



The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, April 12 , 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, Karl Keel, Robert Lilligren, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, John Quincy, Ken Sulich, Thomas Terry, Tom Wolf, and Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors Steve Elkins (Met Council), Joe Gladke (Hennepin County), John Griffith (MnDOT), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), John Levin (Met Transit), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Bob Tennesen (Tennesen Law), and Kim Larson (Bloomington).

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 March 8, 2012 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

The task force is meeting tomorrow morning with the selected website designer. Domain (35Wolutions.com) has been secured.

Legislative Update

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

Candidate Forums

Discussions of candidate forums for this fall began. In the past, there have generally been two meetings: one south of the river and one north of the river. May want to reconsider the format or take a different approach. Ideas will be discussed next month for further planning.

Corridor Investment Management Strategy (CIMS)

John Griffith brought forward information regarding MnDOT's new corridor outreach program. Philip Schaffner will be the lead for the program of approximately 80 identified corridors. Kickoff meetings for the corridors begin in May. The tentative schedule includes May 29th at the Southdale Library from 9:30 to 12:30 for the following corridors: 494, from 394 to 35; 35, from Elko to I-94; MN 5; MN 7; MN 13; MN 41; MN 55; MN 62; MN 100; US 169, from MN 19 to 394; and US 12. The 494 corridor from 35 east to Woodbury will be covered at the May 31st meeting to be held in West St. Paul at the Wentworth Library from 1:00 to 4:00. A list of the meetings will be distributed electronically prior to next month's meeting.

Project Updates

- I-35W/I-494 Interchange – FHWA agreed to have MnDOT move forward with environmental documentation. They will need to work through BRT outreach and what it means in that RFP, as well as the water resources component. An interchange advocacy group was briefly discussed.
- Small Starts Application – Met Transit talked to FTA regarding the potential to package projects into a BRT corridor project. Application for funding will be made this month. The first step is the required alternatives analysis. They will also need to do an environmental assessment.
- Hwy 77 – Overlay project to be done from Cedar to the Minnesota River Bridge this year.
- TH 13 – Pavement management work to start in may (35 to West St. Paul). Construction underway at Quentin including lane shift. More funding was received for TH13/TH 5. MnDOT, Dakota County, Burnsville, Savage representatives met to discuss the corridor study to be updated.
- I-494 Corridor Commission – Met yesterday and discussed commuter challenge, logo redesign, and legislative update.
- US 169 Corridor Coalition – DEED commissioner will be doing a presentation at tonight’s meeting.
- I35W/Lake Street Station – Continues to move forward with pre-design. Policy level meeting held. The biggest challenge is funding.

Future Presentations

- May: Sue Haigh/Brian Lamb with Met Council

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2012, at the Richfield City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.