



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

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

### **Minutes**

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

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Doug Anderson, Tim Busse, Jan Callison, Bob Crawford, Lisa Freese, Robert Lilligren, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, Thomas Terry, and Tom Wolf; and member staff and visitors, Steve Elkins (Met Council), Jim Gates (Bloomington), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Beverley Miller (MVTA), Christina Morrison (Met Transit), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), and Kim Larson (Bloomington).

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the April 11, 2013 meeting were approved.

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

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

#### **Audit Committee**

Upon motion made and seconded, the audit committee report for 2012 activities was approved.

#### **Website Task Force**

Robert Lilligren noted for Chair John Quincy, in his absence, that the website is doing well.

#### **Technical Committee**

Ryan Peterson, Chair, said that they met with SRF after last month's board meeting. They reached consensus on project priorities. Next step is to finalize the map and distribute it prior to their presentation next month.

#### **Legislative Update**

The Legislative Report was included with the meeting materials.

#### **35W BRT Orange Line Presentation**

Christina Morrison, Met Council, discussed the 35W BRT Orange Line including: why BRT; location and phasing; transit connections; building on past investments; improved capacity of existing facilities; fleet and service improvement; project coordination; 2013 goals; project timeline; public input; and push to secure funding.

#### **Crosstown Pinch Points Presentation**

Jeff Pearson, City of Richfield, presented information on the Crosstown pinch points including: history; reconstruction successes; issues; regional overflow; local impacts; traffic volumes; congestion relief; feasibility of additional capacity; regional and local benefit of additional capacity; right-of-way availability and impacts; MnDOT's TH 623 scoping; utilization of existing investments; "low cost, high benefit" project possibility; and inter-agency approach. The main focus is the Xerxes to Penn pinch point.

**Project Updates**

- Hwy 13 – Hwy 13/Hwy5 has started
- I-494 Corridor Commission – Met yesterday, where arterial BRT information was presented.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Meeting tonight will include a MnDOT MnPASS presentation.
- Cedar Avenue BRT – Opening event is June 22<sup>nd</sup> with activities beginning at noon.
- I-35 Surface Improvements – Flyover southbound 35E is closed for a month.
- Federal – Transportation Advisory Board is taking a new look at solicitation process. Some members attended a solicitation process workshop earlier this week. Transportation Policy Plan is being rewritten.

**Future Topics**

- June - Project Priorities, Ryan Peterson, Burnsville

**Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2013, at the Richfield City Hall.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m.