



# US Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition

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

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2014

7:00 P.M.

**Location: Scott County Government Center**

First Name	Last Name	Title	Agency
Gene	Abbott	Council Member	City of Savage
Tim	Burkhardt	Transportation Planner	HDR
Andrew	Carlson	Councilmember	City of Bloomington
Alan	Forsberg	County Engineer	Blue Earth County
Lisa	Freese	Transportation Program Director	Scott County
Jim	Gates	Deputy Director of Public Works	City of Bloomington
Holly	Kreft	City Administrator	City of Belle Plaine
Michael	Leek	Economic Development	Scott County
Tim	Nikunen	City Administrator	City of Jordan
Josh	Pearson	Alternate	Region 9 Development Commission
Dana	Petersen	Public Involvement Coordinator	HDR
John	Schmitt	Citizen Representative	City of Shakopee
John	Ulrich	Commissioner	Scott County
Russ	Wille	Community Development Director	City of St. Peter

1. Welcome/Introductions – Jon Ulrich, Chair, Scott County Commissioner

2. Adoption of Agenda

Member Schmitt moves to approve the agenda. Member Gates seconds the motion and it is approved.

3. Adoption of July 17, 2014 Minutes

Member Schmitt moves to approve the minutes. Member Gates seconds the motion and it is approved.

4. Financial Report – July and August 2014

Member Gates moves to approve the financial reports. Councilman Abbott seconds the motion and it is approved.

5. MnPASS and Transitway Study Participation and Funding Vote

- Lisa gives a presentation overview of the study, a history, the status, and the Coalition's potential role in the study
- Discussion
  - 169 continues to grow for communities and as a freight route
  - Ongoing discussion about bus shoulders on the Bloomington Ferry bridge
  - Transportation Policy Plan is out for public review
    - U.S. 169 corridor was listed on potential increased revenue list
    - Won't be competing with LRT programs in the area because it is a separate funding pot

- MnDOT did not study the 169 corridor north towards Highway 210
      - Currently have just over a million committed with study partners
      - It is important for MnDOT, metro district, and met council to have an understanding of what's outside of the metro area and what the Coalition brings to the table
    - There is an opportunity to engage as a coalition, a recommendation is made to contribute \$25,000 to the study
    - Some Scott County members met with Scott McBride at MnDOT, and summarized that there would be \$250,000 from MnDOT and Met Council, Blue Express and MVA merger brings \$200k each
    - Member Stuehrenberg and Forsberg echo that the study will represent interests of the southern part of the corridor, as a building block to transit to southern portion.
    - Member Stuehrenberg mentions that the study will give the Coalition more credibility.
    - Member Schmitt favors the decision as a way to package initiatives of the Coalition to encourage businesses to join and have a role in supporting efforts and communicating to communities how the Coalition is trying to improve transportation efforts along the corridor.
  - Decision
    - Member Stuehrenberg moves to approve the allocation of funds to the study. Councilman Abbott seconds the motion and it is approved.
  - Possible future presentations
    - SRF is currently doing a long range transportation plan. Member Forsberg to arrange future presentation in Mankato.
    - Presentation on roundabouts due to two new ones built in Mankato (went from two to nine in Blue Earth County) and MnDOT's study.
- 6. 2015 Dues Structure Recommendations Vote**
- Motion to keep dues structure the same for 2015
    - Member Schmitt moves to approve the structure. Member Gates seconds the motion and it is approved
  - Affiliate memberships to be extended to December 2015 so on same billing cycle in December as regular members
    - Accounting staff asked as a low cost measure
    - Will attempt to get affiliate members at November meeting event
    - Member Stuehrenberg motions to approve the billing cycle change. Member Pearson seconds the motion and it is approved.
- 7. Elections Update**
- Will be holding elections in January for Coalition executive committee positions
    - If board members are interested, will notify the Coalition Chair
    - Nominations and elections will happen during January Board Meeting
- 8. Upcoming Meeting Agenda & Schedule Discussion**
- Board Meeting Agenda – November 20, 2014

- Anniversary Event
  - Plan to have a panel of three individuals that are experts on the legislative landscape to provide a perspective of transportation after the elections
  - Look for sponsors to fund some event costs
  - Hope to attract new partners with event and study
- List to invite will include municipalities along corridor that aren't members, affiliate members, and legislative delegation to corridor
- For potential sponsorship, invite contractors located or working along the corridor.

**9. Adjournment**

Member Stuehrenberg moves to adjourn the board meeting. Member Abbott seconds the motion and it is approved at 8:07 p.m.