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The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Richfield City Hall, Bartholomew Room, 6700 Portland Ave S

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Steve Elkins, Lisa Freese, Debbie Goettel, Zach Johnson, Dan Kealey, Erin Laberee, Kim Larson, Michelle Leonard, Dwayne Lowman, Joe Powers, Mark Ray, Heidi Scholl, Kristine Stehly, Seng Thongvanh, Britta Torkelson, Rob Vanasek, Ryan Wilson, Liz Workman, Wendy Wulff

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the June 9, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

Audit Committee

Motion made and seconded to approve the audit report and add Dwayne Lowman to the committee. The Audit Committee members are Zach Johnson, Seng Thongvanh, and Dwayne Lowman.

Alliance Supported Advocacy Projects

Mark Ray shared the proposed scope and framework for Alliance Supported Advocacy Projects initiative to help support members. Ray will work with Goettel, Kealey, Workman, and Vanasek on a draft letter to consultants.

Legislative Update

Rob Vanasek provided a legislative update.

2025 Legislative Priorities

Motion made and seconded to approve 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Counsel Renewal

Motion made and seconded to retain Rob Vanasek as legislative counsel for two years beginning January 1, 2025, at \$43,000 per year, and authorize Chair Workman to execute the contract.

Project Updates

- 494/35W Interchange – Project is in year 2 of 4.
- Green Line Extension – Tunnel part is closed. Waiting for a report on audit. Moving freight track to final position.
- 494 Corridor Commission - Regional campaign and celebration for Work Car Free Day (September 22). 494 update webinar scheduled for September 24.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Meeting tonight for prioritization process. Bluff Drive awarded. 282 project will be let in November.
- Federal Transportation Updates – NLC TIS is advocating ARPA direct funding model.

Potential Future Agenda Items

- 494/35W interchange progress update

Next Meeting

The next Alliance meeting will be held October 10, 2024.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.