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

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Bloomington Public Works Training Room, 1700 West 98<sup>th</sup> Street

### **Minutes**

#### **Members and Guests Present**

Board members present were Vice Chair-Tom Wolf, Secretary/Treasurer-Gene Abbott, Jan Callison, Mary Liz Holberg, Zach Johnson, Karl Keel, Mark Krebsbach, Jon Oleson, Jeff Pearson, Ryan Peterson, Mary Sherry, Thomas Terry, and Trish Timmons; and member staff and visitors, Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Senator Jim Carlson, Steve Elkins (Met Council), Joe Gladke (Hennepin County), Shelly Hanson (Bloomington), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Jarrett Hubbard (Scott County), Ron Rauchle (MnDOT), Kevin Roggenbuck (Ramsey County), and Rob Vanasek (Vanasek Consulting).

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Secretary/Treasurer-Gene Abbott, in absence of Chair Workman.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A clarification was made on the minor changes to the draft from what was emailed. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the August 11, 2016 meeting were approved.

#### **Acceptance of Treasurer's Report**

Upon motion made and seconded, the treasurer's report was approved subject to audit.

#### **Riverview Corridor Presentation**

Kevin Roggenbuck, Ramsey County, made a comprehensive presentation updating members on the progress of Ramsey County's study that is expected to be completed this coming winter. Members asked a range of questions. Presentation materials (PowerPoint) are available.

#### **Legislative Update**

Rob Vanasek did not have a formal presentation or memo, but noted that no Special Session was called to resolve outstanding legislative issues including the Tax Bill, Bonding/Capital Improvements Bill and Southwest LRT Funding.

Vanasek inquired if there was interest in holding a Candidates Forum this fall. The last Forum was held in 2014. After discussion regarding the value of the Forum to the Alliance and Candidates as well as the limited time to the election, the members agreed that we would not pursue a Candidates Forum in 2016. Rather, members felt it would be most beneficial to arrange a meeting with elected candidates after the election to brief them on transportation issues important to the Alliance.

Vanasek asked for volunteers for a subcommittee to review and suggest changes to the Solutions Alliance Legislative Priorities prior to the next board meeting. A couple members volunteered and Vanasek will also solicit volunteers via email.

#### **Project Updates**

In deference to the time, Gene Abbot did not seek updates on all the individual projects, but rather asked if any updates were needed.

Charles Carlson, Metro Transit, updated members on the recent CTIB decision to fund \$37.5M of the needed \$45M for the Orange Line project. This action allows the project to proceed in the Federal New Starts program.

Joe Gladke, Hennepin County, updated members on recent funding commitments from CTIB and Hennepin County toward the Southwest LRT project. These commitments will allow the project to proceed. It is anticipated that funding will still be sought from the Legislature for this project as it proceeds through the Federal process.

**Future Topics**

No presentations are currently scheduled for the October meeting. Rob Vanasek and Chair Workman will work to identify an appropriate presentation.

**Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2016.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.