



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

Thursday, October 11, 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, Zach Johnson, Dan Kealey, Karl Keel, Mark Krebsbach, Robert Lilligren, John Quincy, Ryan Peterson, Thomas Terry, Tom Wolf, and Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors, Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Jim Gates (Bloomington), Joe Gladke (Hennepin County), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Sheila Kauppi (MnDOT), Jeff Ostrom (MnDOT), Scott Pedersen (MnDOT), Ron Rauchle (MnDOT), Tom Sorel (MnDOT), Pierre Willette (Minneapolis), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Bob Tennesen (Tennesen Law).

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the September 13, 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**

No new update.

#### **Technical Committee**

The committee will meet briefly after this meeting.

#### **Legislative Update/Candidate Forums**

Bob Tennesen presented the Legislative Report, a copy of which was included with the agenda packet. Candidate forums were held September 19<sup>th</sup> in Bloomington and October 10<sup>th</sup> in Richfield. The next and final forum is on October 17<sup>th</sup> in Burnsville. Upon motion made and seconded, a \$200 honorarium will be given to each of the moderators.

#### **MnDOT Transportation Commissioner Tom Sorel Presentation**

Commissioner Sorel began his presentation with a video showing bridge innovation. He then spoke about MnDOT's quality of life market research including education; employment/finances; environment; family, friends, and neighbors; health; housing; local services and amenities; recreation and entertainment; safety and security; spirituality, faith, and serenity; and transportation. Mr. Sorel also discussed his role on the Transportation Advisory Committee and that they hope to have a report out in December. The Commissioner ended his presentation with a video and discussion of the Towards Zero Deaths program, which is a cooperative effort with engineering, education, enforcement, and emergency services. In addition, Mr. Sorel commented on the importance of the public health community's role and the return on investment.

#### **Project Updates**

- I-35W/I-494 – MnDOT is presently negotiating with consultant to get contract on-going with kick off in early December. Bloomington has also drafted a flier for this project.
- TH 77 – Working to hire consultant for next phase of study to begin maybe in November.
- TH 13 – 13/5 has been advertised with award expected in November. There will be an open house on November 8<sup>th</sup> for the corridor study from Nicollet to 101.
- I-494 Corridor Commission – Met yesterday and received commuter statistics.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Meets tonight in Shakopee with updates on new allegiances.
- Cedar BRT – Walk up stations in Apple Valley are under construction. Acceptance of BRT vehicles expected this week with delivery next month. Station-to-station service tentatively scheduled for May/June 2013.
- I-35W BRT – Met Transit has a new project office with three key areas: arterial BRT, 35W BRT, and transit in Midtown corridor, with an initial focus on Snelling.

#### **Future Topics**

- November – 35W/Lake Street Project Recent Developments, City of Minneapolis
- December – 13 Corridor Study, Burnsville/Savage
- January – MAP-21, MnDOT

#### **Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2012, at the Richfield City Hall.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.