Minutes

Metropolitan Council

Meeting date: November 18, 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

☒ = present

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 4:02 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 Morales, seconded by Toni Carter to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2026, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried**.

Public invitation

Ivan Nelson, of African American Survivor Services, addressed the Council regarding the Randolph Avenue encampment and funding availability for housing and services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-8)

1. **2026-122:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached administrative modification to the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) to include changes to the Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) and Regional Bicycle Barriers (RBB).
2. **2026-140:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to:

   Negotiate, enter into, and execute the renewal Universal Pass agreements for 26R008 Staff and Faculty and 26R009 Students, with the University of Minnesota for the period of December 1, 2026 – July 31, 2030.
3. **2026-181:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to execute two subrecipient grant agreements with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for:
   1. Federal CMAQ operating assistance, in the amount of $2,809,912, to implement the new Shakopee-Brooklyn Center Express Route.
   2. Federal CMAQ operating assistance, in the amount of $1,820,780, to implement the new Rice Street Express Route.
4. **2026-190:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 26G004 Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and accept Clean Water Funds from the Minnesota Legislature via MPCA in the amount not to exceed $350,000.
5. **2026-191:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 26P083 with Minger Construction Companies, Inc. for the construction of Interceptor 1-MN-346 Rehabilitation – Phase 2 in an amount not to exceed $22,226,315.
6. **2026-193:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Amendment 3 to the contract 22P161 for $962,787.50 with Clevor Consulting Group for continued technical, strategic, and operational support of the Fare System Upgrade program with a total contract value not to exceed $2,962,987.50.
7. **2026-204:** Approving the proposed Industrial Waste enforcement fee increases, including the new $350 Enforcement Meeting Fee, effective January 1, 2027, and recommend approval by the Metropolitan Council.
8. **2026-216:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 26P056 with Latitude LLC for the purpose of advertising, media planning and media buying in the amount not to exceed $9,000,000.

   It was moved by Morales, seconded by Wulff.

   Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. **2026-202 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
    1. Authorize the City of Hastings to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
    2. Revise the City's Imagine 2050 forecasts and sewer-serviced forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 and Table 2 of the attached Review Record.
    3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Land Use and Environmental Resources.

    It was moved by Toni Carter, seconded by Morales.

    Motion carried.

2. **2026-215 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council:
    1. Authorize the transition of the Emergency Housing Voucher program to the Tenant Protection Voucher program;
    2. Authorize the Executive Director, Community Development Division, to negotiate and execute the First Amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority to allow continued program operations within each other's service area; and
    3. Authorize Council staff to take any further steps necessary for the transition of the Emergency Housing Voucher program to the Tenant Protection Voucher program.

    It was moved by Toni Carter, seconded by Morales. Council Member Chamblis asked a question to clarify the differences between the Emergency Housing Voucher and Tenant Protection Voucher programs. Staff noted the Emergency Housing Voucher program was appropriated for a certain amount of time by Congress, and the Tenant Protection Voucher program is another funding source to ensure that families that received the Emergency Housing Voucher can transition to Tenant Protection Voucher to continue receiving assistance.

    Motion carried.

Environment

1. No reports.

Management

1. **2026-133:** That the Council authorize its Regional Administrator to enter into a labor agreement with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 1005, effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2029.

    It was moved by Morales, seconded by Cederberg.

    Motion carried.

2. **2026-200:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2026-20 providing for the defeasance of outstanding General Obligation Transit Bonds Series 2019B, including the incurrence of related redemption expenses, and execution of defeasance and redemption documents.

   It was moved by Pacheco, seconded by Morales.

   Motion carried.

Transportation

1. **2026-185:** That the Metropolitan Council approve Amendment #1 to the F Line Corridor Plan, adjusting one platform location at Central & 49th Avenue and changing the planned alignment in downtown Minneapolis to Marquette Avenue and 2nd Avenue.

   It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Obisakin.

   Motion carried.

2. **2026-194:** That the Metropolitan Council accept the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Amendment 3 Public Comment Report (attached) and adopt 2050 TPP Amendment #3 (attached), updating the Bronze Line (formerly Purple Line) bus rapid transit project and adding the J Line and K Line bus rapid transit projects to the fiscally constrained plan.

   It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Toni Carter. Council Member Barber recused from voting on this item.

   Motion carried.

3. **2026-207:** That the Metropolitan Council endorse the 2026 Network Now Framework Amendment.

   It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Barber.

   Motion carried.

4. **2026-213:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the proposed fare policy changes as outlined in the 2026 Proposal column of Attachment 1 to this item, to be effective February 1, 2027.

   It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Dr. Tyronne Carter.

   Motion carried.

Joint reports

1. No reports.

Other business

1. **2026-199:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolutions setting days, times and locations for regular meetings of the Council and its Committees and authorizing closed Committee meetings:

    a. Metropolitan Council (Resolution No. 2026-14)

    b. Committee of the Whole (Resolution No. 2026-15)

    c. Community Development Committee (Resolution No. 2026-16)

    d. Environment Committee (Resolution No. 2026-17)

    e. Management Committee (Resolution No. 2026-18)

    f. Transportation Committee (Resolution No. 2026-19)

    It was moved by Morales, seconded by Dr. Tyronne Carter.

    Motion carried.

Information

1. No reports.

Reports

Chair Hutcheson highlighted National GIS Day and recognized Metropolitan Council staff who do this work for the organization. Chair Hutcheson announced that the next Committee of the Whole will be on December 9 in Roseville. Council Member Lindstrom provided additional information for the meeting which will be at the Roseville Skating Center. In addition, Chair Hutcheson shared that she will be making remarks at the Council's PlanIt Conference on November 19, which is a conference for regional planners who are working on comprehensive plans.

Council Member Jenkins shared about the opportunities to attend and represent the Metropolitan Council at Tribal consultations with White Earth Nation and Lower Sioux Indian Community. Council Member Jenkins attended an event at The Warren, which is an affordable community in Minneapolis, and highlighted the importance of transit in the community.

Council Members Obisakin and Dr. Tyronne Carter were thankful for the opportunity to attend the WTS MN Transportation Summit where Chair Hutcheson was the keynote speaker.

Regional Administrator attended a Veterans Day celebration on November 11 at Metro Transit, which was hosted by Metropolitan Council's Veterans Forward ERG. Regional Administrator highlighted Council Member Dr. Tyronne Carter who shared words at the event and Council Member Dr. Tyronne Carter shared insights from the event. Regional Administrator reminded the public that there is no meeting next week on November 25 and gave appreciation to employees who may be working throughout the holidays.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 18, 2026.

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