

Metropolitan Council

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

Meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee

October 14, 2009

Members Present	Peter Bell, Chair	R.T. Rybak (Peter Wagenius – alt)	Kathleen O’Brien
	Toni Carter	Rafael Ortega	Peter McLaughlin
	Tom Hanson (Keith Bogut – alt)	Khani Sahebjam	
Members Absent	Paul Krause	Robert McFarlin	Reynaldo Aligada
	Chris Coleman		Jim Westerhaus

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was not present when Chair Peter Bell called the October 14, 2009 meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee to order at 1:10 pm at the Metropolitan Council offices at 390 North Robert St., St. Paul. Bell began with the CAC and BAC reports and other business while waiting for a quorum to approve the 9/09/09 minutes.

2 APPROVAL OF 9/09 /09 MINUTES

Once a quorum was present a motion was made by McLaughlin, seconded by O’Brien to approve the minutes from the 9/09/09 meeting. The **motion carried.**

3 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Kirstin Sersland Beach reported that the CAC heard CCPO outreach staff reports, project updates, right-of-way introduction, and the operation and maintenance facility at last month’s meeting. The CAC is considering transitioning to smaller geographically based committees focusing on the construction, as the survey confirmed. The October meeting will include a demonstration of how people can sign up for a monthly newsletter regarding weekly construction.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

Lori Fritts reported that the BAC also discussed transitioning to smaller geographically based committees. The BAC continues to work on business mitigation issues. Project staff is working on a construction mitigation brochure giving details of what businesses might expect from the construction crews. Current work with utility relocation is helping the project staff/Central Corridor Partnership understand the concerns of business owners. There will be an upcoming demonstration to the BAC on the different methods used for construction phasing.

4 4th STREET ADVANCED UTILITY RELOCATION UPDATE

Rich Rovang reported on the progress that has been made by Xcel Energy, St. Paul Regional Water Board and Bolander (contractor) on 4th, between Minnesota & Robert St. This is the 2nd week of a 3-week closure of Robert & 4th; work is anticipated to be complete in the 3 week period. There has been good cooperation and feedback from businesses affected by the construction. Rovang reported on the upcoming activities on 4th, between Robert & Jackson. The goal is to complete the work at the intersection of 4th & Jackson this year.

5 PUBLIC ART PRELIMINARY DESIGN

Mark Fuhrmann introduced Alicia Vap. Vap gave a detailed presentation of the artwork for each station. Samples of some of the artwork were available as well. O’Brien commented that U of M staff is pleased with the work between the artists, the project office and the community on the three University Stations to ensure that the designs

are appropriate and have real meaning to the neighborhood.

6 CONSTRUCTION STAGING

Dan Soler reported on the construction staging plans thus far. The CCPO has received feedback from the counties, business owners, cities' public works departments on construction zones and the competing goals during construction. Staff will also be soliciting the contractor's input during the project. Soler explained the different phasing alternatives being considered, and the pros and cons of each. He also added that staff has solicited input from peers in other states that have had similar projects. Members commented on the need to continue efforts to coordinate with other entities, and the importance of communication.

7. NEXT MEETING –~~November 11, 2009~~ 1:00 PM

Items from committee members:

O'Brien asked that the design, staging and sequencing on the Washington Avenue Bridge be an agenda item for a future meeting.

The next scheduled meeting is November 11 2009, however, that day is the Veteran's Day Holiday and the meeting will be rescheduled to either the week before (11/04) or the week following (11/18). Committee members will be notified of the next meeting date when it is determined.

Motion made seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted, LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary