



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

November 21, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Scott County Government Center, Board Room
200 Fourth Avenue West
Shakopee, MN 55379

First Name	Last Name	Title	Agency
Vance	Stuehrenberg	Commissioner	Blue Earth County
Joe	Duncan	Principal Engineer	Bolton & Menk Inc
Scott	Schneider	Council Member	City of Belle Plaine
Jim	Gates	Deputy Director Public Works	City of Bloomington
Tom	Hulting	Council Member	City of Bloomington
Jim	Hovland	Mayor	City of Edina
Ed	Shukle	City Administrator	City of Jordan
Bob	Broeder	Mayor	City of LeSueur
Jeff	Johnson	City Engineer	City of Mankato
Rick	Keeney	Council Member	City of Prior Lake
John	Powell	Public Works Director	City of Savage
John	Schmitt	Former Mayor	City of Shakopee
Lewis	Giesking	Director of Public Works	City of St. Peter
Ken	Saffert	Representative	Greater Mankato Growth Committee
Emily	Hyland	Public Involvement Manager	HDR
Dana	Petersen	Public Involvement Coordinator	HDR
Khani	Sahebjam	Vice President	HDR
Jan	Callison	Commissioner	Hennepin County
Terry	Genelin	R-9 ACT	Region 9 Development Commission
Lisa	Freese	Transportation Program Director	Scott County
Jon	Ulrich	Commissioner	Scott County

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Board Chairman, Commissioner Jon Ulrich

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

Member Ron made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Deputy Director of Public Works Jim Gates and approved.

3. Adoption of September 12, 2013 Minutes

Member Commissioner Jan Callison made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Deputy Director of Public Works Jim Gates and approved.

4. Financial Report

- October 2013

- There are two expenditures for September and October. A few outstanding affiliate members that have not been invoiced.
- Motion to approve the financial report was made by Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg. The motion was seconded by Mayor Jim Hovland and approved.
- 2014 Budget
 - Projected revenue is calculated assuming affiliate members will pay and that current members will remain current. HDR would provide services under two year contract, so it is divided in half for 2014 projected budget. This includes outreach events that have not been included in previous contracts. Budget for website remains, with hope to improve through HDR contract for updates and improved usability.
 - Printing and mailing costs have been increased
 - Insurance as typical premium included special study and potential trip to D.C.
 - Total expenditure of under \$63,000 dipping into cash reserves.
 - A motion to approve budget was made by Member John Schmitt. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jan Callison and carries.
- Insurance
 - It is required each year to have the Coalition decide whether to waive monetary limits on municipal tort liability. Motion to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by the Minnesota statute 466.04 for the board's insurance coverage.
 - Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg makes the motion to approve. The motion is seconded by Mayor Jim Hovland and approved.

5. Executive and Technical Committee Report

- Legislative strategy review
 - Refocus the strategy to include legislators, MnDOT and Metropolitan Council. Will continue to discuss over future board meetings and executive and technical meetings.
- Legislative Breakfast
 - DATE: Wednesday, March 5, 2014 from 7:00 – 8:30 am
 1. Board will work to find a date that does not have conflicts with conference in Washington D.C. and is convenient for legislators.
 - Member Khani Sahebjam asks whether the house or senate have transportation hearings early in the mornings.
 - In the past two, legislators up and down the corridor have been invited, as well as key legislators on the transportation committee.
 - Council Member Rick Keeney asks if attendance is expected of the board at the event. It is helpful to have a lot of people there to represent the Coalition.
 - Invitation will be sent out when final date and time is determined. The location is the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) building - 145 University Avenue West, St. Paul, MN 55103.
- Chamber Outreach
 - Update to materials being sent out about what's important going on in the corridor. HDR is looking for feedback on material and will develop presentation from the edits.
 - Commissioner Jan Callison reached out to three chambers. Outreach will continue to active members in the chamber and get more information moving forward.
 1. Commissioner Callison mentions SouthWest Transit with SouthWest LRT development should definitely be reached out to.

6. Corridors of Commerce Program Update

- Update sent link out and announced for what was selected for 2014. The Coalition's submitted projects were not selected, but the projects got in front of the commission. More projects are to be done in the program linked to commerce, business, and prosperity. It has been spread out over the Department of Transportation's district.

- Minnesota Transportation Alliance and others are creating a campaign advertising transportation needs.

7. MnDOT Town Hall Meetings

- A Town Hall meeting is being held in Shakopee on December 17th from 4-6pm
 - This is an opportunity to have the Coalition's presence at the meeting. Materials will be created to hand out at the meeting. Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg is attending a meeting on Monday and will provide feedback on what to bring to the Shakopee meeting.

8. Highway Transit way Study Update

- Metropolitan Council is conducting a metro-wide study looking at multiple corridors that don't have transit way already. Highway 169, highway 36, and highway 35E are examples. This is a high level screening looking at service plans for each corridor and ridership projections. The objective is to screen out the top four or five corridors to do the next level of preliminary engineering on the corridor.
- The highway 169 corridor has promising ridership, though higher cost to develop facilities due to length of the corridor. Metropolitan Council plans on having another outreach meeting with elected officials about the findings of the metro wide study anticipated for the first quarter of 2014.

9. Other Items

- Mayor Jim Hovland discusses that Move Minnesota is forming a committee as a combination of foundations and are hiring someone to assist with legislative strategy.
- Member Khani Sabjeham discusses funding of large transportation projects and the various strategies included transportation dedicated tax. Volatility of gas price impacting sales tax and future technological advancements affecting funding is discussed.

10. Next Meeting: Board Meeting January 16, 2014, 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Marschall Road Transit Station