

# Minnesota State Senate

Transportation Committee  
Wednesday, April 12, 2023  
3:00 PMLivestream YouTube

## Minutes

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**Present:** Senator D. Scott Dibble - Chair, Senator Kelly L. Morrison Vice Chair, Senator Jim Carlson, Senator Julia E. Coleman, Senator Fong Hawj, Senator Jeff R. Howe, Senator John R. Jasinski, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Jennifer A. McEwen, Senator Lindsey Port

**Absent:** No Members Absent

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Senator Fong Hawj had the gavel and called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

**Presentations and Discussion: Southwest Light Rail Transit reports from the Office of the Legislative Auditor - Special Review, released Sept. 2022:**  
<https://www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us/sreview/SWLRTbudgettimeline.pdf> -  
**Evaluation Report, released March 2023:**  
<https://www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us/ped/pedrep/swlrtc.pdf>

Presentation on Southwest Light Rail Transit reports from the Office of the Legislative Auditor. The presentation was given by the following individuals:

- Catherine Tyson, Director of Special Reviews – Office of the Legislative Auditor
- David Kirchner, Project Manager – Office of the Legislative Auditor

The gavel was given to Vice Chair Kelly L. Morrison who proceeded to chair the meeting.

Vice Chair Morrison noted that a quorum was present.

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Charlie Zelle, Chair – Metropolitan Council
- Nick Thompson, Deputy General Manager of Capital Projects for Metro Transit – Metropolitan Council
- Mark Hughes

The committee opened to discussion and questions from members.

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Vice Chair Morrison adjourned the meeting at 4:05pm.



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Senator Kelly L. Morrison, Vice Chair



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Alex Will, Legislative Assistant