

**Meeting of the Transportation Committee**  
**Monday, January 28, 2008**  
**Metro Transit FT Heywood Chambers**  
**4:00 pm**

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chair Scherer called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm on January 28, 2008 in the Metro Transit FT Heywood Chambers. A quorum not being present, Chair Scherer proceeded to the Employee Recognition.

### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Metro Transit**

Tom Randall, Metro Transit Senior Manager of Revenue Operations, introduced Pam Steffen, Sales Operations Specialist in the Metro Transit Finance division. Steffen is being recognized for her work in implementing the Go-To Card technology for the University of Minnesota U-Pass. Randall cited Steffen's extraordinary efforts and leadership and noted many of the achievements to which she made significant contributions. These included coordinating design, software development and stakeholder approvals and streamlining the processes for record-keeping and issuing passes each semester. Chair Scherer and General Manager Brian Lamb offered their thanks and congratulations and presented Steffen with a plaque honoring her achievements.

A quorum being present, the meeting continued.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Leppik seconded by Wolter to adopt the agenda for January 28, 2008 Transportation Committee meeting. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Susag seconded by Hilker to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2008 regular Transportation Committee meeting. Motion carried.

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

Brian Lamb, General Manager Metro Transit, reported that as of January 19, 2008, bus route 531 is providing shuttle service to employees of Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport between Lot C and the terminal. This service is paid for through a contract with the airport and will continue until mid-April 2008. Lamb also reported that new, direct bus service has been established between northeast Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota.

Lamb relayed ridership data for the first three quarters of 2007 which was included in a report from the American Public Transit Association. He noted that in contrast to the 1.6% overall growth experienced by the 30 largest transit systems in the U.S., Metro Transit had achieved growth of 5.8%.

In response to a question from the committee, Lamb extended an invitation to all Council members to ride Metro

Transit's Twinkle Bus during its appearance in the St. Paul Winter Carnival.

Arlene McCarthy, Director Metropolitan Transportation Services, stated that there were no MTS items to report to the committee.

## **BUSINESS – Non-Consent Items**

2008-19 Approval of Transportation Committee 2008 Work Plan

Brian Lamb, General Manager Metro Transit, and Arlene McCarthy, Director Metropolitan Transportation Services, presented this item to the committee. Committee members inquired as to what new items appeared in the plan and the level of involvement of counties in developing the plan. McCarthy and Lamb also stated that modifications to the plan could still be made after committee approval.

Motion by Leppik, seconded by Susag, motion passed.

Motion:

That the Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee approve the Plan as presented as its Work Plan for 2008.

2008-29 2008-2011 TIP Amendment: Mn/DOT Metro District, SP#02-614-29, CSAH 14 and I-35E Interchange Reconstruction – TAB Action 2008-02

Carl Ohrn, Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst, presented this item to the committee.

There were no questions from committee members.

Motion by Steffen, seconded by Hilker, motion passed.

Motion:

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP#02-614-29, Anoka County CSAH 14 at I-35E Interchange in Lino Lakes.

Hearing no objection, Chair Scherer stated that the above item could move to the full Council as a CONSENT ITEM.

2008-36 2008 Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Review

Connie Kozlak, Manager of Systems Planning and Programming for Metropolitan Transportation Services, presented this item to the committee. She answered general questions from committee members including potential for cell phone lots and provisions for Crystal airport improvements.

Motion by Wolter, seconded by Hilker, motion passed.

Motion:

That the Metropolitan Council:

- 1) Find the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) has an adequate public participation process for development and review of its 2008 Capital Improvement Program (CIP),
- 2) Find that the CIP contains no 2008 projects requiring Council approval, and
- 3) Approve and transmit to MAC the attached findings and comments on the MAC 2008 CIP.

Hearing no objection, Chair Scherer stated that the above item could move to the full Council as a CONSENT ITEM.

## **INFORMATION**

1. Suburban Transit Association Providers (STAP) Report

Sandy Hewitt, Chair, and James Clark of the Suburban Transit Association provided an update on Suburban Transit Provider ridership, growth, performance and funding. There were general questions from committee members regarding park and ride lot usage and capacities, pricing structures and legislative initiatives being explored.

2. Bottineau Boulevard Transitway Update

Brent Rusco, Hennepin County, presented an overview of the Bottineau Boulevard Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis. There were no questions from committee members.

3. Monthly Ridership for December

Ed Petrie, Metro Transit Director of Finance, and Bruce Howard, Metro Transit Director of Marketing, presented the ridership data for December 2007. There were no questions from committee members.

4. Performance Measures Report for November/December

Vince Pellegrin, Metro Transit Chief Operating Officer, and Deputy Chief A.J. Olson of the Metro Transit Police Department presented the November/December 2007 performance measures for Operations and Safety/Security. There was a question from a committee member about the nature of the light rail line maintenance currently underway. Pellegrin responded that the work in question was primarily confined to overhead power lines and does not involve repairing any track.

5. Risk Management 2007 Results

Phil Walljasper, Metropolitan Council Manager of Liability and Workers Compensation, presented this item to the committee and provided clarification of the relationship between number of claims and amount of expenses shown in the report.

6. Transit Master Study Bus Plan Update

This item was deferred to the February 6, 2008, meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion, second and pass to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. January 28, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Maday, Recording Secretary