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## **The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting**

Thursday, February 11, 2016

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

### **Minutes**

#### **Members and Guests Present**

Board members present were Chair-Liz Workman, Vice Chair-Tom Wolf, Secretary/Treasurer-Gene Abbott, Jan Callison, Lisa Freese, Mary Liz Holberg, Zach Johnson, Karl Keel, Mark Krebsbach, Jon Oleson, Jeff Pearson, Ryan Peterson, Mary Sherry, Thomas Terry, and Trish Timmons; and member staff and visitors, Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Senator Jim Carlson, Ray Hoover (Hennepin County), Jane Kansier (MVTA), Josh Pearson (MnDOT), Joseph Scala (Hennepin County), Katy Sen (Messerli & Kramer), Jon Solberg (MnDOT), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Rob Vanasek (Vanasek Consulting).

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m. by Chair Liz Workman.

#### **Election of Board Officers**

Jan Callison nominated the following slate of officers for consideration: Chair – Liz Workman, Vice Chair – Tom Wolf, and Treasurer/Secretary – Gene Abbott. Upon motion made and seconded, the board officers were elected as put forth. Note that Gene Abbott will finish his time on the Audit Committee for 2015 items.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the January 14, 2016 meeting were approved.

#### **Acceptance of Treasurer's Report**

Upon motion made and seconded, the treasurer's report was approved subject to audit.

#### **Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan Presentation**

Josh Pearson, MnDOT, presented information on the Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan and requested feedback on what MnDOT should focus on via a distributed worksheet.

#### **Legislative Agenda**

Upon motion made and seconded, 2016 legislative agenda was approved with the following changes:

- Switch ordering of the transit operating and capital funding with highway funding categories, making highway funding to come before transit funding in the document.
- On priority projects for transit, add 35W and 76<sup>th</sup> Street under the first bullet.
- Add an "s" to station for Burnsville station to indicate plural.

- Under highway priority projects:
  - Add in parentheses for 35W Bridge over Minnesota River: (construction in 2018).
  - Add a bullet: MnPASS lanes on Hwy 77/Cedar Ave (Red Line).

### **Legislative Update**

Rob Vanasek discussed recent legislative items.

### **Project Updates**

- Katy Sen with Messerli & Kramer (lobbyist for 494 Corridor Commission) discussed the 494 Corridor Commission, working with The 35W Solutions Alliance lobbyist, and the I-35W/494 Interchange project:
  - Legislative breakfast to be held February 26.
  - Working with legislators about bills moving through.
  - One time money – one time projects.
  - Ensure people are knowledgeable about the interchange project.
  - Regional and supported by many cities.
  - Time sensitivity with the Orange Line.
  - Karl Keel discussed costs and added that we are looking for business support.
  - Handout flier part of the agenda packet.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Met last month. In the middle of 169 Mobility Study (MnPASS and transitway). First meeting of the policy committee for that study being held tonight.
- Charles Carlson provided the following updates:
  - State of the Region this morning, the Met Council chair will announce the A Line opening date.
  - Orange Line tour February 26<sup>th</sup>; due to high interest, have added another bus.
- I35W Bridge over Minnesota River – Jon Solberg said that they are finishing up the layout and preliminary bridge design in next month or so. Have decided to go design-build so watching for funding.
- Red Line (Cedar) – Mark Krebsbach mentioned that the Cedar Grove station went out to bid Monday, and groundbreaking event is planned for later spring.
- Green Line Extension (SW) – Jan Callison said that it is included the President’s 2016 budget proposal.

### **Future Topics**

- MnPASS Pricing and Operation Concerns – How the Lanes Work (MnDOT)
- NW Passenger Rail (Dan Krum, MnDOT)
- Red Line

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2016.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.