

Metropolitan Council

Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 No. Robert St., St. Paul, Mn. 55101

**Meeting of the Transportation Committee
Monday, April 23, 2007**

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

CALL TO ORDER

M.Hill Smith called the regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:00 pm on April 23, 2007 at Metropolitan Council Chambers, St. Paul. While waiting for a quorum, the Metro Transit Employee Recognition was held

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Metro Transit

Brian Lamb, General Manager Metro Transit introduced Stores Manager Willie Taylor who presented the employee of the month award to John Christenson who has worked for Metro Transit for 37 years in many locations.

A quorum being present, the meeting continued.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Haas Steffen seconded by Leppik to adopt the agenda for April 23, 2007 Transportation Committee meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Wolter seconded by Haas Steffen to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2007 regular Transportation Committee meeting as revised to show Wolter as being in attendance at the March 26, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

METRO TRANSIT GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT and DIRECTOR METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

Brian Lamb, General Manager Metro Transit, reported on the following:

Update of the Metro Transit bus shooting fatality that occurred Saturday night. A suspect has been arrested. The St. Paul Police Department is investigating. Police were on the scene within 1-1 ½ minutes of the crime taking place. Metro Transit Police Chief Indrehus also have a report and answered questions from committee members. A full report will be given at the first Transportation Committee in May, citing the 2007 initiatives for Metro Transit Police.

Lamb also reported that the Northstar project has received an approved FTA letter of no prejudice to allow the purchase of locomotives. Lamb thanked all employees who worked so hard on this project.

Arlene McCarthy, Director Metropolitan Transportation Services reported that Legislative Conference Committees have been named and begin their respective meetings today.

She brought attention to a St. Paul Pioneer Press entry in the “Sainted/Tainted” column praising a Laidlaw employee for honesty and service.

Metropolitan Transportation Services received notice from the Institute of Transportation Engineering that we will be receiving the 2007 Transportation Planning Best Program Award for the TOD Guide at their annual meeting in August.

BUSINESS – Consent Items

Motion was made by Susag, seconded by Steffen to approve the following consent items. Motion passed.

2007-143 2007-2010 TIP amendment: Transit for Livable Communities, Add SP #141-091-02, Pedestrian Plan for Minneapolis; SP #141-091-01, Bicycle Racks for Minneapolis; and SP #141-091-03, Bicycle and Pedestrian Ambassador Program, TAB Action 2007-24

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to adopt an amendment to the 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP 141-091-02, SP #141-091-01, and SP #141-091-03: Minneapolis Pedestrian Plan, Bicycle Racks, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Ambassador Program..

2007-144 2007-2010 TIP Amendment: Metro Transit, adopt amendment to include the revised project scope in TAB Action 2007-25. TAB Action 2007-26

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to adopt an amendment to the 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reduce the funding amounts for selected SP #CM12-03, SP #90-595-10, and SP #CM-05-04 and to change the project description to reflect the change in project scope.

2007-145 2007-2010 TIP Amendment: Dakota County, SP#19-642-42: CSAH 42 from CSAH 5 in Burnsville to Glendale Rd. in Savage – Reconstruction, Lane Addition, Access Management. TAB Action 2007-29

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to adopt an amendment to the 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to move SP #19-642-42 from 2008 to 2007 and add approximately \$500,000 to the project cost.

BUSINESS –Action Items

2007-129 American Boulevard Station Interagency Agreement with the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority

Tom Thorstenson, Metro Transit, presented this item to the committee and answered a question from Steffen regarding City of Bloomington’s contribution, if any, toward the project.

Motion by Susag, seconded by Leppik, motion passed.

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Interagency Agreement with the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA) for funding the design of the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit station at the intersection of American Boulevard and 34th Avenue, Bloomington.

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

2007-137 Authorization to Award Contract for Diesel Fuel Supply

Chris Gran, Metro Transit, presented this item to the committee; there were no questions from committee members.

Motion by Susag, seconded by Steffen, motion passed.

Motion: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Western Petroleum Company to supply diesel fuel in accordance with Council specifications and Western

Petroleum Company bid prices from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, with options to extend the contract term up to an additional twenty-four months.
Hearing no objection, M.Hill Smith stated that this item could move to the full Council as a consent item.

2007-138 Authorization to Award Contract for Police Information Management Systems (PIMS)
Chris Gran, Metro Transit, presented this item to the committee; there were no questions from committee members.
Motion by Wolter, seconded by Susag, motion passed.
Motion: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract to purchase and install a Police Management Information System with Law Enforcement Technology Group in an amount not-to-exceed \$639,213.
Hearing no objection, M.Hill Smith stated that this item could move to the full Council as a consent item.

