



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

Thursday, August 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, Zach Johnson, Mark Krebsbach, Robert Lilligren, John Powell, Gene Ranieri, Thomas Terry, Janet Williams, Tom Wolf, and Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Joe Gladke (Hennepin County), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Michael Mechtenberg (Met Transit), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Scott Pedersen (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 July 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**

Nothing new to report on website ([www.35WSolutions.com](http://www.35WSolutions.com)).

#### **Technical Committee**

The group met July 24<sup>th</sup> at Burnsville City Hall for project review and prioritization. Mike Eastling presented "before" and "after" layouts of high priority projects along the corridor.

#### **Legislative Update/Candidate Forums**

Bob Tennesen presented the Legislative Report, a copy of which was included with the agenda packet, as well as discussed a letter from Arlene McCarthy regarding New Starts funding for I-35W Bus Rapid Transit.

#### **Midtown Corridor Project and Alternatives Analysis Study Presentation**

Michael Mechtenberg, Met Transit, presented information on the Midtown Corridor Project and Alternatives Analysis Study including two alignment options (Midtown Greenway and Lake Street), possible modes (enhanced bus, dedicated busway, streetcar, LRT), market potential, project structure, and timeline.

#### **Project Updates**

- I-35W/I-494 –RFP responses are due by the end of August.
- TH 13 – 13/101 interchange is open. Corridor study is getting underway.
- I-494 Corridor Commission – Met yesterday. Will be invited to the next two I-35W Solutions Alliance meetings due to presentation topics.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Meets tonight. Second park and ride is on line just south of the river (County Road 21) with a grand opening celebration to occur on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

- I-35W/Lake Street Station – Working on defining full scope of project with discussion of elements to be included; stormwater management is a factor.
- I-35W BRT – Met Transit applied for alternatives analysis funds in April. Hoping to hear results in the next month or so.

**Future Topics**

- September – I-35W/I-494 Interchange Project, April Crocket with MnDOT
- October – State Transportation, Commissioner Sorel

**Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2012, at the Richfield City Hall.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 a.m.