



The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Jan Callison, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, John Quincy, Ken Sulich, Tom Wolf, Mark Krebsbach, and Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors Steve Elkins (Met Council), Susan Haigh (Met Council), John Griffith (MnDOT), Ron Rauchle (MnDOT), Pat Bursaw (MnDOT), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Brian Lamb (Met Transit), John Levin (Met Transit), Craig Jenson (Scott County), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), and Bob Tennessen (Tennessen Law).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the April 12, 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 has met with the website designer and progress continues to be made on the layout. A draft website should be available to review at the June meeting.

Legislative Update

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

Candidate Forums

Bob Tennessen explained there were no changes made and reviewed previous discussion. He noted there should be discussion about better ways to do separate meetings in the future.

Metropolitan Council Update & Small Start Money Projects Presentation

Susan Haigh and Brian Lamb presented an overview of Met Council's focus and approach relating to transitways and specifically I-35W BRT.

Corridor Investment Management Strategy (CIMS) Presentation

Pat Bursaw presented 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 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. Members are encouraged to attend.

Project Updates

- TH 13 – There will be closures May 18-20 due to the continued construction on the corridor.
- I-494 Corridor Commission – Met yesterday and received a presentation by Dan Duffy, Twin West Chamber of Commerce - Southwest Transitway Alliance, on legislative efforts and future funding approaches. A flyover video of the proposed SW route has also been released.
- Cedar Ave BRT – Spring 2013 is the target for station to station service.

Future Topics

- Legislative Wrap-up
- Commissioner Sorel
- Chamber of Commerce

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2012, at the Richfield City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

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