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The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Richfield City Hall, Bartholomew Room, 6700 Portland Ave S

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

A quorum was present. Members present were: Shawn Nelson, Dan Kealey, Ryan Peterson, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, Mark Krebsbach, Josh Berg, Debbie Goettel, Joe Gladke, Angela Conley, Zach Johnson, Wendy Wulff, Charles Carlson, Jeremy Schroeder, April Crockett, Andrew Lutaya, Amber Blanchard, Aaron Bartling, Maria Regan Gonzalez, Joe Powers, Kristin Asher, Matt Johnson, Seng Thongvanh, Lisa Freese, Tom Wolf, Cristina Diaz, Rob Vanasek, Britta Torkelson, and James Colclasure

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chair Liz Workman

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the October 08, 2020 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

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

494/35W Project Update with Amber Blanchard & Andrew Lutaya, MnDOT

Amber Blanchard of MnDOT went through a brief update of the 494/35W interchange project and will present a more detailed project update in January 2021.

Joint Powers Agreement Process Update

All cities besides Bloomington, Hennepin County and Minneapolis have provided their signed JPA page and resolution to Burnsville.

Website Updates

No website updates

Nominations Committee

Dan Kealey, Josh Berg and Tom Wolf volunteered as the nominations committee to bring their recommendations to the January, 2021 meeting.

Legislative Update

Details were provided on the recently passed bonding bill, including funding for the D and B BRT lines and the 77th Street Underpass.

Legislative Counsel Contract Upon motion and second, Rob Vanasek of Capitol Hill Associates, Inc., will be retained as lobbyist for a period of two years beginning January 1, 2021 for a fee of \$39,000 per year including expenses, and that the chair of the board prepare and execute a contract to effectuate this.

Project Updates

- 35W/Lakestreet – expected to be completed in September 2021. Will be working on noise and retaining walls in winter of 2020. Station is in place and working on enclosing the structure for winter work.
- Orange line – North half of Knox Ave tunnel is complete. Began work on south half of tunnel. Station construction is in progress in all four cities.
- 35W Bridge over River – Work is complete. In spring 2021 final touchup will take place. Black Dog Trail is now reopened for bikers.

- Green line – Full funding grant agreement has been executed.
- Federal Transportation Updates – Currently reaching out to newly elected officials and thanking departing officials. Planning to host a build workshop for build grants soon.
- Hwy 13 – Had an open house back in October, 2020 and received lots of positive feedback.

Next Meeting

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.