



The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, January 12, 2012

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Tim Busse, Jan Callison, Mike Eastling, Lisa Freese, Karl Keel, Robert Lilligren, Steve Mielke, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, John Quincy, Thomas Terry, Tom Wolf, Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors Steve Elkins (Met Council), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Craig Lenning (HDR), John Levin (Metro Transit), Beverley Miller (MVTA), Bill Neuendorf (Transit for Livable Communities), Jeff Pearson (City of Richfield), Tim Quinn (MnDOT), Joseph Scala (Hennepin County), Bob Tennesen (Tennesen Law), and Kim Larson (Bloomington).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the December 8, 2011 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

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

Legislative Agenda

The 2011 Legislative Agenda was distributed to the group. Members are to review and contact Bob Tennesen with changes/suggestions for development of the 2012 Legislative Agenda.

Website Task Force

Nothing new to report.

Legislative Update

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

Presentation

Sam O'Connell, Dakota County, and Beverley Miller, MVTA, presented information on BRT Expansion – Cedar Avenue Line including staging, cost, funding, stations, service, vehicles, and technology.

Project Updates

- I-35W/I-494 – Richfield had a session with MnDOT regarding the Municipal Consent process.

- TH 77 – MnDOT reported that there will be a Better Roads project in late 2012 for a concrete pavement rehab from Apple Valley (138th) to the river bridge in Eagan. It will be constructed during traffic and coordinated with the TH 13 Better Roads project.
- TH 13 – A Better Roads project that crosses the Cedar project will have a March letting to include bituminous resurfacing and overlay from 35W east to Annapolis. This may involve off peak closures, but little impact to 35W ramps/ loops. The TH 13/5 separated grade interchange is on tract of a September letting with Dakota County as the lead agency. TH/101 is under construction through design/build, but due to complications from the State shutdown, it may possibly take until September for completion. TH 13/Quentin is also under construction.
- I-494 Corridor Commission – Met yesterday and received a presentation from Hennepin County.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Meets tonight. Scott County will be doing a transit feasibility study on the 169 corridor.
- US 169/41 – Scott County will work with MnDOT on a design for this interchange.
- I-35W BRT –New ridership forecast is being worked on.

Future Presentations

- February: Arterial Transitway Corridor Study – Charles Carlson, Met Transit

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2012, at the Richfield City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.