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The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2015

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Vice Chair-Tom Wolf, Gene Abbott, Zach Johnson, Mark Krebsbach, Jon Oleson, Jeff Pearson, Ryan Peterson, John Quincy, Mary Sherry, and Trish Timmons; and member staff and visitors, Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Senator Jim Carlson, Steve Elkins (Met Council), Joe Gladke (Hennepin County), John Griffith (MnDOT), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Jen Lehmann (MVTA), Ryan Loos (SRF Consulting), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Rob Vanasek (Vanasek Consulting).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 a.m. by Vice Chair Tom Wolf.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the October 8, 2015 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

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

Legislative Agenda

Discussion for updating the 2016 legislative agenda included:

- Changing the year from 2015 to 2016 (first page, third paragraph).
- Adding Phase II under project priorities (second page).
- Adding support for funding the bridge over the MN River earlier (third page).
- Changing I-494 from WB to EB for the auxiliary lanes, and switching it to read TH 100 to I-35W.
- Language to remove the prohibition on potential commuter rails was also discussed.

Website

John Quincy stated that the website is being updating as needed and there will be an upcoming meeting to hand over the administrative responsibilities of this to Bloomington staff.

Orange Line

Charles Carlson noted four items of interest:

- Processing a grant request for 2016 work in the amount of \$10.7 million.
- Wrapping up southern terminus info in January.
- Requesting award of design and engineering contract next week.

- Richfield Chamber of Commerce holding tour tomorrow morning.

Legislative Update

Rob Vanasek discussed the recent Transportation Alliance annual meeting.

I-494/TH 62 MnPASS Managed Lane Concept Development Study Presentation

Ryan Loos, SRF Consulting presented a project update for the I-494/TH 62 MnPASS Managed Lane Concept Development Study including the project background, study area, schedule and scope, goals, study tasks, community outreach and education, existing congestions, safety, reliability analysis, origin-destination information, concepts, benefit cost analysis, and the next steps.

Project Updates

- I-35W/I494 – City of Bloomington working with Governor’s office to get it as part of bonding bill. Consideration of Orange Line funding drives decision for this interchange.
- I-35W Bridge over River – Two successful open houses held recently in Bloomington and Burnsville.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Meeting tonight with a presentation by Barry Stock.
- I-35W/Lake Street – Just under 30% design north of 42nd Street. Neighborhood and stakeholder meetings occurring.

Future Topics

- State Highway Investment Plan

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2016.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.