

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: June 24, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

- Chair, Robin Hutcheson
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Tyronne Carter, District 3
- Deb Barber, District 4
- John Pacheco Jr., District 5

- Robert Lilligren, District 6
- Yassin Osman, District 7
- Anjuli Cameron, District 8
- Diego Morales, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Gail Cederberg, District 11

- Mark Jenkins, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14
- Victor Obisakin, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
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Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Hutcheson called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:01 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Council Member Pacheco.

Agenda approved

Council members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Toni Carter to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Lunde addressed the Council regarding the Blue Line Extension project.

Marc Culver, Public Works Director – City of Brooklyn Park, addressed the Council regarding the city’s support to keep the Blue Line Extension project on schedule.

Discussion

1. Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Welcome and Discussion

James Corless, Executive Director and Jill Gayaldo, Board Chair and Councilmember presented an overview of Sacramento Area Council of Governments, its governance, structure and roles.

Joint Reports

1. **2026-78 JT SW:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2026 Unified Budget as amended and in accordance with the attached tables.

It was moved by Pacheco, seconded by Cameron. **Motion carried on the following roll call vote:**

Aye	12	Cameron, Toni Carter, Dr. Cederberg, Chamblis, Jenkins, Lee, Lilligren, Obisakin, Osman, Pacheco, Wulff, Hutcheson
Nay	0	
Absent	5	Barber, Dr. Carter, Johnson, Lindstrom, Morales

Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-5)

1. **2026-102:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City of Minnetrista to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Find that the amendment does not change the City of Minnetrista’s forecasts.
 3. Revise the Imagine 2050 community designation from Diversified Rural to Suburban Edge for the amendment site as shown in Figure 2 in the Review Record.
 4. Advise the City of Minnetrista to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater, Transportation, Forecasts, and Land Use.
2. **2026-103:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Approve the Baylor Regional Park Long-Range Plan.
 2. Advise Carver County to consider implementing the recommendations for land use and solar resources in the Advisory Comments section of the business item.



3. **2026-104:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City of Columbia Heights to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
 3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comment in the Review Record for Transportation.
4. **2026-106 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to make the following project adjustments:
 - Increase the cost and make a technical correction to include the new bridge number to the description of MnDOT and Burnsville's MN 13 grade separation project.
 - Increase the cost and change the scope of MnDOT's MN 101 mill and overlay / turn lane extension project.
 - Increase the cost and project length of MnDOT's US 61 signal replacement and pavement reconstruction project.
 - Increase the cost and project length of MnDOT's I-94 / 694 traffic sign replacement project.
5. **2026-108:** That the Metropolitan Council declares the property identified on Exhibit A, which is north of the Council's METRO Green Line Extension Shady Oak Station, is surplus to the METRO Green Line Extension project and authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Hopkins and the City of Hopkins Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the sale and redevelopment of the surplus property.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Jenkins.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. 2026-86: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Authorize fund distribution for the Community Tree Planting Program in two rounds, one each in 2026 and 2027.
2. Authorize the attached Notice of Funding Availability for the 2026 Community Tree Planting Grant Program, to be issued after the Council formerly amends its budget to bring in new state appropriation funding.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Obisakin.

Motion carried.

Environment

1. No reports.

Management

1. No reports.

Transportation

1. **2026-107:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 - Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a change order for Contract 17P000 with Aldridge – Parsons, a Joint Venture (APJV) in an amount not to exceed \$14,571,036.67 for claims resolution of costs associated with an extension of time to the contract and to provide Systems maintenance activities; and
 - Authorize an additional \$18 million to the current \$82.8 million cumulative change authority for Contract 17P000 with APJV, resulting in a total cumulative change order authority of \$100.8 million and a balance of cumulative change order authority of \$9.6 million after the execution of the change order.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Toni Carter.

Motion carried.

Other business

1. No reports.

Information

1. No reports.

Reports

Chair Hutcheson thanked the Sacramento Area Council of Governments delegation for selecting the Met Council and Twin Cities region for their visit.

Regional Administrator noted that the budget approval supports the risk and compliance area as they build out their team and structure. The APJV approval advances the project and progress being made. In addition, the Renew the Blue maintenance ensures the system is set up for an excellent Green Line Extension opening launch next summer.

General Counsel Office is hiring staff and is looking for candidates with tort experience.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 24, 2026.

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