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The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Richfield City Hall, Bartholomew Room, 6700 Portland Ave S

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Members present were: Chair – Liz Workman, Rob Vanasek, Dan Kealey, Mary Liz Holberg, Mark Krebsbach, Joe Gladke, Michael Ohama, Paul Oehme, Joshua Lee, Charles Carlson, Jon Solberg, Amber Blanchert, Katie Rodriguez, Maria Regan Gonzalez, Jeff Pearson, Gene Abbott, Tom Wolf, James Colclasure

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 a.m. by Chair Liz Workman

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

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

Freight Study on I-494 in Conjunction with the Corridor Expansion Project – John Thompkins, MNDOT

John Thompkins discussed commercial transportation within the metro area along the I-494 corridor and expected changes as automated driving technology becomes more prominent.

Automated, Connected and Platooning Trucks – John Hausladen, MN Trucking Association

John Hausladen discussed automated transportation with regards to commercial transportation vehicles and impacts on safety, transportation and strain on finding workers in the trucking industry.

Legislative Update

None of the 10 major Omnibus bills have been passed into law, although 19 smaller bills have successfully been passed so far. The Senate continues to refuse to raise the gas tax, while the governor is insistent upon continuing the provider tax. The House and administration propose to raise the gas tax (20 cents over several years), tab fees, sales tax, and other assorted fees for the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund. The House also repealed the prohibition to study the Dan Patch corridor. MnPASS Money for 35W Corridor has been repealed

Project Updates

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Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2019.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.