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The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Richfield City Hall, Bartholomew Room, 6700 Portland Ave S

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Chair-Liz Workman, Vice Chair-Tom Wolf, Secretary/Treasurer-Gene Abbott, Rob Vanasek, Ryan Peterson, Trish Timmons, John Quincy, Jeff Pearson, and member staff and visitors, Karl Keel, Shelly Hanson, Jon Oleson, James Colclasure (Bloomington), Dan Kealey, Dan Gustafson (Burnsville), Mary Liz Holberg, Mark Krebsbach (Dakota County), Debbie Goettel, Joe Gladke (Hennepin County), Zach Johnson (Lakeville), Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Kathleen Mayell (Minneapolis), Jon Solberg, Angie Stenson, Andrew Lutaya (MnDOT), Jen Lehmann (MVRTA), Paul Morris of SRF Consulting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m. by Chair Liz Workman.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the June 08, 2017 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

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

169 MnPass and Transit Study by Paul Morris of SRF Consulting Paul Morris and Angie Stenson of Scott County presented information regarding the MnPass study along 169 from Shakopee to Minneapolis, intercity passenger bus service between Mankato and Minneapolis and Bus Rapid Transit between Shakopee and Minneapolis. The final report will be ready by the end of the year.

Metropolitan Council Draft 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 10 year MnDOT Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP) Rob Vanasek discussed TIP, which is the sister document to the State Transportation Investment Plan (STIP), and the CHIP with group. There was discussion around urging the TIP to include the 35W/494 interchange, the 35W bridge over the Minnesota River and whether to include the Orange Line phase 2. It was determined that the current focus should be on reinforcing the first 2 items. Discussion on the CHIP centered on the 35W/494 interchange considering the new additional state dollars following this year's session. Mark, Ryan, Zach and Karl volunteered to assist Rob in writing a letter of support from the Alliance.

Budget Committee Tom Wolfe, Ryan Peterson and John Quincy were appointed to a budget committee to propose a budget for 2018 at the August board meeting.

Legislative Update

Rob Vanasek presented the Legislative Report.

Project Updates

- I35W/I-494 Interchange – RoW Bridge costs not included in Phase 1 originally.
- Hwy 77 – Cedar bridge, river to 494 projects planned for 2022 – 2024
- I-35W/Lake Street Station – Bids came in on June 28th. Met Transit working on agreement with MnDOT.

- I-35W Bridge over River – possibly bumped up to May of 2018 for bids.
- Orange Line (35W) – Med/High rating from FDA. Need to advocate projects via a letter to the congressional delegation. Met Transit still working design.
- Red Line – going from 15 min. to 20 min. intervals
- Green Line Extension (SW) – Bids open in August for civil package.
- Federal Transportation Updates – New program for Fast Act is now Infra – solicitation changes.

Future Topics

- 494/62 MnPASS Study in Late Summer from MnDOT
- Overall Study of Potential MnPASS Corridors in Fall from MnDOT

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2017.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.