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The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2014

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Liz Workman, Gene Abbott, Jan Callison, Mike Eastling, Elizabeth Glidden, Zach Johnson, Karl Keel, Mark Krebsbach, Hank Marotske, Jon Oleson, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, John Quincy, Mary Sherry, and Tom Wolf; and member staff and visitors, Tim Burkhart (HDR), April Crockett (MnDOT), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Craig Jenson (Scott County), Jen Lehmann (MVTA), Christina Morrison (Metro Transit), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), and Bob Tennessen (Tennessen Law).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 a.m. by Vice Chair Liz Workman.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the July 10, 2014 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

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

2015 Budget Approval

The proposed budget for 2015 was reviewed by Ryan Peterson. No changes are proposed from the 2014 budget. Upon motion made and seconded, the 2015 Budget was approved as presented.

Website Task Force

John Quincy reported that the website is currently up to date.

Orange Line Governance Committee

Christina Morrison reported that an application for Small Starts (federal program) funding will be submitted shortly and that a request is being prepared asking CTIB to allocate \$7.5 million toward the project.

Legislative Update

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

I-35W/I-494 Interchange Presentation

April Crockett, MnDOT, gave a presentation that summarized the current design status of this interchange project. The presentation included a description of the various phases of the project, the retention of three of the four existing clover leaf ramps and access to adjacent interchanges. Phase 1 of the project is expected to cost approximately \$80 million (\$50 million for roadway improvements and \$30 million for Orange Line improvements). The next step in project development is to secure funding for Phase 1. The project is not currently in MnDOT's construction program.

Project Updates

- TH 13 – Construction is proceeding well.
- I-35W/Lake Street Station – Tentatively scheduled to be presented at the September meeting.
- Red Line (Cedar) – New outlet mall opening on August 14.
- Green Line Extension (SW) – Federal submittal in September; municipal approvals ongoing.

Future Topics

- September, 2014 – Lake Street Station, Scott Pedersen with MnDOT, and City of Minneapolis Staff
- October, 2014 – Minneapolis Downtown Council Perspective, Steve Cramer (President)
- November, 2014 – Potentially, Corridors of Commerce – Mark Gieseke, MnDOT
- December, 2014 – Potentially, Mall of America Expansion – MOA and City of Bloomington Staff
- Other – I-35W River Bridge Replacement by MnDOT (January?), New Transit Facilities at the State Fair by Metro Transit

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2014, at the Richfield City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 a.m.