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

Thursday, September 11, 2014

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

## **Minutes**

### **Members and Guests Present**

Board members present were Sue Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Mike Eastling, Lisa Freese, Zach Johnson, Hank Marotske, Jon Oleson, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, John Quincy, Mary Sherry, Thomas Terry, Tom Wolf, and Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors, Charles Carlson (Metro Transit), Bob Crawford (Elko New Market), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Joe Gladke (Hennepin County), Jim Grube (Hennepin County), Jenifer Hager (Minneapolis), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Jon Solberg (MnDOT), Wendy Wulff (Met Council), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Bob Tennessen (Tennessee Law).

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the August 14, 2014 meeting were approved.

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

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

### **Website Task Force**

John Quincy reported that the website includes the candidate forum information. Members of the Alliance agreed to ensure that their respective member organization website include a link to the [www.35Wsolutions.com](http://www.35Wsolutions.com) website.

### **Orange Line Governance Committee**

Charles Carlson, Staff, said that there is nothing new to report.

### **Legislative Update**

Bob Tennessen presented the Legislative Report, a copy of which was included with the agenda packet. The candidate forums are scheduled for October 1 (Bloomington) and October 8 (Burnsville).

### **Lobbyist Search Committee**

Jan Callison, Liz Workman, Tom Wolf, Sue Sandahl, Charles Carlson, Mike Eastling, John Quincy, and Ryan Peterson will convene a committee to discuss replacement of the Alliance's lobbyist. Bob Tennessen will be liaison for the group and has distributed a list of lobbyist duties.

### **Lake Street Access Presentation**

Jim Grube, Hennepin County, distributed a brochure regarding the I-35W Transit/Access Project and discussed 35W in the vicinity of Lake Street from E 42<sup>nd</sup> St to the 94 commons. He described the three projects: the Rehabilitation Project, the Transit/Access Project, and the Chapter 152 Project.

Jenifer Hager, Minneapolis, presented information for the Transit/Access Project – the transit station, greenway connection, the southbound 35W exit to Lake Street, and the northbound exit to 28<sup>th</sup>. The northbound entrance from Lake Street to 35W is not included, but not precluded. Discussion included working with the community, drainage, environmental assessment, and noise walls. Preliminary bridge plans have been submitted to MnDOT and the Draft EIS review will be in the next month or so. Municipal Consent is anticipated in the first quarter of 2015.

### **Project Updates**

- Hwy 77 – Work continues at 494 through this month.
- TH 13 – There are additional expenses and a four-week delay due to the frontage road area.
- 494 Corridor Commission – Not meeting this month.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Meets next week. The 169 interchange will be fully open October 13<sup>th</sup>. The grand opening of the Marshall Road transit station was August 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Red Line – Cedar Grove RFP to be released relatively soon.
- Green Line – Municipal Consent has been attained. RFP to be released shortly.
- 35W River Bridge – Kickoff meeting to be held in October. Intend to raise the roadway out of floodplain.

### **Future Topics**

- October, 2014 – Potentially, Corridors of Commerce – Mark Gieseke, MnDOT
- November, 2014 – Minneapolis Downtown Council Perspective, Steve Cramer (President)
- December, 2014 – Mall of America Expansion – MOA and City of Bloomington Staff
- January, 2015 – I-35W River Bridge Replacement – MnDOT

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2014, at the Richfield City Hall.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.