



## **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**

**April 8, 2010**

Present: Jim Hovland, Jon Ulrich, Tom McLaughlin, Tom Hulting, Lisa Freese, Jim Gates, Michael Leek, Jane Kansier and Sue Beckman

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chair, Mr. Jim Hovland

- 1) Welcome– Jim Hovland, Chair, City of Edina Mayor
- 2) Adoption of Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. McLaughlin to approve the February 11, 2010 minutes; the motion was seconded by Vice Chair, Mr. Ulrich and approved unanimously by voice vote.
- 3) Financial Report – The financial report through February 28, 2010 was distributed and reviewed. Vice Chair, Mr. Ulrich made a motion to approve the February 28, 2010 financial report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hulting and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The financial report through March 31, 2010 was distributed and reviewed. All 2010 membership dues have been paid in full. Vice Chair, Mr. Ulrich made a motion to approve the March 31, 2010 financial report. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and approved unanimously by voice vote.

- 4) Technical Committee Report –
  - a) Meeting Locations and Educational Programs- The 2010 Coalition Meeting Schedule was distributed and discussed. Ms. Freese spoke about each date on the schedule. The group had a discussion about moving the May meeting location closer to the 494/169 Interchange in light of the good news of the project getting funded. Chair Hovland will check to see if we can reserve a meeting room at Braemar in Edina for May 13<sup>th</sup>, he will let Ms. Freese know if this is possible. The Legislative wrap-up is set for June 10<sup>th</sup> in Belle Plaine. Jane Kansier who is

a member of the Technical Committee prepared a "Save the Date" invitation, which the Executive Committee thought was a great idea. Ms. Kansier will finalize the document. July 8<sup>th</sup> is set for a work plan meeting. Members of the Technical Committee are working on putting together a Ports of Savage boat tour for the August meeting. The date may change based on availability. The meeting may also start earlier in the day, possibly 3:00 or 3:30 p.m. The boat tour would include a three hour tour from Savage to Harriet Island, with bus transportation being provided. The boat tour would be the meeting with Congressional Delegation being invited. An update will be provided at the next meeting. The meeting schedule will be provided to the Board but not up for review, there may be some changes in the future.

b) Ms. Freese prepared a recommendation for the Corridor Advocate position to present to the Board at the meeting this evening. Chair Hovland will present the recommendation to the Board and Ms. Freese and the Technical Committee interview panel will comment on the specifics of the recommendation.

5) Project Prioritization – Jane Kansier who is a member of the Technical Committee prepared an evaluation matrix and goals which was distributed to the Committee. Ms. Kansier wanted feedback on whether she was headed in the right direction. The Committee thought the Matrix and goals were a good start and guideline to use for the Coalition priorities. They would like to see the Technical Committee get together as a group and prepare a list of priorities by personally meeting with Counties and Jurisdictions along the corridor to provide a list of their priorities. The Technical Committee is set to have a brainstorming session on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 about project priorities for the Coalition. The process of gathering this information could take 2-3 months, at which time the Technical Committee will report back to the Executive Committee a list of project priorities.

6) 494/169 Interchange Update – Ms. Freese had Lisa Koehner of Scott County prepare a press release letter on US 169 Corridor letterhead, titled "Green light! The 494/169 Interchange is A Go....." The Executive Committee thought it was a great idea and will provide Ms. Beckman with any additional comments or changes they would like to see to the letter. They thought that the letter did not need to be presented to the Board but when completed the press release will be available to the Board

members to use as promotional material. It will also be posted on the website.

- 7) Next Meeting – May 13, 2010 at 5:45 p.m.
- 8) The Executive Board meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Sue Beckman, Scott County Program Specialist