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MEMORANDUM

TO: The I-35W Solutions Alliance Board of Directors

FROM: Robert J. Tennesen

RE: Legislative Report

DATE: November 8, 2012

Legislature

The election results in the House and Senate were a surprise. The Democrats took control of the Senate 39-28 and the House 73-61. It is expected that the new Speaker will be Rep. Paul Thissen and the new Senate Majority Leader will likely be Senator Tom Bakk. They will be organizing during the next month and a half for the 2013 session.

Broadcast of Candidate Forums

Bloomington Forum – Sept. 19

DVD's were sent to cable access channels for Bloomington, Edina, Eden Prairie and Richfield. Bloomington played over 24 times before the election, Edina and Eden Prairie declined to broadcast, and Richfield did not play.

Richfield Forum – Oct. 10

We requested that it be played in Richfield, Minneapolis and Bloomington. However, we are awaiting a response on where the DVD's were sent and how often they have been broadcast.

Burnsville Forum – Oct. 17

Burnsville staff delivered a DVD to Burnsville local cable and also posted a link to the forum on the city website. Gene Abbot delivered DVD's to Savage, Apple Valley and Lakeville. Burnsville played the forum 24 times. Savage appreciated being able to broadcast the forum and they played it 2-3 times per day. Apple Valley declined to play it because they determined it would not be of interest to many of its citizens. Lakeville played the forum 16 times.

The Transportation Finance Advisory Committee (TFAC)

The committee held its seventh meeting on October 15 to further refine funding and financing options developed at the September 24 meeting. The Governor has requested draft recommendations by November 15.

On October 31, the Committee will consider an analysis of the options selected for further consideration, and will further refine those options at its November 8 meeting. TFAC will meet again on November 19 to consider the Governor's comments on the draft recommendations and begin developing the final report. The December meeting will be used to finalize the report and refine a marketing plan the Governor has also requested.