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The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday November 18, 2021

Richfield City Hall, Bartholomew Room, 6700 Portland Ave S

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

A quorum was present. Members present were: Dan Kealey, Shawn Nelson, Karl Keel, James Colclasure, Ryan Peterson, Mary Liz Holberg, Mark Krebsbach, Debbie Goettel, Joseph Scala, Chris La Tondresse, Joshua Lee, Charles Carlson, Sean Hayford O'Leary, Matt Johnson, Seng Thongvanh, Lisa Freese, Tom Wolf, Rob Vanasek, Peter Grafstrom

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 a.m. by Vice Chair Dan Kealey

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

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

Orange Line Updates – Metro Transit, Charles Carlson

Charles Carlson provided details of the Orange Line project as well as updates on construction of the stations within the route. Of note, construction was \$11.4 million under budget and a refund will be sent to the two counties and other funding partners.

Project Priority Approval of Consultant

Upon motion made and seconded, the group agreed to amend the 2022 budget and approved that the Chair enter into an agreement with the project priority consultant, SRF, for a project priority map update not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Legislative Update

No special session is currently being planned. There's conflict over whether the Health Commissioner could be terminated during a special session and whether vaccine mandates be enforceable. Burnsville and Bloomington Mayors and City Council members were present for the 35W Bridge over the River opening a few weeks ago as well as Senator Wicklund, Representatives Elkins, Carlson and Berg. Redistricting maps will likely be coming from the House later this week. Redistricting maps must be in place by February 15.

Legislative Priorities

A sub-committee was appointed for the 2022 Legislative Priorities. Members of the sub-committee are Shawn Nelson, Dan Kealey, Tom Wolf, Ryan Peterson and Liz Workman.

Project Updates

- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Received an \$8 mil grant.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 13th, 2022.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.