

Minutes

Special Management Committee



Meeting date: September 9, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

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| ☒ Chair, Diego Morales, D9 | ☐ Judy Johnson, District 1 | ☒ Gail Cederberg, District 11 |
| ☐ Vice Chair, John Pacheco Jr., D5 | ☒ Robert Lilligren, District 6 | ☒ Mark Jenkins, District 12 |
| | ☒ Yassin Osman, District 7 | ☒ = 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 Morales called the regular meeting of the Management Committee to order at 3:01 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

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

Agenda Approved

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Cederberg, seconded by Osman, to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2026, regular meeting of the Management Committee. **Motion carried.**

Non-consent Business

1. **2026-135: 2026 Policy Update, FM 14-1**

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Jenkins, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Increase the micro purchase threshold for federally funded procurements from \$10,000 to \$25,000;
2. Certify that the change is justified and consistent with State law;
3. Authorize the Regional Administrator to self-certify the increased federal threshold on an annual basis;
4. Adopt the attached version of FM 14-1 Procurement Policy; and
5. Direct staff to update any related procedures or other documentation.

Motion carried.

Jody Jacoby, Chief Procurement Officer, and Kaye Wierzbicki, Principal Contract Administrator, presented this item.

Council Member Cederberg asked if the policy change will have a negative impact on MCUB vendors if solicitations are not advertised and why not. In addition, Council Member Cederberg asked if all small purchases can be set at the \$250,000 threshold.

Staff noted that the \$175,000 threshold public notice is set by state statutes to advertise on the Council's public website. The Council has a partnership with the State of Minnesota to advertise solicitation opportunities on the State's procurement portal to push out the information. The \$250,000 threshold for construction is also set by state statutes. Staff noted that the policy change would have no impact on the Council's alternative methods under the MCUB Direct and MCUB Select programs.

Council Member Jenkins asked whether the proposed federal micro purchase threshold would remain consistent or whether it may change from project to project.

Staff responded that the proposed federal threshold allows the Council not have to collect multiple quotes. Different thresholds depend on the type of work. Staff noted that the uniform guidance allows the recipients to set a higher micro purchase threshold for their organization as long as the policy is:

- consistent with state legislation,
- fairly communicated with a rationale, and
- includes an annual self-certification that is performed to consistently re-affirm that the organization is operating in accordance with the laws applicable to that municipality.

Council Member Lilligren asked how frequently a funding source changes (e.g. from locally funded to federally funded) during procurement process.

Staff responded that sometimes the funding source changes because of a placeholder for an anticipatory grant from the federal government. Depending on the timing of the funding source and if the project is ready to go, the funding source on a project may change. This provides agility and aligns the various roles with spend.



2. **2026-136: 2026 Policy Update, FM 14-2**

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Lilligren, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached version of the following policy:

- FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy

Motion carried.

Jody Jacoby, Chief Procurement Officer, and Kaye Wierzbicki, Principal Contract Administrator, presented this item. There were no questions from the committee.

3. **2026-161: Green Line Extension Rail Liability Insurance**

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Jenkins, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes to bind the rail liability insurance related to the Green Line Extension for the 2026-27 policy year effective October 1, 2026-October 1, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$4,300,000.

Motion carried.

Ray Engler, Director – Risk Management presented this item. Council Member Osman asked whether the policy would be in effect during the opening of the Green Line Extension and staff confirmed that it would.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Certification

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

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