



**Regular Committee of the Whole  
and  
Special Metropolitan Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 3, 2008  
Metro Transit Heywood Chambers  
4:00 P.M.

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**Part I - Narrative**

**Attendance:**

Peter Bell, Chair; Roger Scherer, Tony Pistilli, Mary Hill Smith, Craig Peterson, Polly Bowles, Peggy Leppik, Lynette Wittsack, Natalie Steffen, Kris Sanda, Sherry Broecker, Daniel Wolter,

**Members absent:**

Annette Meeks, Georgeanne Hilker, Rick Aguilar, Kirstin Sersland Beach, Brian McDaniel

**Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

A quorum being present, the Chair called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:10 p.m. It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Leppik to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Minutes**

It was moved by Sanda, seconded by Bowles, to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 20, 2008. Motion carried.

**Public Invitation**

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

**Part II - Exhibits**

**Business**

*Committee Consent List*

2008-235 - Adoption of the 2009-201 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Wittsack

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. adopt the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program;
2. certify that the Twin Cities Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process is being carried on in conformance with all applicable federal requirements of:
  - Section 134 of Title 23, U.S.C., Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. 1607);
  - Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d).

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of the 1964 and Title VI assurance executed by each state under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794;
  - Section 1101 (g) of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Pub. L. 105-178) regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded planning projects (Pub. L. 97-424, Section 105 (f); 49 CFR part 23); and
  - The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and U.S. DOT regulations (Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities (40 CFR parts 27, 37 and 38);
3. certify the TIP conforms with the provisions of 49 CFR part 20 regarding lobbying restrictions on influencing certain federal activities
  4. find that the TIP is consistent with the Transportation Development Guide Chapter/Policy Plan, which is in conformance with applicable federal transportation and air quality regulations.
  5. find that the TIP meets all applicable federal requirements.
  6. find that the TAB provided adequate opportunity for public, agency and transit operators involvement through its regular process and special public meetings, and hearing.
  7. transmit the 2009-2012 TIP along with these comments to the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.”

Motion carried.

2008-239 - Authorization to Enter into Lease Agreement with Tiller Corporation for Aggregate Mining on new Hastings Wastewater Treatment Plan Site

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Wittsack

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a revenue producing lease of Council-owned property with the Tiller Corporation consistent with the proposed lease terms included as Attachment A.”

Motion carried.

2008-240 - Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of White Bear Lake for Improvements to Forcemain 1-WL-417

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Wittsack

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of White Bear Lake for construction of Interceptor 1-WL-417 forcemain improvements.”

Motion carried.

2008-241 - Adopt Public Hearing Date for the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan (TAPP)

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Wittsack

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing on the Draft 2030 Transportation Policy Plan to be held on October 22, 2008, at 5 pm.”

Motion carried.

## **Other Business**

### **2008-245 - Selection of Central Corridor Preferred Alternative, Resolution 2008-26**

#### **Presentation**

Mark Fuhrmann, CCLRT Project Manager, provided a CCLRT update, identifying major concerns expressed in the public comments: Parking Loss / impact on businesses; additional stations at Hamline, Victoria, Western; project impact on local bus service; loss of affordable housing; pedestrian and bicycle safety; and maintain save/convenient access across University Avenue. Revised increased cost estimates are a result of increases in materials, labor rates and equipment expenses. The preferred alternative and alignment is the Washington Avenue at-grade with transit/pedestrian mall. On September 5, The Metropolitan Council will submit its application for federal approval to enter final design. The Federal Transit Administration will review the application and make a decision by early 2009. Project staff will continue advanced preliminary engineering on the line. The current timeline for CCLRT calls for construction to begin in 2010, with passenger service starting in 2014.

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Leppik

"That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolution selecting light rail transit as the preferred alternative for the Central Corridor, refining the project budget at \$914.9 million and directing staff to submit a New Starts application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as part of the process of requesting permission to enter into Final Design in early 2009.

Motion carried.

#### **MN State Fair / RNC Bus Service Update**

Brian Lamb, reported that Metro Transit posted its best performance yet during the recent Minnesota State Fair. Final ridership total was 990,392, slightly more than 4,000 rides ahead of 2007 ridership. Lamb commended Metro Transit staff, noting the State Fair service overlapped with the Republican National Convention, requiring operational changes and route detours.

## **Reports**

### ***Chair***

Chair Bell reported

- he, Tom Weaver, and Judd Schetnan met with Governor Pawlenty's staff to discuss the upcoming Legislative session.
- he, Council Member Peterson and Council staff met with Carver County officials at a recent District Dialogue.
- Council Member Mary Smith submitted a letter of resignation from the Council, effective January 1, 2009.

### ***Council Members***

Council Member Smith said she and her husband are relocating to Texas in January. She is giving notice now to allow time for the Governor to select a replacement.

Council Member Scherer said he and his grandson traveled by Metro Transit bus to the State Fair.

Council Member Pistilli thanked Brian Lamb for hosting today's Council meeting at Metro Transit.

*Regional Administrator*

There was no report.

*General Counsel*

There was no report.

**Adjournment**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

**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 September 3, 2008

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Curtiss  
Secretary