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The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2014

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Doug Anderson, Jan Callison, Mike Eastling, Lisa Freese, Zach Johnson, Jon Oleson, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, Mary Sherry, Thomas Terry, Tom Wolf, and Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors, Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Steve Devich (Richfield), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Kristine Elwood (Dakota County), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Beverley Miller (MVTA), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Joseph Scala (Hennepin County), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Bob Tennessen (Tennessen Law).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

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

Audit Committee

Gene Abbott, Audit Committee Chair, presented the Audit Committee Report for 2013 Activities. Upon motion made and seconded, the Audit Committee Report for 2013 Activities was approved.

Website Task Force

No report.

Orange Line Governance Committee

Charles Carlson, Orange Line Governance Chair, provided a recap of the Monday, August 7, morning meeting held by the committee to consider what role The I-35W Solutions Alliance Board of Directors may serve as Metro Transit develops the Orange Line BRT. Carlson presented a paper with various levels of participation by the board. Bob Tennessen presented an excerpt from The I-35W Solutions Alliance Joint Power Agreement that illustrates that the Board has wide latitude to determine the role it wishes to perform. Tennessen also stated that there is no legal requirement that Metro Transit obtain approval of the board. It was the consensus that the Board would act much as it did when MnDOT consulted with it regarding the development and implementation of the Urban Partnership Agreement. It was agreed that Metro Transit will bring important and relevant information regarding the development and implementation of the Orange Line to the Board, keep the Board informed, and that the Board would comment upon matters as it believes necessary. Upon motion made and seconded, the committee's role was approved via the handout.

Legislative Update

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

Thrive MSP Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Presentation

Steve Elkins with Met Council presented information on the region's long-range plan (development of the 2040 TPP) including: timeframe, plan structure, key messages, challenges, goal areas, fiscal requirements, current revenue transitways, and the public process schedule.

Project Updates

- 35W/494 – Discussion related to funding for first phase reaching end in the near term. Information on this project will be presented to both Bloomington and Richfield City Councils at the end of April. There will be a public open house as well on April 28, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at St. Richard's Church (Penn and 76th). Estimated costs are \$50 for the first phase and \$35 million for the Orange Line, for a total of \$85 million.
- 13/5 – Started the single lane that goes until Halloween.
- 494 Corridor Commission – Met yesterday.
- 169 Corridor Coalition – Met last month at Marshall Road transit station. Meets next month in Bloomington.
- Red Line – CMAQ applications submitted for MOA and Cedar Grove stations; TIGER for MOA station.

Future Topics

- May, 2014 – Orange Line Project Plan, Charles Carlson with Metro Transit
- Fall, 2014 – Minnesota River Bridge Crossing, Sheila Kauppi with MnDOT

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2014, at the Richfield City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.