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The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, August 8, 2013
Richfield Bartholomew Room
6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Bob Crawford, Mike Eastling, Zach Johnson, Karl Keel, Robert Lilligren, John Powell, Ryan Peterson, John Quincy, Thomas Terry, and Tom Wolf; and member staff and visitors, Steve Elkins (Met Council), Joe Gladke (Hennepin County), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Beverley Miller (MVTA), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Jon Solberg (MnDOT), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Nina Pribyl (Tennessee Law).

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 July 11, 2013 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

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

Website Task Force

John Quincy, Chair, had nothing new to report.

Technical Committee

Ryan Peterson, Chair, discussed the revised updated priority projects. Upon motion made and seconded, the priority projects update was approved with the following changes:

- On item B. the Percent Funded will be adjusted to 5%;
- On item D. the Project Cost will be changed to \$\$\$; and
- On item D. Funded will be removed and replaced with the word Programmed.

Legislative Update

The Legislative Report was included with the agenda packet.

Transportation Issues Presentation

Steve Elkins, Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee Chair, presented and discussed the 2014 Transportation Policy Plan and Regional Solicitation Revisions including:

- Regional blueprint: Thrive 2040;
- System plans;
- Funding sources and uses;
- Regional bike trail and the gaps between municipal and county bike trails;
- On-street and sidewalk networks;
- Aligning transportation and land use planning;
- Shaping regional transportation;

- Transportation fostering economic development;
- Access to destinations; and
- Federal money and program structure

Project Updates

- I-35W/I-494 Interchange – Interesting discussion occurring regarding BRT.
- Hwy 13/Hwy5 – Project moving along.
- I-494 Corridor Commission – Meets next week.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Meets tonight. Hwy 169 work having huge impact on I-35 traffic. Hwy 169 work expected completion August 23rd.
- I-35W/Lake Street Station – Bonding request has been submitted.
- Cedar BRT – Ridership good.
- I-35 Surface Improvements – Southbound I-35W closed for the upcoming weekend between 13 and split. Single lane switch beginning late August and expected until November.

Future Topics

- September –Minnesota’s Transportation Needs, Rep. Paul Thissen
- Upcoming – Transportation Commission Charles Zelle
- Upcoming – I-35W Bridge over Minnesota River, MnDOT
- Upcoming – American Boulevard Station, Charles Carlson with Met Transit
- Upcoming – Travel Behavior Inventory

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2013, at the Richfield City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.