

Meeting of the Transportation Committee
Monday, January 22 2007

Members Present	Mary Hill Smith, Chair Daniel Wolter Peggy Leppik	Russ Susag Natalie Haas Steffen	Brian McDaniel Georgie Hilker Richard Aguilar
Members Absent	Chris Georgacas	Annette Meeks	Roger Sherer
Staff Presiding	Brian Lamb, General Manager Metro Transit	Arlene McCarthy, Director, Metropolitan Transportation Services	
TAB Liaison	none present		

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 January 22 2007 at Metropolitan Council Chambers, St. Paul.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by B.McDaniel seconded by D.Wolter to adopt the agenda for January 22, 2007 Transportation Committee meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by R.Susag seconded by D.Wolter to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2007 regular Transportation Committee meeting. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - Metro Transit

Brian Lamb, General Manager Metro Transit, introduced Jan Homan who presented an Employee of the Month award to Howard Melco, Senior Mechanic from the Paint/Body Shop at the Overhaul Base. The award was for Melco's work on building a gate for the Franklin Avenue Rail Station. He designed a gate that matched the existing structures and was representative of the people who use it. The gate includes a caricature of a Streetcar Motorman and is truly a piece of art.

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

Brian Lamb, General Manager Metro Transit, reported on three things:

1. LRV #126 has left New York and is scheduled to arrive here late next week
2. Dynamic testing has begun on LRV #125 and the vehicle is expected to be put into use around the end of this month
3. Discussions have started on planning for the 2008 Republic National Convention; there is a projected need for 300 +/- buses regionally, reports will be ongoing

Arlene McCarthy, Director Metropolitan Transportation Services, reported on the decision from the FTA regarding the 2006 triennial review. Through the work of Katie Shea-Auditor, Gerri Sutton, Dave Jacobson and Matt Yager of MTS, the FTA gave consideration to the information provided regarding the ADA capacity denial rate and closed the issue.

BUSINESS – Consent Items

There were no consent items at this meeting.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE – Leslie Davis

Leslie Davis, citizen, appeared before the committee to share the status of a piece of legislation pertaining to transportation funding that he and others are hoping to bring to the legislature. He presented a draft of the bill and encouraged committee members to share it with others. The cover letter included Mr. Davis's address and phone number if there are further questions.

BUSINESS –Action Items

2007-42 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Sublease Agreement with the Northstar Corridor Development Authority (NCDA) for the Interim Central Corridor Project Office

Mark Fuhrmann, Assistant General Manager Metro Transit, presented this item to the committee. There were no questions from committee members.

Motion was made by P.Leppik, seconded by G.Hilker:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a sublease with the Northstar Corridor Development Authority (NCDA) to allow Central Corridor Project Office (CCPO) to temporarily co-locate with the Northstar Project Office (NPO) on a month-to-month basis effective January 21, 2007. Motion carried.

Hearing no objections, M.Hill Smith stated that this item could move forward as a consent item to the full Council.

2007-1 2007 Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Review
Chauncey Case, Metropolitan Transportation Services, presented this item to the committee and answered questions from committee members.

Motion was made by P.Leppik, seconded by D.Wolter:

That the Metropolitan Council:

- 1) Find that Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) has an adequate public participation process for development and review of its 2007 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- 2) Approve the Runway 12R/30L Rehabilitation Project (segment 2) at MSP International Airport.
- 3) Approve the attached findings and comments on the MAC 2007 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- 4) Reiterate to the MAC that the Council will not approve projects at MSP International, including the HHH terminal expansion, beyond 2008 until MAC updates and adopts a long-term comprehensive plan for MSP and submits it to the Metropolitan Council.

Motion carried.

2007-40 Adoption of the Public Participation Plan

Connie Kozlak, Manager Systems Planning for Metropolitan Transportation Services, presented this item to the committee. The document has not changed since the draft that appeared previously. No comments were received during the public hearing process. The Public Participation Plan will appear as Appendix D in the Transportation Policy Plan.

Motion was made by N.Haas Steffen, seconded by R.Susag:

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the draft Metropolitan Council Public Participation Plan for transportation. Motion carried.

2007-44 **SW** 2007-2010 TIP Amendment: Increased Cost Estimates for I-35W/Crosstown and TH 12
Carl Ohrn, Metropolitan Transportation Services, presented this item to the committee; MnDOT representatives Tim Henkel-Director of Program Management and Passenger Rail and Tom O'Keefe-West Area Manager, gave a presentation and answered questions from committee members.

Motion was made by R.Susag, seconded by D.Wolter:

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by including increased cost estimates for the I-

35W Crosstown project and TH 12 near Long Lake and deferring the TH 169 and CSAH 81 interchange project from 2008 to 2010.

Motion carried with N.Haas Steffen voting no.

INFORMATION

1. Performance Measures Report

Vince Pellegrin, Metro Transit Finance, gave the monthly report on Metro Transit Bus and Rail Performance Measures. Responding to M.Hill Smith request, he said he would provide statistics in the future of how Metro Transit compares to other transportation organizations of like size.

2. Monthly Ridership Report

Ed Petrie, Metro Transit, and Bruce Howard Metro Transit Marketing, presented the monthly ridership report. Both of them stated that the numbers were very impressive, exceeding the previous year and exceeding budget and goals. B.Lamb will soon be coming out with goals for the upcoming year.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

M.Hill Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m. January 22 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary