Minutes of the regular meeting of the Rochester-Olmsted Council of Governments held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **September 23, 2026,** in Conference Room 171 located at PWSC, 1180 50th Street SE, Rochester, MN 55904.

Members Present:

- Mr. Brian Mueller, (Chair) County Commissioner
- Mr. Nick Miller, (Vice Chair), Rochester City Council
- Mr. Bob Hopkins, County Commissioner
- Mr. Bill Schimmel, Small Cities
- Mr. Patrick Keane, Rochester City Council
- Ms. Kim Norton, City of Rochester
- Mr. Randy Reimer, Community Representative
- Ms. Shelly Rohe, Community Representative
- Ms. Diana Connelly, Townships
- Mr. Gregg Wright, County Commissioner
- Mr. Steve Cook, Small Cities
- Mr. Randy Schubring, Rochester City Council

Members Absent:

- Mr. Shaun Palmer, Rochester City Council
- Mr. Dustin Morrow, School District #535
- Mr. Dave Iseminger, Small Cities
- Mr. Frank Merchant, Townships

ROCOG Staff Present via Conf. Room 109/110:

- Ms. Allison Sosa, ROCOG Executive Director
- Mr. Jarrett Hubbard, Principal Planner
- Ms. Karli McElroy, Principal Planner
- Mr. Matt Tse, Principal Planner
- Ms. Beth Davis, Executive Support Supervisor

Partner Staff Present via Conf. Room 109/110:

- Mr. Ben Johnson, County Public Works
- Ms. Rachel Fautsch, Rochester Parking and Transit
- Mr. Sam Budzuna, Rochester Traffic Engineer
- Mr. Nick Sanford, County Traffic Engineer
- Mr. Randy Petersen, Post-Bulletin

Others Present via Microsoft Teams:

- Mr. Matt Lynch, Rochester-Administration
- Mr. Greg Paulson, MnDOT District 6
- Mr. Randy Staver, Rochester Township
- Mr. Kurt Wayne, MnDOT
- Ms. Sandi Goslee, Principal Planner

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ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mr. Mueller, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Merchant moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Iseminger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

Adoption of Resolution 2026-12 – 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Tse led the discussion and formal approval of the 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program, reviewing its purpose, funding categories, public input process, and addressing questions regarding transit coverage, planning projects, and compliance requirements.

Motion was made by Mr. Merchant to approve Resolution 2026-12. Second, by Mr. Iseminger. Motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution 2026-13 - 2027-2028 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Sosa presented and discussed the 2027–2028 Unified Planning Work Program, outlining the annual budget, funding breakdown, project timelines, and adjustments to budget lines, with questions from participants about staff costs, accessibility, budget tracking, and local match calculations

Motion was made by Mr. Keane to approve Resolution 2026-13. Second, by Mr. Cook. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

Minnesota Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emissions Preview

Ms. McElroy provided an overview of Minnesota's new transportation greenhouse gas assessment requirements, discussing legislative background, project eligibility, assessment and offset processes, and the role of the MPO, while capturing questions from participants about offsets, cost, and implementation

City of Rochester Week without Driving 2026

Ms. Elroy informed the policy board about the upcoming Rochester Week Without Driving campaign, highlighting its purpose, events, and the involvement of local organizations, encouraging participants to experience alternative transportation modes and reflect on accessibility challenges

Next ROCOG Meeting – October 28, 2026 at PWSC, 1188 50th Street SE, Rochester, MN

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr Merchant seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

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_____ Brian Mueller, ROCOG Chair

_____ Allison Sosa, ROCOG Executive Director

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