

Metropolitan Council

Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 No. Robert St., St. Paul, Mn. 55101

**Meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee
December 13, 2006**

Members Present	Peter Bell, Chair	Mary Hill Smith	Kathleen O'Brien
	Raynaldo Aligada	Jim Westerhaus	Rafael Ortega
	Toni Carter	Chris Coleman	R.T. Rybak
	Peter McLaughlin	Bob McFarlin	
Members Absent	Peggy Ingison	Paul Krause	

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Peter Bell called the December 13, 2006 regular meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee to order at 1:10 pm in the Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul.

2. APPROVAL OF 12/03/06 AGENDA AND 11/08/06 MINUTES

There being no objections, additions or changes, the committee accepted the agenda for 12/13/06 meeting and the minutes of 11/08/06 meeting.

Bell welcomed Reynaldo "Reggie" Aligada to the committee and invited Aligada to share a few words about himself, as he was unable to attend previous meetings.

3. REQUEST TO ENTER PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING (PE) UPDATE

Bell called on Mark Fuhrmann to report on the request to enter into preliminary engineering. Fuhrmann reported that at the end of November, the FTA submitted the request to Congress for their review. It is anticipated that we will hear back from the FTA as to the results of Congress review before the upcoming holiday break.

4. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) UPDATE AND CHARTER APPROVAL

Robin Caufman, Manager of Public Involvement, called attention to the Central Corridor Community Advisory Committee Charter provided in the materials. The charter lays out the roles and responsibilities of the committee. Caufman also reported on the status of selection of members to the committee. December 1 deadline for applications was extended to December 8; approximately 40 applications have been received. Committee members requested that the list of applicants be circulated to them and they will respond to Peter Bell with input they may have. It is anticipated that Peter Bell will announce committee members early January 2007. The first meeting is scheduled for 1/18/07 and the committee will meet from 5-7:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month. Staff is currently looking for a location on the corridor to accommodate the group on a regular meeting basis.

5. U of M TWIN CITIES CAMPUS and the CENTRAL CORRIDOR: Guiding Principles, Upcoming Developments, and Preferred Alternatives

[See Presentation](#)

Kathleen O'Brien, Vice President for University Services, University of Minnesota gave a presentation on the "U of M Twin Cities Campus and the Central Corridor". The presentation centered on the East

Gateway District and plans for the Stadium, and Biomedical Science Research facilities and included the subjects of parking, transit amenities, at-grade vs. below-grade LRT alignment, nearby housing, and bus service on Washington. Committee members discussed the traffic modeling that has been done, the importance of the LRT line, safety, development opportunities, functionality, aesthetics and periods of construction disruption of cut and cover tunnel construction versus at-grade construction. Bell stated, in the interest of self-disclosure, that he is a University of Minnesota Regent, and recuses himself from all discussion and votes by the Board of Regents regarding the Central Corridor in that role. The Board of Regents is also aware of this fact.

6. PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT (PMC) SOLICITATION UPDATE

Fuhrmann reported that staff sponsored two workshops in the last month to develop proposals for a Project Management Consultant. Proposers will need to help with the scoping, PE, advanced PE, final design and design oversight during construction. An RFP was issued on 12/08/06 and there have been 111 requests for copies (nationally). A pre-proposal conference is scheduled for 12/21/06; proposals are due on 1/17/07. A panel will then review proposals, report to CCMC in the beginning of February 2007. The projected date of the award is the end of February 2007.

7. NEXT MEETING, Wednesday, January 10, 2007 1-2:30 pm, Metro Council

Bob McFarlin stated that he anticipates that he will have a report on Central Corridor Governance Issues and LRT Governance Issues.

Bell reminded the committee that the agendas are proposed and open to suggestions.

Possible Subjects:

- Information on Regional Travel Demand Forecast Model
- DBE Program
- Communications and Public Involvement Plan (naming of CAC membership)
- St. Paul Loop Proposal
- Early update on Newstarts application guideline changes and options for future planning, enhancing options for low-income areas
- Impacts on utilities and relocation of same
- Bonding aspects from legislature on total package

8. ADJOURNMENT

Bell adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary