



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

May 15, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Location: Bloomington City Council Chambers

Bloomington, MN 55431

First Name	Last Name	Title	Agency
Gene	Abbott	Council Member	City of Savage
Bob	Broeder	Mayor	City of LeSueur
Andrew	Carlson	Council Member	City of Bloomington
Lisa	Freese	Transportation Program Director	Scott County
Jim	Gates	Deputy Director Public Works	City of Bloomington
Terry	Genelin	Primary Delegate	Region 9 Development Commission
Jim	Hovland	Mayor	City of Edina
Emily	Hyland	Public Involvement Manager	HDR
Dana	Petersen	Public Involvement Coordinator	HDR
John	Powell	Public Works Director	City of Savage
John	Schmitt	Former Mayor	City of Shakopee
Vance	Stuehrenberg	Commissioner	Blue Earth County
Jon	Ulrich	Commissioner	Scott County

The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by Chair Ulrich.

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

2. MoveMN Presentation

Margaret Donahue, the Executive Director for the Minnesota Transportation Alliance gave a presentation on MoveMN. Below includes some of the discussion and questions during the presentation.

- a. The formula includes sales tax on wholesale fuel sales
- b. Discussion on whether there has been more pushback from metro, due to too much (funds) leaving the metro area
- c. This would be a separate fund than rapid transit
- d. Projections are increasing for vehicle leasing, that currently goes into general fund
- e. Not planning on additional revenue in trunk highway funds
- f. ¼ cent tax to improve transit network in seven metro counties which allows for expansion of bus system and ten percent goes to bike and pedestrian connection
- g. There was a lot of questioning about the use of a gas sales tax
- h. Intend to make transportation a campaign issue for the next year since it has been deemed unfinished business from 2014 session

3. Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Stuehrenberg moves to adopt the agenda, Councilman Carlson seconds the motion, and it is approved.

4. Adoption of March 20, 2014 Minutes

Member Schmitt motions to approve the meeting minutes. The motion is seconded by Councilman Carlson and is approved.

5. Financial Report

- a. March 2014 and April 2014
 - i. Dispersements for HDR in both months as well as a dispersement to Buflehead for website;
 - ii. Councilman Abbott moves to approve the financial report. Mayor Hovland seconds the motion and it is approved.

6. Executive and Technical Committee Report

The Executive Board discussed the process of updating the Coalition's project priority list

- a. Will change the tiering of the list and will pare down to have a couple top priority projects
- b. Intend to gain feedback from communities and to have other discussions to show need for change in project statuses
- c. Identify four or five projects to focus on as priorities to meet with legislators and businesses to discuss. The list can change based on new information
- d. The Executive Committee working on a list of priority recommendations
- e. Hope to compile a list of successes, past priorities, and notes on status or priority change
- f. Intend to reach a consensus on top priorities at the July 17th meeting
- g. Considering including a transit way study
- h. Discussion on what the criteria would be for picking projects
 - i. Factors may include viability, completion, controversy, too long term
 - ii. Would like to emphasize whatever benefits one part will benefit the whole corridor
 - iii. Note that it is working in a constrained budgetary environment, would like to look for projects with the 'biggest bang for the buck'
 - iv. Look at achievable projects that have municipalities ready to match or help fund
- i. July meeting will include a work session on prioritization
 - i. Seek feedback from each part of the region to get greatest input

7. Next Board Meeting: July 17, 2014, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

- a. Will be held in the City of Le Sueur

8. Adjournment

Mayor Broeder moves to adjourn the meeting. Member Abbott seconds the motion and it is approved.