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The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2025

Richfield City Hall, Bartholomew Room, 6700 Portland Ave S

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Josh Berg, Lisa Freese, Joe Gladke, Sean Hayford O'Leary, Mary Liz Holberg, Zach Johnson, Dan Kealey, Erin Laberee, Michelle Leonard, Julie Long, Joe Powers, Seng Thongvanh, Britta Torkelson, Rob Vanasek, Ryan Wilson, Tom Wolf, Dan Wolter, Liz Workman, Wendy Wulff

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the November 14, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

None.

Nominating Committee

Motion made and seconded to elect Liz Workman, Chair; Dan Kealey, Vice Chair; and Matt Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer as a slate. Motion carried unanimously.

Alliance Supported Advocacy Projects

The Technical Advisory Committee met twice in December. Discussed projects on and off the corridor, the Alliance and its mission. Recommendation is to narrow down the priority map to projects along the 35W corridor and move away from making and maintaining a list of "Supported Projects." Discussion and general agreement to maintain support for projects that intersect with the corridor. Additional discussion was had on potentially ranking priorities. The TAC will connect again and return with suggested changes to projects and edits to the 2025 Legislative Platform. Adding a multi-modal project was also suggested. Joe Gladke and Lisa Freese volunteered to work on Alliance accomplishments and history that could be added to the website.

Legislative Update

Rob Vanasek provided a legislative update.

Project Updates

- 494/35W Interchange - scheduled a webinar for the 2025 kickoff, April 15.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition - meeting today; prioritization process graphic will be sent out; all three interchange projects under contract and resuming construction in the spring.
- Highway 13 - work is underway; open house in December some discussion on separating the project into two; still have \$20-25 million dollar gap in funding.

Potential Future Agenda Items

- Crash data, Dr. Nicole Morris
- Transportation Legislative Leaders, wait until March or when we know the House makeup
- Regional Solicitation, Charles Carlson and Deb Harbor

Announcements

- Burnsville hosting a mobility accessibility event: Mobility Matters: Bridging the Gap, March 5 at the Wyndham Hotel.
- Wolter's last meeting as Council Member Burmel will be taking over.

Next Meeting

The next Alliance meeting will be held February 13, 2025.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9 a.m.