

The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting
Thursday, May 12, 2022
Richfield City Hall, Bartholomew Room, 6700 Portland Ave S
Via Zoom

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

A quorum was not present. Those present included: Dan Kealey, Mary Liz Holberg, Gina Mitteco, Bryce Schuenke, Joseph Scala, Adam Harrington, Ryan Wilson, Tim Burkhardt, Sean Hayford O’Leary, Seng Thongvanh, Lisa Freese, Tom Wolf, Rob Vanasek, Britta Torkelson, and James Colclasure

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m. by Vice Chair Dan Kealey.

Approval of Minutes

Due to lack of quorum, minutes were unable to be approved. Moved to June’s meeting for approval.

Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report

Due to lack of quorum, the Treasurer’s Report was unable to be approved. Moved to June’s meeting for approval.

Highway 77 Congestion Mitigation Study, Ryan Wilson, MnDOT

Ryan Wilson provided an update on the Highway 77 Congestion Mitigation Study. Discussing anticipated and current vehicle mobility and congestion during peak hours and various future project options for mobility improvement.

Audit Committee Report, Zach Johnson, Karl Keel, Seng Thongvanh

Due to lack of quorum, the Audit Committee Report was moved to June’s meeting for approval.

Legislative Update

Regular session is ending in just under two weeks. Legislators have until midnight May 22nd to pass any bills. The House and Senate combined the State Government, Transportation and Veterans bills into a single supplemental omnibus package. A conference committee began this week to work towards reaching an agreement between two separate proposals. Several dominos need to fall for successful investment of new funds into transportation, including matching funds for the federal IJA programs. No public progress on the capital investment/bonding bill but work continues privately. The mobility and safety improvements at I-35 and CSAH 50 is contained in the Senate bill for \$42M.

Website Update

Website is operational and being actively updated.

Project Updates

- 494: Airport to 169 – public comment period open until May 19th. No comments were received from previous Public Comment on May 5th. Noise wall voting taking place until May 25th. There are 6 noise walls being voted on. Next Policy Advisory Committee meeting is June 15th.
- Orange Line (35W) – MetTransit ridership numbers gradually improving. Adam Harrington presented a power point on the progress.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – finalizing gap funding for 39 and 292 interchange. Expecting construction in late 2024. Cty Rd 83 under construction for concrete reconstruct.
- I-35 Corridor Evaluation Study – met las month to select consultant for study, not yet officially under contract. Hoping to start in June.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2022.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.