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MEMORANDUM

TO: The I-35W Solutions Alliance Board of Director

FROM: RJ Tennesen

RE: Legislative Report

DATE: November 13, 2014

Legislature

The November 4 election changed the control of the Minnesota House back to the Republicans. It seems like musical chairs. In four of the last five house elections control of the House changed from one party to another.

<u>Election</u>	<u>Majority Party</u>
2006	DFL
2008	DFL
2010	GOP
2012	DFL
2014	GOP

Representative Kurt Daudt has been selected by his caucus to be the new Speaker and Representative Joyce Pepin was selected to be the new Majority Leader. Representative Daudt and his caucus are in the process of organizing committees for the 89th Legislature. The committee structure, chairs, and membership are under consideration. The DFL caucus has selected the current Speaker Paul Thissen to be the minority leader.

Membership: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/leginfo/14mem_elect.pdf

The organization of the Senate will likely remain the same since there were no elections.

The 89th Minnesota Legislature will convene on January 6, 2015 at 12 o'clock noon.

Metropolitan Council

- A. The draft Service Improvement Plan prioritizes 122 proposed improvements to be made through 2030 as funding is available. Additional public hearings are listed.

Thursday, Nov. 13 – 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Hennepin County Southdale Library
7001 York Avenue South, Edina
served by routes [6](#), [538](#)

Saturday, Nov. 15 – 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Conway Recreation Center
2090 Conway Avenue, St. Paul
served by routes [63](#), [70](#), [74](#), [80](#), [219](#)

Monday, Nov. 17 – 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Anoka County Northtown Central Library
711 County Hwy. 10 NE, Blaine

Tuesday, Nov. 18 – 11:30 to 1 p.m.

Metropolitan Council Chambers
390 North Robert Street, downtown St. Paul
served by multiple downtown bus routes, [METRO Green Line](#)

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[Table 1: Performance Measures](#)

[Table 2: Project Description Summary](#)

[Table 3A: Weekday Resources and Rides](#)

[Table 3B: Saturday Resources and Rides](#)

[Table 3C: Sunday Resources and Rides](#)

[Table 4: Detailed Rank](#)

[Figure 1: Items By Ranking](#)

[Figure 2: Items By Improvement Type](#)

[Figure 3: Items By Route Type](#)

- B. The Metropolitan Council has launched the 2014 Regional Solicitation, which means it is now accepting applications for federal transportation funding to help pay for local projects. Details are found at: <http://www.metrocouncil.org/News-Events/Transportation/Newsletters/Council-launches-regional-solicitation-for-federal.aspx>

MnDOT

MnDOT is soliciting applications for Safe Route to School Grants. For more information go to <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/>

