



The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Tim Busse, Jan Callison, Mike Eastling, Lisa Freese, Karl Keel, Mark Krebsbach, Robert Lilligren, Steve Mielke, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, John Quincy, Thomas Terry, Janet Williams, Tom Wolf, Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Joe Gladke (Hennepin County), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), John Levin (Metro Transit), Shaun Morrell (MVTA), Jeff Pearson (City of Richfield), Ron Rauchle (MnDOT), Bob Tennessen (Tennessen Law), and Kim Larson (Bloomington).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the January 12, 2012 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Upon motion made and seconded, the treasurer's report was approved subject to audit. Audit information was given to Scott County staff and will be distributed electronically to the group.

Legislative Agenda

The draft 2012 Legislative Agenda internal document distributed to the group was discussed. The agenda was approved as amended:

- Under *Transit Operating and Capital Funding*, the last line on the first page will be removed: "Support extension of the transit taxing district to the full metropolitan area."
- On the second page under *Transit Operating and Capital Funding*, 98th Street station will be added back to the priority projects listing.
- Under *Highway Funding* on the second page, first line, the MnDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan dates will be updated.
- Also under *Highway Funding*, the additional lanes in Lakeville will be added back to the priority projects listing.
- Encouragement of MnDOT to work with locals on emerging projects such as the I-35W bridge over the Minnesota River and the 101 bridge (flood mitigation) will be included.
- The final section of the document, *Policy/Legislative Changes*, will be completely deleted from the document.

Also, Karl Keel agreed to chair a subcommittee with Mike Eastling, Lisa Freese, Mark Krebsbach, John Powell, and Ryan Peterson to review the Project Prioritization Study completed in 2010 and to consider adding additional projects and/or revise the prioritization of projects to consider conditions that have changes since 2010. MnDOT's proposal to replace the I-35W bridge over the Minnesota River and MnDOT's recently completed flood impact study were noted as changed conditions that should be considered.

Website Task Force

John Quincy and Lisa Freese reviewed past records. A recommendation memo was distributed to the group. Upon motion made and seconded, the following requested actions were approved:

- Endorsing and supporting the need to establish a credible but easily managed web presence for The I-35W Solutions Alliance.
- Securing a new domain name for the organization.
- Enabling and tasking the Web Task Force (John Quincy, Jeff Pearson, Lisa Freese, and Tim Busse) to solicit bids from web hosting and design firms, present recommended provider, and develop content parameters, design, site functionality, and timetable.

Legislative Update

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

Presentation

Charles Carlson, Met Transit, presented information on the *Arterial Transitway Corridors Study* including an overview (features, demographics, study structure), corridor challenges and solutions, service, station concepts, benefits, costs, and the next steps.

Project Updates

- I-35W/I-494 – MnDOT is updated the scope of services to include additional study; will then send out for review. I-494 Corridor Commission has identified this improvement as its highest priority project.
- US 169 Corridor Coalition – Held a legislative breakfast last week. Tonight is their regular meeting with a presentation regarding private sector transit.
- I-35W/Lake Street Station – The first year (of a 3-year design process) is done. This could possibly be a future presentation topic for the group.
- I-35W/94 – MnDOT is proceeding with preliminary bridge plans.

Future Presentations

- Possibly March: I-35W Bridge over Minnesota River – Ron Rauchle, MnDOT, will find a presenter.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2012, at the Richfield City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.