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

Thursday, February 12, 2015

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

### **Minutes**

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

Board members present were Chair-Liz Workman, Vice Chair-Tom Wolf, Secretary/Treasurer-Jan Callison, Kristin Asher, Lisa Freese, Marion Greene, Zach Johnson, Karl Keel, Jon Oleson, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, John Quincy, Thomas Terry, and Janet Williams; and member staff and visitors, Charles Carlson (Metro Transit), Steve Chavez (Met Council), Bob Crawford (Elko New Market), Steve Devich (Richfield), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Kristine Elwood (Dakota County), Joe Gladke (Hennepin County), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Jen Lehmann (MVTA), Liz O'Day (MVTA), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Scott Peterson (MnDOT), Jon Solberg (MnDOT), and Rob Vanasek (Vanasek Consulting).

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. by Chair Liz Workman.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the January 8, 2015 meeting were approved.

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

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

#### **Audit Committee**

Zach Johnson said that the Audit Committee will report to the group next month.

#### **MnDOT/Governor's Transportation Funding Proposal Presentation**

Scott Peterson, MnDOT, presented information on the Governor's transportation funding proposal. The proposal, which was summarized in a handout, includes funding for roads, transit, and rail. Funding sources include a wholesale tax on gas, increase in the motor vehicle registration fee, a ½ cent metro wide sales tax, and new bonding. The bill also anticipates 15% efficiency savings from MnDOT.

#### **Legislative Priorities Committee**

Liz Workman, as chair of the Legislative Priorities Committee, introduced the subject. Rob Vanasek handed out and presented the proposed 2015 legislative agenda. The Technical Committee was directed to meet to review the list of projects previously developed with the help of SRF. Ryan Peterson noted that funds for additional consultant help may not be available in the 2015 budget. Jon Oleson raised the issue of passenger rail between the metro and Northfield and noted that a presentation from MnDOT's Dave Christianson would be useful. The following modifications were proposed:

- Delete reference to the TH101 Bridge project and replace it with support for the TH169 Transitway/MnPass Study
- Add language supporting expansion of the Corridors of Commerce funding program; and
- Move the I35W/I494 project to the second bullet point.

Upon motion made and seconded, the 2015 legislative agenda, incorporating the above proposed modifications, was adopted .

### **Legislative Update**

Rob Vanasek presented the Legislative Report, which was distributed at the meeting.

### **Website Task Force**

No Report.

### **Orange Line Governance Committee**

No Report.

### **Orange Line Look Ahead Presentation**

Charles Carlson is anticipated to present this information next month.

### **Project Updates**

- I-35W/I-494 Interchange – Karl Keel discussed the bill introduced.
- Hwy 77 – Jon Solberg provided a construction update.
- 494 Corridor Commission – Brief update provided by Steve Elkins.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Lisa Freese provided an update.
- Red Line – Update discussed by Kristin Asher.
- Green Line Extension (SW) – No Report
- Federal Transportation – Charles Carlson discussed the FTA update in the President’s budget.

### **Future Topics**

- March, 2015 – Orange Line Look Ahead, Charles Carlson (Met Transit)
- Northfield Passenger Rail
- Late 2015 - Updated Project Priorities

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2015, at the Richfield City Hall.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.