



The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, February 14, 2013
Richfield Bartholomew Room
6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Mike Eastling, Lisa Freese, Joe Gladke, Zach Johnson, Dan Kealey, Karl Keel, Robert Lilligren, John Quincy, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, Tom Wolf, and Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors, Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Jay Cowles (Unity Avenue Associates), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Christina Morrison (Met Transit), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Jon Solberg (MnDOT), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Bob Tennesen (Tennesen Law).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the January 10, 2013 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, Chair – No update.

Technical Committee

Ryan Peterson, Chair, stated that questionnaires have been sent.

Legislative Update

Bob Tennesen presented the Legislative Report, a copy of which was included with the agenda packet.

Itasca Project Presentation

Jay Cowles with Unity Avenue Associates, presented information on the Itasca Project Return on Investment Study including the objectives and analysis results. The Itasca Project goals are to raise economic competitiveness and quality of life; and reduce and eliminate disparities. Mr. Cowles discussed the transportation system and how transit is increasingly critical.

Project Updates

- I-35W/I-494 Interchange – First TAC meeting is scheduled for February 27th.
- I-494 Corridor Commission – Hosting group (legislative and mayors) tomorrow morning at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 7:30 a.m., in the Haeg Conference Room.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Held legislative breakfast February 6th, with attendance from about ten legislators. Meeting tonight to discuss 2013 work plan.
- I-35W/Lake Street Station – Met Monday with Congressman Ellison.
- Cedar Avenue BRT – Transit stations are coming along nicely.

- I-35W BRT – Holding “meet and greet” meetings. Also seeking environmental clearance path.

Future Topics

- March – 94/35W Bridges and Interchange, Ron Rauchle with MnDOT
- April – 35, 35E, 35W construction, Sheila Kauppi with MnDOT

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2013, at the Richfield City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.