

Minutes

Special Transportation Committee



Meeting date: September 8, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Robert St Chambers

Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Deb Barber, D4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 8 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 7 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victor Obisakin, District 15 |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = 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, Committee Chair Barber called the special meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:01 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Chair Barber.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Carter, Tyronne to approve the revised minutes of the August 11, 2025, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Obisakin to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2025, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director
Charles Carlson reported on the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Amendment public comment report.
2. Metro Transit General Manager

No report.

3. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)

No report.

Consent business

1. There were no consent items.

Non-consent business

1. **2025-225:** 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Obisakin, that the Metropolitan Council:

- Adopt the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program with a budget of \$11,124,064
- Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for receipt of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning funds.

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Bethany Brandt-Sargent presented this item. Council members did not have any questions or comments.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated this item could proceed as consent to Council.

2. **2025-228:** Release of Draft 2050 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Amendment 2: Aviation System Plan Update for Public Comment

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Cameron, that Metropolitan Council approve releasing the draft 2050 TPP Amendment 2: Aviation System Plan Update, replacing the existing aviation elements of the TPP, for public review and comment.

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Transportation Planner Joe Widing presented this item. Council members did not have any questions or comments.

Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated this item could proceed as consent to Council.

Information

1. 2026-2031 Transit Capital Improvement Program Overview

Metropolitan Transportation Services Finance Director Heather Giesel and Metro Transit Finance Director Kristin Prescott presented this item. Council members discussed the transit allocation policy.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Special Transportation Committee meeting of September 8, 2025.

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