



US Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition

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

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2011

Present: Jim Hovland, Jon Ulrich, Vance Stuehrenberg, Tom Hulting, Lisa Freese, Lezlie Vermillion, Lewis Giesking, Ed Shukle, Ronda Allis, Michael Leek, Jane Kansier, Doug Weiszhaar, and Sue Beckman

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair, Mr. Jim Hovland

- 1) Welcome – Jim Hovland, Chair, Mayor of Edina
- 2) Adoption of Agenda – A motion was made by Commissioner Jon Ulrich to approve the February 10, 2011 agenda; the motion was seconded by Council Member Tom Hulting and approved.
- 3) Adoption of Minutes – A motion was made by Commissioner Jon Ulrich to approve the January 13, 2011 minutes; the motion was seconded by Council Member Tom Hulting and approved.
- 4) Financial Report – The financial report for January 2011 was distributed and reviewed. Commissioner Jon Ulrich made a motion to approve the January 2011 financial report. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tom Hulting and approved.
- 5) Technical Committee Report

Day at the Capitol: the date has been set for March 10, 2011 from 6-8 pm at the State Office Building in room 300N. John Boland, Scott County's lobbyist joined the meeting to discuss the Day at the Capitol with the committee. All Legislators along the corridor will be invited. Mike Beard will head the open house. What is the purpose of the Day at the Capitol? Lisa Freese will compile a bullet point list of the items for the evening and an agenda. Sue Beckman will be ordering food for the event and US 169 logo water bottles. There will also be informational handouts about the Coalition and US 169 lapel pins.

- 6) Bylaws Amendment – add of 2nd Vice Chair: There is one corrected change to the amendment- Article V. Officers – Section 1. Officers, the first sentence should read; the officers of the US 169 Corridor Coalition shall include a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and may include, at the discretion of the Board, a second Vice-Chair. A motion was made by Commissioner Jon Ulrich to recommend to the Board the Bylaws amendment with the above changes to recommend to the Board; the motion was seconded by Council Member Tom Hulting.

Project Prioritization – Jane Kansier explained, in detail the matrix and the rankings. The Executive Committee members thought the evaluation was exceptional. The members would like the Technical Committee to add the following items; a list of low-cost, high benefit projects, what is the priority (expansion or preservation), where is the biggest bang for the buck, and where is the expansion needed most? The Coalition's strategy is to internally accept the evaluation, have a specific plan to implement, target available programs, keep requesting for SAM and TED money, and work with legislators – making them aware of the priorities. The next step for the Technical Committee is to provide a list of potential funding sources and which projects can they be used on and provide of list of low cost high benefit projects.

The Executive Committee ran short on time; therefore the remaining items on the agenda will be brought to the Board meeting.

- 7) Corridor Advocate Update

Due to a time constraint, Doug Weiszhaar was not able to give his update, however, he will give a full report at the Board meeting, following.

- 8) Next meeting – The next Executive Committee meeting has not been confirmed as of yet. Sue Beckman will inform the group of the next meeting.
- 9) The Executive Board meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Sue Beckman, Scott County Program Specialist