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

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Richfield City Hall, Bartholomew Room, 6700 Portland Ave S

### **Minutes**

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

Members present were: Chair – Liz Workman, Tom Wolf, Debbie Goettel, Christina Diaz, Joe Gladke, Karl Keel, Jack Broz, Rob Vanasek, Amber Blanchard, Dan Kealey, Matt Johnson, Josh Berg, Jim Carlson, Mark Lindeberg, Maria Regan Gonzalez, Mary Liz Holberg, Kristin Asher, Joe Powers, Mark Krebsbach, Britta Torkelson, Carla Stueve, Lisa Freese, Charles Carlson, Kristin Asher, James Colclasure, Congresswoman Angie Craig

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m. by Chair Liz Workman

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the May 14, 2020 meeting were approved.

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

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

#### **Congresswoman Angie Craig – INVEST in America Act**

Congresswoman Angie Craig spoke with the 35W Solutions Alliance group in regards to Federal efforts for COVID relief, transportation and funding/economic stimulus bills. She sits on the House Transportation Committee and they will be marking up the next surface transportation act in the coming weeks. Craig was open to input from the Solutions Alliance on additional amendments.

#### **Bylaws Review**

A Bylaws Review Committee was formed consisting of Liz Workman, Debbie Goettel, Joe Gladke, Dan Kealey and Rob Vanasek which will review the bylaws/Joint Powers Agreement for the 35W Solutions Alliance and bring their recommendation of any changes to the July meeting.

#### **Budget Committee Appointment**

A Budget Committee was appointed with Ryan Pederson leading the committee consisting of Matt Johnson, Tom Wolf and Josh Berg.

#### **Legislative Update**

The end of the regular legislative session resulted in no bonding bill. The First Special Session of 2020 starts at noon, June 12. The Speaker currently expects the special session to last until July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Governor has called for addressing economic security, police reform and bonding issues to be the focus, on top of a handful of agreed upon bills that did not have time to pass during the regular session. Both the House and Senate released their own bonding bills, which failed within their houses in the last days of session. An agreement between Speaker Hortman and Majority Leader Gazelka for a bonding bill of \$1.1 – 1.35 billion came too late to gain support from House Minority caucus members whose votes are needed for passage. Progress was being made between majority and minority parties until new pressure arose as a result of the death of George Floyd, now a number of DFL votes for a bonding bill are in question. The Senate's bonding bill was weighed down by earmarks and labelled as irresponsible by the administration. The House has included language that extends the availability of previously issued funds for the 77<sup>th</sup> Street Underpass until 2024. The Senate did not include this.

#### **Website Updates**

No website updates

#### **Project Updates**

- I-35W/I-494 Interchange – A policy advisory committee is scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Only a third of funding is available to finish the entire project. Some concerns voiced about the changes. MNDOT will do a presentation for our July meeting.
- Orange Line (35W) – remains on schedule. Minimal interruptions from recent events in the area. A bigger update will be given in July.
- I-35W Bridge over the River – currently on schedule
- Hwy 77 – working on scoping and engineering currently
- Green Line Extension (SW) – currently operating on 3<sup>rd</sup> letter of no prejudice through end of June. Working a 4<sup>th</sup> letter to continue beyond the end of June. Congresswoman Craig called the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Transportation to urge FTA action soon.
- HWY 169 Corridor Coalition – 41 and 169 project is moving along. Shifting traffic onto new bridge in July.
- Hwy 13 – working with MNDOT, met with businesses and now looking at their options and vision for Nicollet to 169.

**Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 9th, 2020.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.