Minutes

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 26, 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 4:02 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 Carter, Toni seconded by Osman to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried**.

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried**.

Reports

1. Transportation Planning Director

   No report.

2. Metro Transit General Manager

   No report.

3. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

   Peter Dugan reported on the October TAB Meeting.

Public Comment

Minneapolis Ward 3 City Council Member Michael Rainville addressed the Committee regarding the positive impact the TRIP agents are making on the system.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. **2026-181:** Authorize Two Grant Agreements with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for CMAQ Operating Assistance

   Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to execute two subrecipient grant agreements with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for:

   • Federal CMAQ operating assistance, in the amount of $2,809,912, to implement the new Shakopee-Brooklyn Center Express Route.

   • Federal CMAQ operating assistance, in the amount of $1,820,780, to implement the new Rice Street Express Route.

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

   Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. **2026-122:** 2050 TPP Administrative Modification for Regional Bicycle Transportation Network and Regional Bicycle Barriers

   It was moved by Obisakin, seconded by Osman, 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).

   Transportation Planning Senior Planner Jed Hanson presented this item. Johnson asked if there were other opportunities to bring in more money for projects. Hanson stated the funding available for the RBTN is fixed by what the MPO has available. Transportation Planning Director Amy Vennewitz added that regional projects funded through Regional Solicitation are funded with federal funds, not active transportation funds; current federal funding levels have remained flat and are not expected to increase in the near future.

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

2. **2026-194:** Transportation Policy Plan Amendment 3: Bronze Line Update and J and K Lines

   It was moved by Osman, seconded by Obisakin, 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.

   Transportation Planning Senior Manager Cole Hiniker presented this item. Chamblis asked if there are quarterly reviews of the funding forecast. Hiniker stated the TPP doesn't get into specific details of the budget and that it is focused on bigger picture projects and budget categories. Transportation Planning Director Amy Vennewitz added the TPP is more of an overall look and that the agency will still look at budgets quarterly/annually. Chamblis asked

about the impact of Micro Transit as it relates to ridership. Metro Transit Chief of Staff Jillian Linnell stated that Micro Zones are established to help facilitate riders' access into the transit system and the data supports that connections are being made at the transfer points.

Barber recused. Motion carried.

3. **2026-140:** University of Minnesota Universal Pass Renewals for 26R008 Staff & Faculty and 26R009 Students

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

   Metro Transit Revenue Collections Senior Manager Bob Casseday presented this item. There were no questions from Council members.

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

4. **2026-171 SW:** Disposition of 13 Properties in the Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund Program

   It was moved by Osman, seconded by Barber, that the Metropolitan Council direct recipients of highway right-of-way acquisition loans to sell 13 properties as identified in Table 1 and forward the sales proceeds to the Metropolitan Council in full satisfaction of the loans consistent with Minnesota Statute.

   Transportation Planning Planner Tony Fischer presented this item. There were no questions from Council members.

   Motion carried.

Information

1. Regional Solicitation Update

   Transportation Planning Regional Solicitation Manager Bethany Brandt-Sargent and Planning Analyst Joe Widing presented this item. Transportation Planning Director Amy Vennewitz provided the Committee with the various options that were discussed by TAB. Council members discussed the time and money commitment involved in the application and scoring process for both the Council and communities, the potential for a new timeline affecting projects and the expected next steps. Osman asked that Council members receive an update when the TAC makes its recommendation.

2. Quarterly Service Change and Workforce Update

   Metro Transit Principal Data Scientist Shanta Hejmadi and Route and System Planning Assistant Director Jonathan Ahn presented this item. Chair Chamblis expressed a desire to see more information about performances i.e., measures of success, and return on investments from service increases.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Transportation Committee meeting of October 26, 2026.

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