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The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2013

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Tim Busse, Jan Callison, Bob Crawford, Mike Eastling, Lisa Freese, Zach Johnson, Karl Keel, Mark Krebsbach, Robert Lilligren, Christina Morrison, John Powell, Ryan Peterson, John Quincy, Mary Sherry, Thomas Terry, Tom Wolf, and Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors, Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Jim Gates (Bloomington), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Joseph Scala (Hennepin County), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Bob Tennesen (Tennessee Law).

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the September 12, 2013 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Upon motion made and seconded, the treasurer's report was approved with minor correction on the bottom of the budget sheet (1-1-12 changed to 1-1-13) and subject to audit. Upon motion made and seconded, payment to SRF Consulting Group, Inc. was approved.

Approval of 2014 Budget

Upon motion made and seconded, the 2014 budget was approved.

Website Task Force

There was nothing new to report from John Quincy, Chair.

Technical Committee

Ryan Peterson, Chair, requested the priority projects information be added to the website.

Legislative Update/2014 Legislative Agenda

Bob Tennesen presented the Legislative Report, a copy of which was included with the agenda packet. Upon motion made and seconded, the 2014 Legislative Agenda was approved.

Metro Orange Line BRT (American Boulevard Station) Presentation

Christina Morrison, Metro Transit, presented up update on the Metro Orange Line BRT with emphasis on the American Boulevard Station including the following:

- Phases of station development;
- American Boulevard Station planning;

- American Boulevard options – Knox (street station)/35W (freeway station);
- Next steps at American Boulevard;
- Lake Street Station engineering; and
- 66th Street and 98th Street Stations conceptual designs.

Corridors of Commerce

Upon motion made and seconded, a resolution of support for the I-35WI-494 interchange will be submitted. Upon motion made and seconded, a resolution of support for the priority projects will be submitted.

Project Updates

- TH 77 – Had discussion yesterday regarding Managed Lanes project and three options. The focus on the managed lanes will be at a later date.
- I-494 Corridor Commission – Met yesterday with Senator Scott Dibble presenting.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Did not meet this month. Met Council facilitated a meeting last week to discuss a second phase study for next year on 169 for transitway.
- I-35W/Lake Street Station – The width of the project is unresolved.
- Cedar Avenue BRT – Station to station service has been operational for about three months. Ridership is strong, especially on weekends.

Future Topics

- November, 2013 – Travel Behavior Inventory, Steve Elkins with Met Council
- December, 2013 – Transportation, Senator Scott Dibble
- January, 2014 – Future Funding, Lee Humphrey
- February, 2014 – Transportation Commission Charles Zelle
- Future – I-35W Bridge over Minnesota River, MnDOT

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2013, at the Richfield City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.