

# Minutes

Transportation Committee



**Meeting date:** March 9, 2026

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** Robert St Chambers

## Members present:

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| <input 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 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 |
- = 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 Vice 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 Council Member Chamblis.

## Agenda approved

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

## Approval of minutes

It was moved by Carter, Tyronne, seconded by Osman to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Public Comment

A member from the public spoke about Metro Mobility.

## Reports

### 1. Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director

Carlson reported on the timeliness of tonight's topics given the impact of car ownership on finances and the environment.

### 2. Metro Transit General Manager

Kandaras reported that Chief Dotseth has been appointed, shared that March 14<sup>th</sup> will bring the quarterly service changes, and Saint Patrick's Day transit coverage.

3. Joint Labor Management Safety Committee (JLMSC)

Council Members asked about peer agency comparisons, barrier impacts to first responders, and safety requirements.

4. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Board (TAAC)

There was no TAAC report.

## Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. There were no consent items on the agenda

## Non-consent business

1. 2026-43: Authorization to Hold Public Hearings on Proposed Fare Policy Changes (Tom Randall 612-349-7624, Dustin Crescini 612-349-7718)

It was moved by Obisakin, seconded by Pacheco, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes public hearings to accept comments on the proposed fare policy changes described in Attachment 1 to this item.

Council Members asked clarifying questions about implementation, payment and technology specifics, as well as community outreach and employer involvement.

**Motion carried.**

2. 2026-48 JT: 2026 Budget Amendment – 1st Quarter (Kristin Prescott 612-373-3812, Heather Giesel 651-602-1715)

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

Council Members asked about trends.

**Motion carried.**

## Information

1. Annual Ridership Update - 2025 (Joey Reid 612-349-7535, John Harper 651-602-1744, Rachel Dungca 612-349-7536)

Council Members asked for specifics about the trends of ridership across the various modes, as well as the suburbs, telecommuting, and peer comparisons.

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

## Certification

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

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