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The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Crawford, Mike Eastling, Lisa Freese, Karl Keel, John Powell, Ryan Peterson, Mary Sherry, Thomas Terry, Tom Wolf, and Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors, Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Jon Solberg (MnDOT), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Bob Tennessen (Tennessen Law).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the October 10, 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/Technical Committee

Ryan Peterson, Technical Committee Chair, said that the priority projects image has been updated on the website. John Quincy, Website Task Force Chair, sent an email update including the following information:

- The meetings page was updated with the agenda, legislative report and minutes from the October meeting as per usual. I added the 2 attachments of the draft funding document and the MN Move Campaign Support Form as 2 meeting documents, in case you want to refer folks there.
- The projects pages have been updated. The new project priority map appears on the projects pull down tab.
- A new pull down page was created that shows the transit/highway second sheet more clearly.
- The Legislative Priorities has been updated for the 2014 Legislative Agenda.
- John welcomes suggestions and changes to copy, and would like to link the map items to more detailed links, but that can happen over time.

Legislative Update

Bob Tennessen presented the Legislative Report, a copy of which was included with the agenda packet.

Project Updates

- I-35W/I-494 Interchange – Design continues for interchange and transit, with BRT off at 82nd Street as the preferred alternative.
- TH 77 – In reviewing/discussing managed lanes, it was determined that any option chosen isn't fully beneficial until I-494 is improved – not necessarily the interchange, but more so 494 capacity. MnPASS on 77 is closely related to 494. About two-thirds of northbound 77 travel to westbound 494. Managed lane versus general purpose lanes discussed as well.

- I-494 Corridor Commission – Did not meet yesterday.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Meets next week. Highway BRT study continues to consider the 169 corridor.
- Cedar Avenue BRT – Going great; exceeding projections.
- I-35 Surface Improvements – Work not completed this season so there will be about two to three weeks of southbound lane work next spring.
- Corridors of Commerce – Announcement to be made this afternoon.

Future Topics

- December, 2013 – Transportation, Senator Scott Dibble
- December, 2013/January, 2014 – Travel Behavior Inventory, Jonathan Ehrlich with Met Council
- January, 2014 – Future Funding, Lee Munnich, Humphrey Institute
- February, 2014 – Transportation Commission Charles Zelle

Next Meeting

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 a.m.