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The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, October 9, 2014

Richfield Bartholomew Room

6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Sue Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Jan Callison, Mike Eastling, Lisa Freese, Zach Johnson, Karl Keel, Jon Oleson, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, John Quincy, Thomas Terry, Tom Wolf, and Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors, Charles Carlson (Metro Transit), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Kristine Elwood (Dakota County), Mark Gieseke (MnDOT), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Jeff Pearson (Richfield), Jon Solberg (MnDOT), Kim Zlimen (Hennepin County), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Bob Tennesen (Tennesen Law).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the September 11, 2014 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was not done this month as the Lobbyist bill was not submitted. The only change from the last month was the addition of 19 cents interest in the savings account. The report will be reviewed next month.

Website Task Force

John Quincy reported that the website will include the legislative forums.

Orange Line Governance Committee

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

Legislative Update

Bob Tennesen presented the Legislative Report, a copy of which was included with the agenda packet. The candidate forums held in Bloomington and Burnsville went well. Upon motion made and seconded, a \$250 honorarium was approved for each of the two moderators.

Lobbyist Search Committee

Member (Jan Callison, Liz Workman, Tom Wolf, Sue Sandahl, Charles Carlson, Mike Eastling, John Quincy, and Ryan Peterson) will briefly meet after to determine a meeting date. Bob Tennesen will be liaison for the group and previously distributed a list of lobbyist duties.

Corridors of Commerce Presentation

Mark Gieseke, Minnesota Department of Transportation, presented Corridors of Commerce information including project classification, categories, prioritization criteria, and next steps.

Project Updates

- TH 13/5 – Hopefully open by Halloween.
- 494 Corridor Commission – Met yesterday. MnDOT presented on an 18-month study for MnPASS in the Crosstown and 494 corridors.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Restriped bridge two weeks ago. Feasibility study to be taken for 169 transitway and MnPASS. 169/69 interchange ribbon cutting next Tuesday. Submitted a Corridors of Commerce request. MVTA merger approved by all parties; working through final details. Express service to Downtown from Marshall soon.
- I-35W/Lake Street Station – 60% design wrapping up. Transit from Hennepin County project to MnDOT.
- Orange Line – Applied for entry into Small Starts project development. CTIB funding commitment required.

Future Topics

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

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2014, at the Richfield City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 a.m.