



The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, July 12, 2012

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Tim Busse, Mike Eastling, Lisa Freese, Dan Kealey, Karl Keel, Mark Krebsbach, Robert Lilligren, Ryan Peterson, John Quincy, Ken Sulich, Thomas Terry, Tom Wolf, and Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors Brad Aho (Eden Prairie), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Todd Klingel (Minneapolis Regional Chambers of Commerce), John Levin (Met Transit), David Lindahl (Eden Prairie), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Ron Rauchle (MnDOT), Erik Rudeen (MnDOT), Joseph Scala (Hennepin County), Bill Schreiber (494 Corridor Coalition), William Schroeer (Minneapolis and St. Paul Chambers), Daron Van Helden (Burnsville Chamber, Kim Larson (Bloomington) and Bob Tennesen (Tennesen Law).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the June 14, 2012 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

The consultant continues to develop pages (www.35WSolutions.com).

Technical Committee

The group is meeting on July 24th at 1:00 p.m. at Burnsville City Hall for project review and prioritization.

Legislative Update/Candidate Forums

Bob Tennesen presented the Legislative Report, a copy of which was included with the agenda packet. Nina Pribyl and Kim Larson are working on setting up 3 candidate forums in Bloomington, Burnsville, and Richfield.

Transportation Priorities of Twin West, Burnsville, and Minneapolis Regional Chambers of Commerce Presentation

Todd Klingel, William Schroeer, and Daron Van Helden discussed the transportation priorities of the chambers with the group. This included the priority to increase investment in regional transit to help us prosper and create jobs for the whole state. The presentation stated that transit is a necessary component of a world class city.

Project Updates

- I-35W/I-494 – Federal authorization for RFP was granted. A revision will be made to delete the part of the RFP that identified BRT in it, and replace it with the verbiage “transit access space.” [See more information related to this interchange below in the I-494 Corridor Commission notes.]
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 - There will be a ceremony for the 13/101 interchange on July 20th.

- Working to update the corridor plan.
- I-494 Corridor Commission – Members of the Commission were on hand to kick off discussion for the 35W/494 interchange and how to move forward with that working together as transportation organizations. Bloomington has been working on updated some graphic materials to promote the reconstruction of the interchange.
- Cedar Ave BRT – Researching the cost of the walkover at 147th that Apple Valley wants. Looking at first half of 2013 for opening.

Future Topics

- August – Midtown Corridor Project including Alternatives Analysis, Michael Mechtenberg
- September – I-35W/I-494 Interchange Project, MnDOT
- October – State Transportation, Commissioner Sorel

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2012, at the Richfield City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.