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### **The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting**

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Richfield City Hall, Bartholomew Room, 6700 Portland Ave S

### **Minutes**

#### **Members and Guests Present**

Members present were: Chair – Tom Wolf, Shawn Nelson, Karl Keel, Ryan Peterson, Mark Krebsbach, Josh Berg, Debbie Goettel, Joseph Scala, Charles Carlson, Jeremy Schroeder, Andrew Lutaya, Amber Blanchard, Aaron Bartling, Matt Johnson, Seng Thongvanh, Lisa Freese, Rob Vanasek, Britta Torkelson, and James Colclasure

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Vice Chair Tom Wolf

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the February 13, 2020 meeting were approved.

#### **Acceptance of Treasurer's Report**

Upon motion made and seconded, the treasurer's report was approved subject to audit.

#### **Completed Mall of America Station Overview and 2020 Orange Line Construction, Stations Package, and Four Month SB 35W Closure Preview – Derek Berube and Charles Carlson**

Derek and Charles updated the group on the Mall of America Station completion, status of the 2020 Orange Line construction and plans for the 35W southbound closure.

#### **Legislative Update**

Next week is "Transportation Day on the Hill" and may be only major conversation on transportation issues for 2020. The theme is pushing for a big bonding bill that includes big ticket line items for transportation. The House Capital Investment Committee has been meeting 2-3 times a week and while hearing a large number of bills, hardly any are transportation related. MnDOT has outlined its Trunk Highway Bonding recommendations \$169m in Trunk Highway bonds. \$110m will be used for Rail Grade Separation projects, with \$59m left for truck stations across the state. No funding has been recommended for Corridors of Commerce. The budget outlook nudged slightly up since November, however that was prior to the COVID-19 headlines. Due to the virus, the Governor retooled his supplemental budget plan and this will reduce the likelihood of one-time cash being available for bonding bills.

#### **Website Updates**

No website updates

#### **Project Updates**

- I-35W Bridge over River – holding joint meetings with MnDOT, Bloomington and Burnsville about bike access. Meeting will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm in the Burnsville City Hall
- Hwy 13 – has been conducting public meetings and moving forward with design plans.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 14th, 2020.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.