Minutes

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 9, 2026 **Time**: 4:00 PM **Location:** Heywood Chambers

Members present:

- ☒ Chair, Reva Chamblis, D2
- ☒ Vice Chair, Victor Obisakin, D15
- ☐ Judy Johnson, District 1
- ☒ Tyronne Carter, District 3
- ☒ Deb Barber, District 4
- ☒ John Pacheco Jr., District 5
- ☐ Yassin Osman, District 7
- ☐ Anjuli Cameron, District 8
- ☒ Toni Carter, District 14

☒ = 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 Chamblis 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 Committee Chair Chamblis.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Obisakin, seconded by Carter, Tyronne to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried**.

Employee recognition – Metro Transit

1. Metro Transit General Manager

   Lesley Kandaras introduced Deputy General Manager of Administration Alyssa Haugen who presented awards to: Public Involvement Manager David Davies, Senior Community Outreach Coordinator James Mockovciak and Market Development Supervisor Kelci Stones.

Reports

1. Contracted Transit Executive Director

Charles Carlson reported on the Center for Transportation Studies (CTS) conference that several staff attended on November 5.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

   Lesley Kandaras reported on the upcoming Veteran's Day celebration at North Loop Garage on November 11 at 11am.

3. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)

   No report.

Public Comment

Carl Holmquist addressed the Committee regarding bus service in Hopkins.

Consent business

1. There were no consent items on the agenda.

Non-consent business

1. **2026-185:** METRO F Line Corridor Plan Amendment #1

   It was moved by Pacheco, seconded by Obisakin, 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.

   Metro Transit Arterial BRT Acting Director Kyle O'Donnell Burrows presented this item. O'Donnell Burrows presented the rationale for timing of the amendment and the proposed changes. Council Members discussed safety at the planned roundabout at Central & 49th Avenue. O'Donnell Burrows shared that safety improvements for pedestrians and vehicles are the primary driver for the proposed change, and that design was being coordinated with MnDOT. Council Members discussed the planned operation of the F Line on Marquette and 2nd avenues, how it would interact with the existing service, and if any other changes to local service were included. O'Donnell Burrows confirmed that this proposed action only applies to the F Line and that it would operate using the double bus lanes on the one-way pair as the corridor operates today. The F Line and Orange Line would share station locations. Council Members discussed the importance of mitigating the anticipated drawbacks to future F Line riders. O'Donnell Burrows confirmed that Metro Transit remains in close coordination with the city on these items and the overall project.

   Motion carried.

2. **2026-207:** 2026 Network Now Framework Amendment

   It was moved by Barber, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, that the Metropolitan Council endorse the 2026 Network Now Framework Amendment.

   Metro Transit System Planning Manager Ryan Heath presented this item. Barber thanked staff for their work and Carter, Tyronne stated excitement for the Minnetonka Metro Micro zone. Chamblis asked how the agency continues to evaluate service as it evolves to ensure certain areas or populations are not overlooked. Heath explained that demographic data is used to ensure services meet the needs of individuals who are car-light or car-free and as service changes are considered, ridership is evaluated. Metro Transit also uses the information gathered through the onboard transit surveys and Travel Behavior Inventory (TBI). Contracted Transit Executive Director Charles Carlson added that the TBI gives a great amount of macro level travel information.

   Motion carried.

3. **2026-193:** Fare System Upgrade Consultant - Contract 22P161 Amendment 3

   It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Obisakin, 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

   Metro Transit Fare Modernization Senior Project Manager Tom Randall presented this item. Carter, Tyronne asked if there was projected monetary savings for the agency with the upgrade. Randall stated any monetary savings is hard to quantify but the benefits will be ease of use, simplicity, reliability of the system, enhanced security, and increased payment options; all of which could attract riders to use the system.

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

4. **2026-213:** Approval of Proposed Fare Policy Changes - 2026

   It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Barber, 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.

   Metro Transit Fare Modernization Senior Project Manager Tom Randall and Revenue Operations Project Manager Dustin Crescini presented this item. Council members did not have any questions.

   Motion carried.

5. **2026-216:** Advertising Services, Contract 26P056

   It was moved by Obisakin, seconded by Carter, Tyronne, 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.

   Metro Transit Market Development Supervisor Kelci Stones presented this item. Chamblis asked what the previous contract length and amount was. Stones stated the last contract amount was $7M for five years.

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

Information

1. Renew the Blue Phase 2 Evaluation & 2027 Preview

   Metro Transit Operations Planning Senior Manager Bob Westgate and Principal Researcher Rachael Jones presented this item. Council members thanked staff for their work.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of November 9, 2026.

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