

# Minutes

Transportation Committee



**Meeting date:** January 12, 2026

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** Robert St Chambers

## Members present:

- Chair, Deb Barber, D4
- Vice Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2
- Judy Johnson, District 1

- Tyronne Carter, District 3
- John Pacheco Jr., District 5
- Yassin Osman, District 7

- Anjuli Cameron, District 8
- Toni Carter, District 14
- Victor Obisakin, District 15

= present, E = excused

## 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 regular meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 4:00 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 Carter, Toni, seconded by Carter, Tyronne to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Employee recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit General Manager

Metro Transit General Manager Kandaras introduced Director of Arterial BRT Katie Roth who presented awards to Principal Engineer Evan Owens-Ambrosio, BRT Projects Manager Adam Smith, Community Relations Coordinator Erik Thompson, and Principal Contract Administrator Ryan Frey.

## Reports

1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director

Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director Carlson reported that thus far there have not been service disruptions to the system the past week.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

Metro Transit General Manager Kandaras voiced appreciation for staff work to keep service running smoothly as well.

3. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)

There was no TAAC report.

### **Consent business**

Consent business adopted

1. 2026-5: SW: Streamlined 2026-2029 TIP Amendment Request – Saint Paul Safe Streets for All (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1750)
2. 2026-6: SW: Streamlined 2026-2029 TIP Amendment Request – Four Project Adjustments (Joe Barbeau 651-602-1750)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried.

### **Non-consent business**

1. 2026-1 JT: January Special Budget Amendment (Ruth Crowe-Lane 612-349-7602, Heather Giesel 651-602-1715)

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2026 Unified Budget amendment as indicated, and in accordance with, the attached tables.

**Motion carried.**

2. 2026-7: Review of Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) 2026-2032 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (Joe Widing 651-602-1822)

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

- Find that the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) had an adequate public participation process for the development and review of its 2026-2032 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), including preparation of an assessment of environmental effects (AOEE) for 2025 projects with potential environmental effects.
- Find that the 2026 CIP projects are in conformance with the region's Aviation System Plan in the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan and consistent with Council policy.

Chamblis asked about future projects.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed to Council.**

3. 2026-8: Transportation Policy Plan Amendment 2: Update to the 2050 Aviation System Plan (Joe Widing 651-602-1822)

It was moved by Cameron, seconded by Carter, Toni, that the Metropolitan Council accept the 2050 TPP Amendment 2 public comment report and adopt 2050 TPP Amendment 2 (attached), updating and replacing the 2050 Aviation System Plan.

**Motion carried.**

4. 2026-9: Adoption of 2026 Roadway Safety Performance Targets (Jed Hanson 651-602-1716)



It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Obisakin, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the 2026 roadway safety performance targets, which advance a long-term goal of zero deaths:

1. Number of all fatalities: no more than 71
2. Fatal injuries per 100 million VMT: no more than 0.25
3. Number of all serious injuries: no more than 445
4. Serious injuries per 100 million VMT: no more than 1.55
5. Pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and serious injuries: no more than 110

Johnson, Obisakin, and Pacheco asked about the extent of data reported. Chamblis asked about regional partnerships. Carter, Toni asked about federal government funding impacting state goals.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed to Council.**

5. 2026-13: Procurement of Replacement Articulated New Flyer Buses for Maple Grove, Contract 25P339 (Jodi Janssen 651-602-1103)

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P339 with New Flyer / NFI Group to exercise purchase options utilizing the State of Washington's Master Contract #06719 for two replacement 60' articulated buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,200,000.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed to Council.**

6. 2026-14: Procurement of Nineteen Heavy Duty Gillig Buses for MTS, MVTA and Plymouth, Contract 25P341 (Jodi Janssen 651-602-1103)

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P341 with Gillig, LLC to exercise purchase options utilizing the State of Washington's Master Contract #06719 for nineteen replacement heavy duty buses of various sizes in an amount not to exceed \$15,800,000.

Carter, Tyronne asked about heavy duty buses.

**Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed to Council.**

## Information

1. Household Travel Survey (Dennis Farmer 651-602-1552)

Council Members asked about details captured, communities reached, external factors, fare incentives.

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of January 12, 2026.

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