



## **The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting**

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

### **Minutes**

#### **Members and Guests Present**

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Tim Busse, Jan Callison, Mike Eastling, Lisa Freese, Zach Johnson, Dan Kealey, Karl Keel, Robert Lilligren, John Quincy, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, Ken Sulich, Thomas Terry, and Tom Wolf; and member staff and visitors, Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Jim Grube (Hennepin County), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Sheila Kauppi (MnDOT), Molly McCartney (MnDOT), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Ron Rauchle (MnDOT), John Solberg (MnDOT), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Bob Tennesen (Tennesen Law).

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting were approved.

#### **Acceptance of Treasurer's Report**

Upon motion made and seconded, the treasurer's report was approved subject to audit. The Audit Committee will be added to the January agenda.

#### **Nominating Committee**

Robert Lilligren, Tom Wolf, and Liz Workman will form the nominating committee.

#### **Website Task Force**

John Quincy said the website has the meeting information posted.

#### **Technical Committee**

Ryan Peterson, Chair, discussed the next steps related to the project priority map. The original document was done by SRF in 2012. Since then, five of the seven projects have been completed. SRF gave the group a proposal to update the map through a four-month process. Upon motion made and seconded, the SRF proposal was approved.

#### **Contract Renewal for Legal Counsel**

Upon motion made and seconded, contract renewal for Robert Tennesen was approved. Upon motion made and seconded, forming a task force was approved. The task force will prepare and evaluation of the existing contract and performance in preparation of the next contract for legal counsel. Jan Callison will chair with Dan Kealey and Robert Lilligren as members.

#### **Legislative Update**

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

### **35W/Lake Street Transit Access Project Presentation**

Steve Kotke (City of Minneapolis) and Jim Grube (Hennepin County) presented information regarding the 35W/Lake Street Transit Access Project including the 2004 design, the 2012 design, Lake Street improvements, the greenway connection, new ramps, and the next steps.

### **13 Corridor Study Presentation**

Molly McCartney (MnDOT) presented on the TH 13 corridor study, which is an update to the one done in 2000. The study is through a joint powers agreement between Savage, Burnsville, Dakota County, Scott County, and MnDOT to provide guidance along TH 13 through Savage and western Burnsville. The presentation included the study purpose, goals, and elements.

### **Project Updates**

- I-35W/I-494 – Contract is presently being approved at MnDOT. The consultant should be underway shortly.
- MnDOT will work with the group to create a project timeline that could be posted on the Alliance's website.

### **Future Topics**

- January – MAP-21 and MnSHIP, Brian Isaacson with MnDOT
- February - SW LRT Return on Investment Study by Itasca Project, Jay Cowles
- March – 94/35W Bridges and Interchange, Ron Rauchle with MnDOT
- April – 35, 35E, 35W construction, Sheila Kauppi with MnDOT

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2013, at the Richfield City Hall.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.