



The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 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, Zach Johnson, Karl Keel, Mark Krebsbach, Robert Lilligren, John Quincy, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, and Tom Wolf; and member staff and visitors, Rep. Frank Hornstein, Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Joe Gladke (Hennepin County), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Scott Pedersen (MnDOT), Pierre Willette (Minneapolis), 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 October 11, 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

John Quincy indicated that they are working on development of new administration tools.

Technical Committee

Mike Eastling informed the group that the committee has agreed to meet after each Board meeting. They will update the project priority list (hire SRF) and determine work plan.

Legislative Update

Bob Tennesen presented the Legislative Report, a copy of which was included with the agenda packet and includes candidate forum information.

Discussion with Rep. Frank Hornstein

Rep. Hornstein stated that he hopes to continue to be on the Transportation Committee, and wishes to start an on-going discussion with the I-35W Solutions Alliance today on transportation. He said that he attended the Burnsville candidate forum. Other items he discussed included: transportation financing, SW corridor, light rail, and infrastructure investments.

Project Updates

- I-35W/I-494 – MnDOT is working on getting a consultant on board.
- TH 77 – MnDOT is working on getting a consultant on board.
- TH 13 – 13/Quentin project is done. Open house for the corridor study is tonight. Bids were opened for 13/5; awaiting federal approvals to award later this month.
- I-494 Corridor Commission – Meets next week.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Meets tonight. Work on the Bloomington Ferry bridge is planned for next summer.

- Cedar BRT – Project is substantially complete.
- I-35W BRT – Met Transit continues to form their new project office and develop corridor plan next year.
- I-35W – There will be minor bridge work on 3 bridges in Bloomington at 82nd, 86th, and 90th Streets; extensive work from 35E to 35; and work from County Road 2 to County Road 70.

Future Topics

- December – 35W/Lake Street Project Recent Developments, City of Minneapolis
- December – 13 Corridor Study, Cities of Burnsville and Savage
- January – MAP-21 and MnSHIP, MnDOT
- February - SW LRT Return on Investment Study by Itasca Project, Charles Zelle and Jay Cowles

Next Meeting

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m.