- Amend an Interagency Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the construction of the Highway 36 and Rice Street Park and Ride to increase available funding of \$250,000.00.”

**2012-328 Authorization to Award Contract for Transit Vehicle Tire Lease and Service**

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Michelin North America, Inc. for tire lease and service for a five-year term in accordance with the Council’s specifications and Michelin’s proposal dated July 30, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$13,113,373.”

**2012-329 Contract 12P153 Basic and Supplemental Life Insurance**

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Minnesota Life in the amount of \$3,839,658 to provide Basic and Supplemental Life Insurance for all Council divisions for a period of three years, with the option of extending for two additional years.”

**2012-335 LCA Land Acquisition for Affordable New Development Loans, Conversion to Forgivable Loans**

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize Council staff to develop award-specific criteria for conversion of outstanding Land Acquisition for Affordable New Development (LAAND) loans

to be made forgivable and to offer each borrower of those loans the ability to convert them to forgivable loans, subject to the Council's requirements and the pledged share of affordable housing to be built on each site."

*Report of the Community Development Committee*

**2012-334 2012 Livable Communities Demonstration Account Funding**

**Recommendations**

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Smith

"That the Metropolitan Council award 2 Pre-Development and 7 Development Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) grants, as follows:

Pre-Development Projects	Applicant	Points	Recommendation
Welcome Avenue	Brooklyn Park	38	\$56,250
District del Sol	St. Paul	37	\$40,000
<b>Total for Pre-Development projects</b>			<b>\$96,250</b>
Development Projects	Applicant	Points	Recommendation
A Mill Artists Lofts	Minneapolis	45	\$555,000
Seward Commons	Minneapolis	44	\$1,100,000
Boat Works Commons	White Bear Lake	44	\$396,000
West Broadway Curve	Minneapolis	41	\$1,000,000
Downtown Redevelopment	Maple Plain	39	\$895,766
Brownstone Building	St. Paul	31	\$646,020
Mississippi Crossings	Champlin	30	\$1,000,000
<b>Total for Development projects</b>			<b>\$5,592,786</b>
<b>Total All LCDA recommendations</b>			<b>\$5,689,036</b>
<b>Total funding available</b>			<b>\$7,500,000</b>

**Motion carried.**

*Report of the Transportation Committee*

**2012-323 Central Corridor Transit Service Study Recommended Plan**

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Commers

"That the Metropolitan Council adopts the Central Corridor Transit Service Study Recommended Plan."

**Motion carried.**

**2012-324 Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line): AECOM Engineering Services Amendment and 2013 Authorization**

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Rummel

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator:

- To negotiate and execute an amendment to the professional services contract with AECOM to increase the contract amount by \$7.0 million to a not-to-exceed amount of \$112.2 million for additional design activities, continuation of design support during construction, construction support services, light rail vehicle support services and to provide system integration testing support services; and
- To issue Work Orders to AECOM for additional design activities, continuation of design support during construction, construction support services, light rail vehicle support services and to provide system integration testing support services during calendar year 2013 for an increase of \$7.8 million and a total spending authority not to exceed \$111.7 million."

**Motion carried.**

*Report of the Environment Committee—No Reports*

*Report of the Management Committee—Report on Consent List*

*Other Business*

**Information Item: TOD Strategic Action Plan Update**

Nora Riemenschneider and Maurice Roers presented a PowerPoint update on the transit oriented development strategic action plan. The TOD Action Plan is trying to build on the Council's existing functions around TOD by recommending ways we can better strategically align those functions. The Council's TOD work is a segment of a broader set of work around livable communities. The TOD particularly focuses on areas adjacent to our transit and there is a grant associated with this work. The Council has created a guide to TOD as a way to assist local communities and their staff in promoting this development.

The project is being led by the Community Development unit, particularly the Corridors of Opportunity work unit. The project is also getting quite a bit of input from external stakeholders. We have conducted stakeholder interviews and a Think Tank event. Five of the Council members participated in the Think Tank in September 2012, and there are others scheduled for February 2013 and April 2013 which will include external stakeholders.

*Reports*

**Chair:**

Met with MPCA Commissioner Stine to talk about environmental equity and his desire to be a leader in that area. He would like to enlist the Council as an ally in that work.

Participated in an event at the Blue Lake Plant in Shakopee along with CM Rummel. This event included the MPCA and highlighted the significant improvements in the quality of the water in the MN River as a result of work we have done at the plant.

Met with representatives from the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board which is a county joint powers board that leads recycling activities for the region. They discussed a pilot project for recycling receptacles at transit facilities. There are 3 locations where this work has been done and now we are looking at doing recycling on the Green Line.

Attended the Greater MSP fall kickoff meeting along with several council members.

Participated in the SWLRT Management Committee meeting.

Met with Senator Franken's staff to talk about energy and the impact of retrofitting along our transit corridors. Senator Franken is on the Energy Committee and has a strong interest in this work.

Participated in a TFAC meeting which involved zoning in on recommendations for transit funding.

Presented to the Commissioner of MMB and MnDOT the transportation budget for the next biennium.

Attended a CTIB meeting which included a discussion about a celebration for the opening of the Union Depot on Dec. 8, and the alternatives analysis that Washington County completed as the lead agency on the gateway project for BRT. CTIB is delaying a decision on Bottineau for one month.

The Ramsey station on the Northstar corridor opened today and had a significant increase in ridership.

Met with some housing advocates to talk about their interest in Thrive MSP 2040 and FHEA. Also met with staff from the Trust for Public Land.

Attended the Cabinet meeting, which was upbeat thanks to the recent election results.

**Council Members**

Van Eyll—Talked to the League of MN Cities about Thrive MSP 2040.

Schreiber—Attended the Ramsey station ribbon-cutting along with CM Reynoso. Attended the GEARS committee meeting with CM Elkins.

Munt—Attended the Greater MSP fall kickoff meeting and was excited to see how their goals are aligned with ours. Attended the DEIS public hearings for SWLRT.

Elkins—Attended the GEARS committee meeting with CM Schreiber. The main topic was Bottineau. Attended a Complete Streets committee meeting. Also attended a briefing given by federal consultants on the outcomes of the urban partnership program, which is related to the grant the region won to implement BRT. Attended the ULI’s Committee on Transportation (connecting transportation and land use) meeting.

Brimeyer—Attended the Golden Valley City Council meeting. They decided not to send a letter of support for Bottineau until after a public hearing.

Rummel—Was a keynote speaker at the MN chapter of Central States Water Environment Association meeting along with Jason Willett. There were about 260 people in attendance. Participated in the Thrive MSP 2040 outreach at the Mississippi Watershed District.

Đoàn—Attended the Greater MSP fall kickoff meeting and felt it was very rousing and encouraging. Attended the last meeting of MnDOT’s MSHIP process where they’ve gone around the state to look at their statewide highway investment plan and had a number of scenarios that they asked participants to weigh in on. Attended the Commuter Choice Awards in Columbia Heights with CM Schreiber which shows our partnership with TMOs and private sector employers. Attended a conference in Newport Beach that is put on by the CA self-help counties. There are 17 self-help counties in CA that have a sales tax on transportation and this November they added the 17<sup>th</sup> (Napa County).

Commers—Following up on an invitation he circulated regarding a regional economic forum that is scheduled for Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Regional Administrator**—No report.

**General Counsel**—No report.

*Adjournment*

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:17PM.

**Part III - Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Special Metropolitan Council Meeting of November 14, 2012.

Approved this 28 day of November, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary