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The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2022

Richfield City Hall, Bartholomew Room, 6700 Portland Ave S

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

A quorum was present. Attendees included: Aaron Bartling, Amber Blanchard, Sean Hayford O’Leary, Debbie Goettel, Matt Johnson, Erin Laberee, Kim Larson, Joshua Lee, Dwayne Lowman, Kyle Olson, Ryan Peterson, Joe Powers, Seng Thongvanh, Britta Torkelson, Rob Vanasek, Tom Wolf, Liz Workman.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 a.m. by Chair Workman.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve the June meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer role is in transition; no report to approve at this time.

Update on Secretary/Treasurer Staff Designee

Motion was made and seconded to formally ask US Bank to remove our long-time staff designee for Treasurer, Gary Bruggenthies, from our bank accounts, and further that we thank Gary for all his years of service to the Alliance. Motion was amended to have Matt Johnson with Savage approved as a Treasurer/signatory. Motion carried unanimously.

494 Updates – Amber Blanchard, MnDOT

Blanchard shared the following information:

- Policy Advisory Committee is meeting next week.
- Visual quality manual has been completed.
- Framework plan is with the cities. MnDOT cannot take part in the cost. Bloomington is including poetry in concrete.
- Environmental Assessment was completed at the end of August.
- Information sent to contractors September 16, 2022. Submission deadline is December 21, 2022.
- Bid opening planned January 18, 2023.
- Notice to Proceed expected in March of 2023.
- Construction late 2023 to October 2026 planned.
- Will know more about staging in early 2023.
- MnDOT procuring communications consultant.

Legislative Update

Vanasek provided an update.

Elections Committee

Motion made and seconded to have Goettel, Lowman, and Wolf as this year’s Elections Committee members. Motion carried unanimously.

2023 Legislative Agenda

Discussed draft. Plan to adopt final draft at November meeting.

Legislative Counsel Renewal

Motion made and seconded to retain Capitol Hill Associates, Inc. as lobbyist for a two-year period, beginning January 1, 2023, for a fee of \$41,000 per year including expenses, and the chair to prepare and execute a contract to effectuate this. Peterson noted that the annual increase of \$2,000 was approved with the budget earlier this year. Motion carried unanimously.

Project Updates

- Received federal grant for a 2025 project for roundabout and ramp near Burnsville Center.
- Analysis is being done for the Hwy 77 Congestion Mitigation Study.
- Design work on 282/169 interchange in progress.
- 169/59 overpass discussed.
- Hwy 13: Dakota Avenue interchange under construction.
- I-35 Corridor Evaluation Study information will be presented to the group at an upcoming meeting.
- Cliff/35 construction nearing completion; expected to open in early November.

Future Agenda Items

- November 2022 – Adam Harrington, Metro Transit: Orange Line/Transit Safety and Security
- January 2023 – Ryan Wilson, MnDOT: I-35 Study

Next Meeting

The next Alliance meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2022. There will be not be an Alliance meeting in December.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.