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The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Richfield City Hall, Bartholomew Room, 6700 Portland Ave S

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Members present were: Chair – Liz Workman, Rob Vanasek, Karl Keel, Dan Kealey, Ryan Peterson, Mary Liz Holberg, Joseph Scala, Joshua Lee, Charles Carlson, Jeremy Schroeder, Jen Lehmann, Katie Rodriguez, Jeff Pearson, Gene Abbott, Jarrett Hubbard, Tom Wolf, Galen Malecha, Nate Fowler, Rep. Frank Hornstein, James Colclasure

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. by Chair Liz Workman

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

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

Conversation with House Transportation Chair Frank Hornstein

Chair Hornstein discussed Gov. Walz's transportation plan moving forward and its impacts on Minnesota, especially along the I-35W corridor and its future projects.

Legislative Update

First committee deadline for policy bills is March 15th at midnight. The Transportation Committees continue to meet and hear a small portion of thousands of bills introduced. The omnibus transportation finance bills will be assembled in the next four to five weeks. The economic forecast from February sets the overall budget numbers show a surplus of \$1.05 billion, lower than November's \$1.50 billion. Half of the surplus is one time spending and the other half is ongoing. The next biennium (FY22-23) shows a slight budget deficit is projected of negative \$11 million. Gov. Walz's transportation tax plans were unveiled to which the increased gas tax, registration tax and motor vehicle sales tax would go to fund roads and bridges for the state trunk highways, county state aid highways and municipal state aid streets. This should also increase available resources for each transportation fund by 30 percent in FY 22-23. HF80 mini bonding bill was enacted into law the first couple of days last week. SF 912, if passed would change MnPASS lanes usage requirements and revenue distribution resulting in a potential loss of \$1 million to 35W Transit Services.

Project Updates

- Orange Line (35W) – opening bids in April/May for 494-Knox Ave Construction potentially.
- I-35W Bridge over River – MnDOT working outreach plan for south of river.
- Red Line (Cedar) – Apple Valley Transit Expansion this sum.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2019.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.