2007-151 May 2007 Operating Budget Amendment
Ed Petrie, Metro Transit, presented this item and answered questions from committee members regarding Central Corridor funding relating to the PE phase.
Motion made by Leppik, seconded by Susag, motion passed:
Motion: That the Metropolitan Council amends the Transportation portion of the 2007 Unified Operating Budget in accordance with the table attached to the business item.

2007-153 Capital Program Amendment
Ed Petrie, Metro Transit, presented this item and answered questions from committee members. Scherer stated that he has additional questions that he will bring up at the Management Committee.
Motion made by Susag, seconded by Wolter, motion passed:
Motion: That the Metropolitan Council:

- Amend the 2007 Authorized Capital Program (Multi-year authorization) by adding \$24,536,728 in capital authority to the Transportation Division, as detailed in Attachment 1 of the Business Item.
- Amend the 2007 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by adding \$11,164,298 in appropriations to the Transportation Division.

SW 2007-101 Controlled Access Approval of the Construction of an Interchange between TH 65 and TH 242/CSAH 14 in Anoka County. Review #19972-1
Ann Braden, Metropolitan Transportation Services, presented this item and answered questions from committee members.
Motion made by Steffen, seconded by Susag, motion passed:

1. That the Metropolitan Council, as required by Mn. Statute 473.166, approve a request by MnDOT to reconstruct Trunk Highway (TH) 65 between 121st Avenue/Paul Parkway and 129th Avenue in Blaine as shown on the map attached to the Business Item.
2. That any significant changes in the design of the proposed project are subject to further review and approval by the Metropolitan Council prior to construction.

SW 2007-102 Controlled Access Approval of I-35/CSAH 70 Interchange Reconstruction in Lakeville. Review #19964-1
Ann Braden, Metropolitan Transportation Services, presented this item and answered questions from committee members.
Motion made by Susag, seconded by Wolter, motion passed:

1. That the Metropolitan Council, as required by Mn. Statute 473.166, approve a request by Dakota County to reconstruct the CSAH 70/I-35 interchange in Lakeville as shown on the map attached to the Business Item.
2. That any significant changes in the design of the proposed project are subject to further review and approval by the Metropolitan Council prior to construction.

SW 2007-139 Small Bus Regional Fleet Contract Authorization

Andrew Krueger, Metropolitan Transportation Services, presented this item and answered questions from committee members.

Motion made by Leppik, seconded by Wolter, motion passed.

Motion: That the Regional Administrator be authorized to execute purchase agreements with the following vendors for small buses:

1. Hoglund Bus Co. Inc. (437103) for 25 Regional Fleet buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,711,035.
2. North Central Bus Sales (437102) for 4 Regional Fleet buses in an amount not to exceed \$263,422.
3. Superior Transit Sales (437105) for 4 Regional Fleet buses in an amount not to exceed \$242,205.
4. Besner Bus and Equipment Inc. (437099) for 2 Regional Fleet buses in an amount not to exceed \$124,319.

2007-140 Authorization to Apply for JARC funding – Resolution 2007-11

Gerri Sutton, Assistant Director Contracted Transit Services, presented this item, there were no further questions from committee members.

Motion made by Susag, seconded by Leppik, motion passed:

That the Council approve Resolution 2007-11, authorizing the Metropolitan Council to apply for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funding from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

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

INFORMATION

1. Independent Testing Laboratory Contract for 28th Avenue Park and Ride, Bloomington
Tom Thorstenson, Metro Transit, presented this item and stated that Stork Testing's proposal was not accepted, due to changes made by Stork Testing and its parent company. Metro Transit is negotiating with STS Consultants (the next higher bidder), Council action is not needed.

2. Policies and Standards for Advertising

Bruce Howard, Metro Transit Marketing, and David Theisen, Office of General Counsel, presented this item and answered questions from Committee members regarding public/non public for a, language differences throughout the draft policy, differences from the current policy, language pertaining to Northstar Commuter difference from Hiawatha LRT. Committee members were encouraged to discuss modifications and suggestions with Theisen, Howard and B.Lamb in the next few weeks prior to approval of the policies.

3. 2007 Regional Solicitation

Carl Ohrn and Kevin Roggenbuck, Metropolitan Transportation Services, presented this item to the committee. They explained the solicitation timeline, evaluation process, qualifying criteria, selection, types of categories and projects being funded, and answered questions from committee members.

4. Report from the TAC/CIC Joint Committee on the Recommendations for Spending Revenues from the Governor's Bonding Package in the Metro Area
Kevin Roggenbuck, Metropolitan Transportation Services presented a report from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) to the Technical Advisory Committee Regarding Highway Investment Priorities. This report was in response to MnDOT's request for the TAC to work with MnDOT to identify criteria and/or investment priorities to allocate bond funds that would be available to the Metro District under the Governor's transportation financing proposal. The report was also presented to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) at their April 2007 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hill Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m. April 23, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary