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

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

## **Minutes**

### **Members and Guests Present**

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Lisa Freese, Karl Keel, Mark Krebsbach, Jon Oleson, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, John Quincy, Mary Sherry, Thomas Terry, and Tom Wolf; and member staff and visitors, Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Steve Chávez (Met Council), Adam Duinck (Met Council), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Joe Gladke (Hennepin County), John Griffith (MnDOT), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Jen Lehmann (MVTA), Scott McBride (MnDOT), Christina Morrison (Met Transit), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Jon Solberg (MnDOT), Wendy Wulff (Met Council), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Bob Tennessen (Tennessen Law).

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the April 10, 2014 meeting were approved with the following bolded corrections: Charles Carlson, Orange Line Governance **Committee staff**, provided a recap of the Monday, **April 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.

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

Upon motion made and seconded, the current financial information was approved subject to audit.

### **Budget Committee**

Ryan Peterson, John Quincy, and Tom Wolf were appointed to the Budget Committee. Ryan Peterson will Chair the committee.

### **Website Task Force**

John Quincy, Website Task Force Chair, requested the corrected April minutes for the website.

### **Orange Line Governance Committee**

Charles Carlson, Orange Line Governance Committee staff, provided an Orange Line update.

### **Legislative Update**

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

## **Orange Line Project Plan Presentation**

Charles Carlson, Met Transit, presented an update on the Metro Orange Line Draft Project. His discussion included the basis for upcoming activities; station and platform locations; technology and branding; service planning; budget; and process.

## **Project Updates**

- 35W/494 – Project presentation was made to Richfield City Council last week; will be presented to Bloomington City Council next Monday. Open house was well attended. They are wrapping up the current study to get alternatives to move forward. This project is not in MnDOT's ten-year plan, but they are trying to figure it out and move forward.
- 494 Corridor Commission – Meets next week.
- 169 Corridor Coalition – Meets next Thursday.
- Lake Street Station – Continuing with environmental documentation and layout with the hope to wrap that up by the end of this year, and then move into the next steps for a June 2017 letting.
- Red Line – A request for proposals was issued for implementation plan update and incorporation of Orange Line modeling.
- I-35W MN River Bridge – MnDOT is looking at full replacement of the bridge for 2017-2021 timeframe. They are getting request for proposals ready to do layout work and environmental documentation.
- TH 62 – MnDOT is considering lower cost solutions to address pinch points.

## **Future Topics**

- June, 2014 – Green Line, Donna Drummond with St. Paul
- July, 2014 – MnPASS, Brad Larsen with MnDOT
- Fall, 2014 – Minnesota River Bridge Crossing, Sheila Kauppi with MnDOT

## **Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2014, at the Richfield City Hall.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.