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The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, August 13, 2015

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Chair-Liz Workman, Secretary/Treasurer-Jan Callison, Kristin Asher, Mary Liz Holberg, Zach Johnson, Karl Keel, Jon Oleson, Ryan Peterson, John Quincy, Mary Sherry, Thomas Terry, and Trish Timmons; and member staff and visitors, Joe Gladke (Hennepin County), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Jen Lehmann (MVTA), Christina Morrison (Met Transit), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Joseph Scala (Hennepin County), and Rob Vanasek (Vanasek Consulting).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. by Chair Liz Workman. A quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting but was obtained by 7:45 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the July 9, 2015 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

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

Budget Approval

Upon motion made and seconded, the 2016 Budget was approved and adopted.

Bylaws/JPA

Following discussion and acknowledgement that the JPA was last approved and filed with the State in 2010, this item was held to the October meeting for further consideration.

Website Task Force

John Quincy, Chair of the Website Task Force, updated the Board on website activities since the last meeting.

Orange Line Governance Committee

Cristina Morrison, Met Transit, updated the Board on Orange Line development noting that \$78 million has been secured for the project. The Board discussed its advisory role for this project.

Legislative Update

Rob Vanasek gave a brief verbal update on legislative activities. Considering that the Legislature is not in session, there was little new information to report.

Project Updates

- State Fair Transit Service – Christina Morrison, Met Transit, and Jen Lehmann, MVTA, made a PowerPoint presentation outlining available transit service to the 2015 State Fair.
- 494 Corridor Commission – Jeff Pearson updated the board on the last meeting noting that the main focus was to thank our Legislative Delegation for their recent work.
- I-35W/Lake Street Station – the Board discussed preliminary construction staging plans including the potential of closing 35W for extended periods. The Board asked to invite MnDOT to a future meeting to review this issue in more detail.
- I-35W Bridge over River – Ryan Peterson updated the Board on the most recent design progress including MnDOT's proposal to move the alignment of the new bridge slightly to the east and challenges with FHWA approval of environmental documents.
- Red Line (Cedar) – Jen Lehmann provided an update.

Future Topics

- September – Orange Line Project Tour, Met Transit. A reminder with tour logistics will be e-mailed prior to the event. This event will replace the regular September meeting.
- October – Red Line, Dakota County
- November – Crosstown MnPASS, MnDOT
- Future Meeting – Riverview Corridor

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2015. Note that the Orange Line Project Tour will depart from the City of Bloomington at 7:30. More details regarding logistics will be emailed closer to the meeting date.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.