



The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, January 10, 2013
Richfield Bartholomew Room
6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Tim Busse, Mike Eastling, Lisa Freese, Joe Gladke, Zach Johnson, Mark Krebsbach, Robert Lilligren, John Quincy, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, Thomas Terry, Tom Wolf, and Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors, Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Brian Isaacson (MnDOT), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Scott Pedersen (MnDOT), Ron Rauchle (MnDOT), Jon Solberg (MnDOT), Koryn Zewers (MnDOT), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Bob Tennessen (Tennessen Law).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the December 13, 2012 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

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

Nominations Committee/Election of Officers

Robert Lilligren, Chair, offered the current slate for consideration. The group re-elected current officers to continue: Chair – Sue Sandahl; Vice Chair – Robert Lilligren; Secretary – Liz Workman; and Treasurer – Tom Wolf.

Website Task Force

John Quincy, Chair, said that the 2012 minutes have been posted and the 2013 scheduled will be added.

Technical Committee

Ryan Peterson, Chair, discussed that SRF will begin work on updating the project priorities.

Legislative Update

Bob Tennessen presented the Legislative Report, a copy of which was included with the agenda packet.

Legislative Agenda

The Alliance discussed the legislative agenda and the need for the brochure and map for discussion with legislators. Discussion included changing text of "in-line" to "on-line," changing the second bullet under Transit and Highway to be the 35W and 494 interchange, adding "full build out of" to the first bullet under Transit, removal of 98th Street Station under Transit, and inclusion of support to 169 corridor transit. Bob Tennessen will make the requested changes to the legislative agenda and Kim Larson will adjust the brochure accordingly.

MAP-21 Presentation

Brian Isaacson and Koryn Zewers with MnDOT presented an overview on MAP-21 including the funding of MAP-21 versus SAFETEA-LU, performance measures and targets, review of STIP, and impacts.

Project Updates

- I-35W/I-494 Interchange – Contract should be approved by week’s end. A kickoff meeting will be scheduled.
- Hwy 77 – Next phase of management lane and access engineering study including meeting this month.
- I-494 Corridor Commission – Met yesterday with lobbyists, who indicated that there are a large number of new or second-year legislators. Outside groups need to come together to push transportation items. Legislative breakfast is scheduled for February 15, at 7:30 a.m. at Bloomington’s City Hall.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Meets tonight to review legislative agenda. Legislative breakfast will be held February 6, at 7:00 a.m.
- I-35W/Lake Street Station – Engaging federal partners on environmental.
- Cedar Avenue BRT – May/June launch expected. The two walk up stations are taking shape and the downtown larger stations allow for future overpass. Service has been extended. MVTA is holding open houses for feeder service. Service plan is nearing completion.
- I-35W BRT – Project office has hired a 35W lead who started this week.
- Regional Highway/Transitway Study – Second meeting to be held.
- Federal – Transportation alliance “Day on the Hill” is February 7.

Future Topics

- February - SW LRT Return on Investment Study by Itasca Project, Jay Cowles
- March – 94/35W Bridges and Interchange, Ron Rauchle with MnDOT
- April – 35, 35E, 35W construction, Sheila Kauppi with MnDOT

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2013, at the Richfield City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.