



US Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition

Working together to enhance safety, reduce congestion and maximize economic development along the US Highway 169 inter-regional corridor.

Joint Executive and Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2013

Present:

Name	Title	Agency
Jon Ulrich	Commissioner	Scott County
Lisa Freese	Transportation Manager	Scott County
Tom Hulting	Council Member	City of Bloomington
Jim Hovland	Mayor	City of Edina
Michael Leek	Community Development Director	City of Shakopee
Bruce Loney	City Engineer	City of Shakopee
Jim Gates	Deputy Director of Public Works	City of Bloomington
Vance Stuehrenberg	Commissioner	Blue Earth County
Jane Kansier	Assistant City Manager	City of Prior Lake
Lisa Schickedanz	Associate Planner	Scott County
Jan Callison via phone	Commissioner	Hennepin County
Bob Border via phone	Mayor	City of LeSueur
Ronda Allis via phone	Community and Economic Development Director	Region 9 Development Commission
Lewis Giesking via phone	Director of Public Works	City of St. Peter
Doug Weiszhaar via phone	Corridor Advocate	WSB & Associates
Katie Walker via phone	Senior Administrative Manager/SW LRT Community Works Manager	Hennepin County

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Commissioner Jon Ulrich at 5:33 p.m.

1. Welcome/Introductions – Jon Ulrich, Chair, Scott County Commissioner
2. Adoption of Agenda - A motion was made by Mayor Jim Hovland to approve the April 11, 2013, agenda with the removal of item number three (3) "Adoption of the Minutes from March 14, 2013"; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg and approved.
3. ~~Adoption of Minutes from March 14, 2013~~

4. Financial Report for March 2013 – The financial report for March 2013 was distributed and reviewed. Council Member, Tom Hulting made a motion to approve the March 2013 financial report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Vance Stuehrenberg and approved.

5. Coalition Focus

- a. Administrative Service Needs: Scott County can provide services until July 1st. Discussion on amount budgeted for administrative and website services. In the past have not utilize all the budgeted amount for website services, some of the money from website budget could be shifted to administrative services. There will be a need to have an increased budget for administrative services since new items will be added to the tasks (Technical Committee, newsletter, increased work on website including the incorporation of social media aspect) and in the past there has been time that was donated to provide these services.

It was determined to have the Coalition members identify they had capacity with staff to provide the services and to have the members brainstorming ideas on people to consider for a good fit for these services.

- b. Studies Costs:
 - i. *Long Haul Transit:* Lisa Freese did contact HDR on the long haul transit study and the cost would be approximately \$80,000. She also found out that MnDOT Metro could provide technical support for the study. Ronda left a message at MnDOT District 7 to see if any funding is available for a study. Currently the Metropolitan Council is doing a study looking at transit from Marschall Road to 394.

Ronda Allis noted there is a passenger rail coalition in Mankato and Lewis Giesking noted that MnDot ranks Mankato to the Metro as a Tier 1 project.

- ii. *Corridor Study Update:* The original study was done in 2001. A high level study would cost approximately \$50,000. This would look at the existing studies, project priority list, etc... then determine what projects would best for return on investment.

Studies: Have Technical Committees come back in May with a proposal, proposed budget and see if there are any partners at the State level for the both of the studies. Next

step would be to go to Councils and Boards to see what they would prefer to contribute money too.

- c. Coalition Direction for 2013-14: The primary discussion on the work plan took place on the above item under Studies. Further discussion on this item will take place at a future meeting.
 - d. Bylaw Revision and membership considerations: This item was differed until the May meeting.
- 6. Corridor Advocate Report – WSB is working with Greater Mankato Growth for the June business outreach meeting. Greater Mankato Growth thought a Tuesday morning would work best for the chamber members. It was decided to have a start the meeting at 7:30 a.m. on June 18th.
 - 7. Next Meeting – Executive Committee May 9, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Full Board 7-9 pm. Educational Program consideration for May: MnPass.
 - 8. The Joint Executive Board and Technical Committee meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Schickedanz, Associate Planner – Scott County.