

**Meeting of the Transportation Committee**  
**Monday, December 11, 2006**

Members Present	Mary Hill Smith, Chair Daniel Wolter Natalie Haas Steffen	Russ Susag Annette Meeks Roger Sherer	Chris Georgacas Georgie Hilker Richard Aguilar
Members Absent	Brian McDaniel	Peggy Leppik	
Staff Presiding	Brian Lamb, Metro Transit General Manager	Arlene McCarthy, Director Metropolitan Transportation Services	
TAB Liaison	David Gepner		

**CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, M. Hill Smith called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:00 pm on December 11, 2006 at Metropolitan Council Chambers, St. Paul.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Wolter seconded by Hilker to adopt the agenda for December 11, 2006 Transportation Committee meeting. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Susag seconded by Wolter to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2006 and the November 27, 2006 regular Transportation Committee meetings. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT AND  
METRO TRANSIT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Arlene McCarthy, Director Metropolitan Transportation Services, reported that Metropolitan Transportation Services is very close to reaching an agreement with DARTS for their 2007 contract to provide ADA service in the Dakota County area.

Brian Lamb, General Manager Metro Transit reported that discussions have begun regarding the upcoming 2008 Republican Convention. In February, Metro Transit will be ready to come to the committee with a more detailed presentation as to what the Council's contribution will be.

**BUSINESS – Consent Items**

There were no consent items

**BUSINESS –Action Items**

SW 2006-325 I-94 East Park-and-Ride Facility

Tom Thorstenson, Metro Transit presented this item to the committee and answered questions from committee members.

Motion was made by R. Susag:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and lease property at the Guardian Angels Church in Oakdale for a park-and-ride facility.

There was no second to the motion. **Motion was not approved.**

SW 2006-398 Purchase Fare Collection Spare Parts

Tom Thorstenson, Metro Transit presented this item to the committee and answered questions from committee members.

Motion was made by N.Haas Steffen, seconded by C.Georgacas,

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to purchase specific fare collection equipment as spares to accommodate anticipated fleet growth.

Motion carried.

## **INFORMATION**

### **1. Southwest Transitway Update**

Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director Finance & Planning Metropolitan Transportation Services, introduced Gail Dorfman, Hennepin County Commissioner, and Katie Walker, Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority. They presented a handout showing the various options being considered for the Southwest Transitway as a result of the Alternatives Analysis Study. A preliminary recommendation of three LRT options was made in September; public comments have been received for the last 2 months; the Policy Advisory Committee will meet on 12/13/06 and is expected to make a final recommendation as to which modes and alignments to move forward into a Draft EIS process. HCRRA plans to hold a public hearing in January to receive additional public comment. In February, the HRCCA proposes to act on the recommendation from the Policy Advisory Committee.

N.Haas Steffen suggested that the committee be provided a copy of the Transitways Map under the fiscally constrained plan to look at when the remaining transitway updates are given at upcoming meetings..

### **2. Briefing on Northstar Corridor**

Mark Fuhrmann, Metro Transit, introduced Cliff Greene of Greene Espel law firm in Minneapolis, who has been negotiating agreements with BNRR for use of BNRR property for the Northstar Corridor. Greene gave an update to the committee regarding purchase and sale of easements, joint use agreement, commuter service agreement. This was an informational item at this time. Metro Transit will be seeking recommended actions on some of these agreements in the upcoming January and February Transportation Committee meetings.

### **3. Steel Tires Assembled on Light Rail Vehicles**

Rick Carey, Metro Transit, appeared before the committee in response to questions raised at the last Transportation Committee regarding the procurement of rubber mounted steel tires used on LRT vehicles. He presented photographs of said tire assembly and explained the unit to the satisfaction of committee members.

### **4. Transit Police Update 2006/2007**

Dave Indrehus, Metro Transit Police gave a presentation of the 2006 programs and results and the 2007 initiatives of the Metro Transit Police Department. He also recognized Canine Officer "Radar" by presenting him with a plaque for 4 years of service with the Metro Transit Police Department upon retirement. Radar was present with his partner Bob Elmers to receive his plaque and greet members of the committee.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

M.Hill Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m. December 11, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary