



Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

Robert Street Chambers

4:00 PM

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Part I - Narrative

Attendance:

Susan Haigh, Steven Chávez, Jon Commers, Gary Cunningham, John Doan, Steven Elkins Rich Kramer, Harry Melander, Jennifer Munt, Edward Reynoso, Sandra Rummel, Lona Schreiber, Roxanne Smith, Gary Van Eyll, Wendy Wulff

Members absent: James Brimeyer, Adam Duininck

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

A quorum being present, the Chair called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:06 p.m. It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Elkins to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Van Eyll to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 10, 2011. 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

2011-194 - Authorization to Award and Execute Construction Contract 10P333 for Carver Interceptor, Segment B, Project Number 803820

It was moved by Munt and seconded by Elkins,

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Carver Interceptor, Segment B, Project Number 803820, Contract 10P333, with Geislinger and Sons, Inc. for its low bid of \$3,585,300.50.”

Motion carried.

2011-212 - 2012 Capital and Operating Grant Applications to Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB)

It was moved by Munt and seconded by Elkins,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to apply for 2012 grants from the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) for the following projects:

Capital

1. Southwest LRT Capital for Preliminary Engineering (PE) / Final Environmental Impact Analysis (FEIS): Est. \$16.9 million
2. Central Corridor LRT Right of Way Acquisition, Light Rail Vehicles and Construction: Est. \$97.9 million

Operating

1. Hiawatha Light Rail Operations: Est. \$12.5 million
2. Northstar Commuter Rail Operations: Est. \$8.8 million
3. I-35W BRT Lakeville Express Service: Est. \$170,000
4. Cedar Avenue BRT Express Service: Est. \$460,000
5. Cedar Avenue BRT Station-to-Station Service: Est. \$280,000"

Motion carried.

2011-215 - Authorization to Acquire Permanent Easements and to File a Condemnation Petition, East Bethel Reclaimed Water Distribution System, MCES Project 801620, Resolution No. 2011-214

It was moved by Munt and seconded by Elkins,

"That the Metropolitan Council pass resolution 2011-14 which authorizes the acquisition of permanent and temporary easements necessary for the East Bethel Reclaimed Water Distribution System, MCES Project 801620, and which authorizes the Council's legal staff to initiate condemnation proceedings for those parcels which staff cannot acquire by negotiation."

Motion carried.

2011-216 - Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Electrical Engineering Services Agreement, Contract No. 11P121

It was moved by Munt and seconded by Elkins,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an electrical engineering services agreement in the amount of \$1,000,000 with Camp, Dresser & McKee, Inc. (CDM), Contract No. 11P121."

Motion carried.

2011-217 - Rejection of Bid on 11P083 – Control Panel Wiring Harness Fabrication

It was moved by Munt and seconded by Elkins,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to reject the bid on Contract No. 11P083 – Control Panel Wiring Harness Fabrication from Corval Constructors in the amount of \$295,214.00."

Motion carried.

2011-207 - Hiawatha Corridor Vehicular Traffic Improvements

It was moved by Munt and seconded by Elkins,

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a subrecipient agreement with the City of Minneapolis to pass through funds from the Hiawatha Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) and local match funds for project management/administration, engineering, materials and design activities associated with upgrading and improving the traffic management system in the Hiawatha corridor.”

Motion carried.

2011-210 - Maple Plain Park and Ride - Interagency Agreement with the City of Maple Plain

It was moved by Munt and seconded by Elkins,

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an interagency agreement with the City of Maple Plain for the design, construction and operation of a park and ride near US Highway 12 and County Road 29 (Baker Park Road).”

Motion carried.

Report of the Transportation Committee

2011-211 – 2011-2014 TIP Amendment Request from Metropolitan Council for Central Corridor Light Rail Construction (TAB Action 2011-54)

It was moved by Elkins and seconded by Rummel,

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract No. 11P002A with Hartland Fuel Products, LLC for the supply of diesel fuel to the Metropolitan Council/Metro Transit for a two-year period with options to extend for years three and four. The contract will be in an amount not to exceed \$124,000,000.”

Motion carried.

2011-213 - \$20 Million 2011 Transit Capital Improvement State G.O. Bonds Allocation

It was moved by Elkins and seconded by Munt,

“That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Allocate \$20 million in 2011 Transit Capital Improvement Program state G.O. bonds as follows, conditional upon CTIB providing a \$3.0M capital grant to the Cedar Avenue BRT in 2012:

\$11.0 M Minneapolis Interchange
\$4.0 M Northstar Ramsey Station
\$0.5 M Newport Park-and-Ride
\$1.0 M Cedar Avenue BRT
\$1.25 M Gateway (I-94 East) Corridor

- \$0.25 M Robert Street Corridor
- \$2.0 M Rush Line Corridor Maplewood Mall Park-and-Ride Expansion

2. Approve, if requested by Washington County, the reallocation of \$1.25 M in Gateway (I-94 East) Corridor funds to the Newport Park-and-Ride conditional upon the county concurrently allocating \$1.25 M in its CTIB funding to the Gateway (I-94 East) Corridor."

Motion carried.

Report of the Community Development Committee

2011-223 - LCA Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Site Investigation Funding Recommendations

It was moved by Cunningham and seconded by Munt,

"That the Metropolitan Council award 3 Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) investigation grants as follows:

Projects recommended for 2011 TBRA Round 2 funding	Recommended amount
Contamination Site Investigation	
Hopkins – Park Nicollet Clinic	\$30,000
Minneapolis – Cameron Building	\$15,200
Minneapolis – Pillsbury A Mill	\$47,300
TOTAL	\$92,500

Motion carried.

