

Metropolitan Council

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

**Meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee
November 18, 2009**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Peter Bell called the November 18, 2009 meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee to order at 2:00 pm at the Metropolitan Council offices at 390 North Robert St., St. Paul.

2 APPROVAL OF 10/14/09 MINUTES

A motion was made by Bogut, seconded by Wagenius to approve the minutes from the 10/14/09 meeting. The **motion carried.**

3 BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

Karri Plowman reported that the BAC heard from Dan Soler and Kevin Ryan regarding construction phasing and construction signage. The BAC said that the longer stretches and shorter time frame for construction would be appreciated. The BAC also discussed “lead” signage outside the construction area to direct people/traffic prior to entering the area under construction. The 11/09 Contractor Event was a success and a good opportunity for prime and sub-contractors to interact. Prime contractors expressed gratitude for these meetings.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Robin Caufman reported that the CAC discussed expectations during construction, including a slide show of examples of construction staging and pros/cons, and types of equipment. CCPO is working on getting this on the website. Roderick Southall attended and gave an update on the DBE and Workforce meeting and the construction bid document as it relates to public input. In response to O’Brien’s question, Bell directed Caufman to send the established DBE goals and workforce participation goals to CCMC members for their information.

4 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MOU II UPDATE

Bell gave a brief report regarding a discussion with Peter Rogoff, FTA Administrator, who was in town for the Northstar opening. A 1+ hour private meeting was held with Rogoff and he received a tour of Northstar and Central Corridor. Discussion included numerous issues including U of M mitigation, Title IV concerns. Bell stated that the FTA’s approach is “leaning forward”; Rogoff indicated FTA help in moving the project forward on time and within the budget. Regarding the MOU II, Bell stated that a December 1 deadline has been agreed upon by parties to have the agreement finalized. The methodology to address vibration is nearly complete; significant progress has been made on the methodology for EMI mitigation. Questions remain on precise standards and corrective actions should mitigation efforts fall short. Bell is hopeful that the MOU II can be resolved by 12/01 and there will be a good chance for the CCLRT to be included in the President’s budget. O’Brien added that this is difficult technical work in a challenging time frame. All parties have been doing their best to move forward. She stated that the U of M, CCPO and Bell have been working to achieve the same objective (to advance the project while preserving the research at the U of M).

Mark Fuhrmann presented slides showing the buildings in need of vibration mitigation and showing the floating slab locations, as well as the location of buildings impacted by EMI and the proposed mitigation for those locations. Fuhrmann answered questions from committee members concerning the maintenance required and the useful life of the floating slabs. On Friday, November 20, Metro Council and the U of M will begin a side-by-side comparison of language in the MOU II.

5 PROJECT SCHEDULE UPDATE

Mark Fuhrmann presented the updated project schedule based on conversations with the FTA Administrator. Carter stated that the RFP schedule needs to also mesh with the construction schedule. The build out of the first infill station is one thing that the CCMC agreed upon. She questioned whether all three infill stations could be in the RFP in order to get the most economical/best price. Fuhrmann replied that the CCPO design staff is working on the design of one infill station so that they are in a good position to include in the RFP packages once the FTA gives their okay. Bell added that the additional infill station is important and we will work hard on having one infill station operation when revenue service starts. The infill station will not be in the package going to the FTA, but the project hopes to be ready to include it as an add-alternate in the bid package. Carter expressed concern that if all three infill stations are not included in the bid package, then the likelihood of building them soon after bidding is less. Bell stated that he is hopeful for one, and maybe the EA for all three, infill stations to be within the budget and that a resolution for infill station #1 needs to happen on or near the first of the year 2010.

6 4TH STREET ADVANCED UTILITY RELOCATION UPDATE

Rich Rovang gave an update on the utility relocation on Robert St., and the upcoming 2009/2010 construction. Carter thanked the CCPO for the quick remediation of signage issues and asked what businesses can expect prior to construction as the construction continues. Rovang stated that this construction phase offered a good chance to learn how to best serve the businesses during future construction. During upcoming construction, signage will be installed early and the CCPO will work with businesses to inform them how they will be designated on the signage. Kaufman added that there will be more detail on the contract documents about the type and timing of signage and notification standards. In response to Carter's question regarding the business recourse if the standards are not met, Rovang stated that the contract will have specifications concerning the contractor's responsibilities and accountability, and Kaufmann added that the CCPO will have a 24 hour hotline in addition to procedures already in place.

7. 2-STEP CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

Rich Rovang gave examples of pre-qualifying steps and requirements, and the schedule for bidding. There were no questions from committee members.

8. ST. PAUL PARKING PLAN

Craig Blakely, St. Paul PED, presented the St. Paul Parking Plan. Following work by the Parking Solutions Team to identify existing parking, needs, and critical areas, the Parking Mitigation Report was released in April 2009. Parking Solutions Workshops were held and funding sources for parking solutions were identified. In August 2009 a Parking Program was approved. Businesses and property owners along University will be able to apply for funds to aid in their parking solutions. Applications are due February 2010. The applications will then go through a selection program where the Parking Program Review Committee will rank and make recommendation to the HRA to approve the project. Once approved, the PED staff will get the projects under contract and complete. In addition to these parking application sites, the City of St. Paul plans to improve the residential-commercial interface and repave some alleys, as well as look at on-street management, enforcement, permit parking and meters.

9. NEXT MEETING – DECEMBER 9 AT 1:00 PM

Motion by Westerhaus, seconded by Carter and passed to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 pm. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted, LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary