



The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, June 14, 2012

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Tim Busse, Jan Callison, Dan Kealey, Karl Keel, Robert Lilligren, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, John Quincy, Thomas Terry, Tom Wolf, and Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors Sen. Scott Dibble, Rep. Frank Hornstein, Steve Elkins (Met Council), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), John Levin (Met Transit), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Ron Rauchle (MnDOT), Eric Schmid (Bufflehead Web Design), Kim Larson (Bloomington) and Bob Tennesen (Tennesen Law).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the May 10, 2012 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Upon motion made and seconded, the treasurer's report was approved subject to audit. It was also decided to forgo the six-month audit for an annual audit.

Approval of 2013 Budget

Upon motion made and seconded, the 2013 Budget was approved.

Website Task Force

Eric Schmid with Bufflehead Web Design presented the draft I-35W Solutions Alliance website (www.35WSolutions.com). It was be managed by the I-35W Solutions Alliance through a content management tool.

Legislative Update

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

Candidate Forums

Bob Tennesen discussed having three forums.

Transportation Legislation Discussion

Sen. Scott Dibble and Rep. Frank Hornstein discussed transportation legislation with the group.

Project Updates

- TH 13 –
 - The Better Roads Project is well underway with some upcoming weekend closures and resurfacing from 35 to Mendota Heights.
 - Final plans are due by the end of June for the 5/13 interchange with a September letting and a 2013 construction start.

- 13/101 is partially opened with eastbound traffic allowed through without a signal. Will be a closure this weekend and expected completion with the next month/month-and-a-half.
- Work at 13/Quentin continues with completion anticipated by this fall.
- Updating the corridor study is underway as well.
- I-494 Corridor Commission – There was discussion of the focus on how they can work together with the I-35W Solutions Alliance. Some Commission members will be present at next month’s board meeting.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Meets tonight.
- I-35W/Lake Street Station – Policy makers are meeting to sort out issues for a 30% design. The storm tunnel is an issue.
- Cedar Ave BRT – Still shooting for 2013 (two stations at 140th and 147th), but need to work through the issue of a walkover at 147th that Apple Valley wants.
- I-35W BRT – Application is in for alternatives analysis.
- Corridor Investment Management Strategy (CIMS) – Request for maps at next board meeting.
- Federal Transportation – Minnesota Transportation Alliance fly-in was last week. SAFETEA-LU expires soon. It was discussed that to receive federal funding, must meet the following three items along with innovation and not fitting into other funding scenarios: (1) partnerships; (2) readiness; and (3) benefits.

Future Topics

- Chamber of Commerce – transportation priorities (July meeting)
- Commissioner Sorel
- Rep. Beard’s white paper approach to funding transit and transportation

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2012, at the Richfield City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.