Report of the Management Committee

2011-226 – Minnesota State Retirement System Program Unclassified Retirement Plan Resolution

It was moved by Chavez and seconded by Cunningham,

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the attached resolution changing certain designated position titles in the Minnesota State Retirement System unclassified plan."

Motion carried.

2011-227 - Authorization to enter into a labor agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 35, AFL-CIO

It was moved by Chavez and seconded by Ekins,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a labor agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local Union No. 35, AFL-CIO, effective July 1, 2011, through December 31, 2012."

Motion carried.

2011-228 - Authorization to Enter into a Labor Agreement with the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS), Inc., Local 192, Part Time Police Officers

It was moved by Chavez and seconded by Commers,

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter in an agreement with the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS), Inc., Local 192, Part Time Police Officers effective for the period May 1, 2011, through December 31, 2012.”

Motion carried.

2011-229 - Authorization to Award General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes (GANs) Within Established Financial Parameters, Resolution No. 2011-24

It was moved by Chavez and seconded by Elkins,

“That the Metropolitan Council adopt parameters Resolution 2011-24, authorizing issuance and award of sale of General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes (GANs) and execution of other necessary documents to complete their sale.”

Motion carried.

Other Business

2011-230 – Adopting Resolutions for the Metropolitan Council’s Preliminary 2012 Unified Operating Budget and the Proposed 2011, Payable 2012, Tax Levies

It was moved by Chavez and seconded by Munt,

“That the Metropolitan Council adopts the following resolutions:

2011-15: Adopting the Metropolitan Council’s Preliminary 2012 Unified Operating Budget

2011-16: Adopting the Metropolitan Council’s Proposed 2011 Tax Levy for general Purposes for the Certification to the County Auditors.

2011-17: Adopting the Metropolitan council’s Proposed 2011 Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue

2011-18: Adopting a Proposed 2011 Tax Levy for the Metropolitan right-Of-Way Acquisition Loan fund for the Purposes of Minnesota Statutes Section 473.167 for Certification to the County Auditors

2011-19: Adopting a Proposed 2011 Tax Levy for the Metropolitan Right-Of-Way Acquisition Loan fund for the Purposes of Minnesota Statutes Section 473.167 for Certification to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue

2011-20: Adopting a Proposed 2011 Tax Levy for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund

2011-21: Adopting a Proposed 2011 Tax Levy for the Tax Base Revitalization Account of the Livable communities Act

2011-22: Resolution Certifying a Tax Levy for 2011 for Debt Service on Future Transit Bonds

2011-23: Resolution Certifying a Tax Levy for 2011 for Debt Service on Future Parks Bonds.”

Motion carried, with 14 ayes and one nay.

2011-235 - Appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board

It was moved by Elkin and seconded by Schreiber

“That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board: **KENYA MCKNIGHT**—District D; **ASHRAF (A.J.) SIDDIQUI**—District E; **MARGARET DONAHOE**—District G; **KARL DROTNING**—District H; and **DAVID VAN HATTUM**—Transit.”

Motion carried.

Release of Land Use Inventory and Policy Implications (Libby Starling 651 602-1135; John Kari 651 602-1548).

Staff reported that the Council collects land use data every five years, using aerial photography. The most recent data indicates that less land is being used for development. Density of development is higher in the last decade than in the previous, resulting in reduced land consumption. This reflects the region’s slowing growth in population and the low levels of construction during the last five years. Residential uses account for the largest use of developed land. During 2005-2010, the region also increased park land and recreation uses to ten percent of the region’s area. Staff explained how policy is affected in relation to regional and local planning and the affect on our systems.

Reports

Chair:

Chair Haigh reported that she attended the Corridors of Opportunity Policy Board (Board) meeting today. On September 14th, a presentation will be given to the Council about the work of the Board. Opportunity for the Council to come together with a variety of non-profit and for-profit organizations and public entities. The Board approved the evaluation plan for the HUD Sustainability grant, and how the work will be evaluated.

Haigh reported on Senator Franken’s visit with Council members and Metro Transit staff, which provided an opportunity to showcase Transit’s environmental achievements and discuss transit-related issues.

Regional Administrator:

Pat Born announced that effective Monday, August 29, he will appoint Wes Kooistra Deputy Regional Administrator, and Mary Bogie Chief Financial Officer. Kooistra will oversee management service functions (Human Resources, Communications and Governmental Affairs).

Born also gave an update on the Arden Hills Viking Stadium analysis. An internal Council team has prepared the scope of work. Kimley-Horn and Associates, a national planning engineering firm will assist the team with environmental land use and transportation analysis. Staff has contacted Ramsey County and the Vikings to obtain information that

may be relevant to this study. Information will be posted on website, and findings will be reported to the Governor.

Council Members

Council members reported on recent meetings and events within their districts:

- Cunningham commented on the briefing with the downtown council. He is meeting with members of the district to reinforce that the Council is concerned about all citizens (middle, lower, upper residents) and business in the community.
- Elkins requested an update from Commers on locational efficiency presentation. Commers explained that the presentation focused on taking a different perspective to understand how a region is organized.
- Elkins reported that the Lake Street BRT Interchange Open House was well attended.
- Smith reported that she, Schreiber, Wulff, and Kramer attended the Hwy. 610 road opening.

General Counsel

No Report.

Adjournment

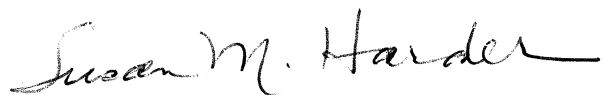
The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Part III - Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 24, 2011.

Approved this 14th day of September, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan M. Harder, Recording Secretary