



The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Bob Crawford, Mike Eastling, Lisa Freese, Zach Johnson, Karl Keel, John Quincy, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, and Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors, Kristin Asher (Richfield), Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Jon Solberg (MnDOT), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Bob Tennesen (Tennesen Law).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the March 14, 2013 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Upon motion made and seconded, the treasurer's report was approved subject to audit. Auditing for 2012 is in process; report expected at May meeting.

Website Task Force

John Quincy, Chair, will work with Technical Committee Chair Ryan Peterson to put project updates on the website.

Technical Committee

Ryan Peterson, Chair, said that they met with SRF after last month's board meeting to discuss the questionnaire results. The Technical Committee will be meeting after the board meeting today as well. A presentation has been scheduled for the June board meeting.

Legislative Update

Bob Tennesen presented the Legislative Report, a copy of which was distributed at the meeting.

I-35/35E Construction Project Presentation

Jon Solberg, MnDOT, discussed the project area (35E: Cliff to split; 35: split to County Rd 2); traffic impacts and management strategies; timeline; and communications plan.

Crosstown Pinch Points Presentation

This presentation was postponed until next month's meeting.

Project Updates

- I-35W/I-494 Interchange – Work group meet yesterday.
- Hwy 13 – Hwy 13/Hwy5 has been let. First construction meeting will be held today.
- Hwy 13 – Corridor study update open house being held today.

- I-494 Corridor Commission – Met yesterday, where Scott Pederson, MnDOT, updated the group on 35 northbound improvements.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Highway transitway study presentation given at last month’s meeting. Meeting tonight regarding work program.
- I-35W/Lake Street – Working to 60% design.
- Cedar Avenue BRT – June 22nd launch.
- Federal – President Obama released a proposed budget this week. The budget release precedes the forthcoming annual report of New Starts funding recommendations, which indicate FTA’s funding priorities for rail and BRT projects including Small Starts. The President’s FY 2014 budget request for the Department of Transportation is \$77 billion – 6% above the FY 2012 enacted levels. The President’s Budget also includes a \$50 billion program to provide immediate transportation investments. Transportation-related elements of the President’s budget proposal can be found here:
<http://www.dot.gov/sites/dot.dev/files/docs/FY%202014%20Budget%20Highlights.pdf>

Future Topics

- May – Crosstown Pinch Points, Mike Eastling, Richfield
- May – 35W BRT Orange Line, Christina Morrison, Metro Transit
- June - Project Priorities, Ryan Peterson, Burnsville

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2013, at the Richfield City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.