

Metropolitan Council

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

**Meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee
May 12, 2010**

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

1, CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Peter Bell called the May 12, 2010 meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee to order at 1:15 pm at the Metropolitan Council offices at 340 North Robert St., St. Paul. Peter Bell made minor amendments to the order of the items in the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF 3/10/10 MINUTES

A motion was made by Wagenius, seconded by O'Brien to approve the minutes from the 3/10/10 meeting. Motion carried.

3. CCLRT/I-94/MINNEAPOLIS/HENNEPIN COUNTY PROJECTS PHASING

Dan Soler presented an update of the I-94/Minneapolis/Hennepin County projects phasing. The information included specific phases of the projects, the years in which construction of these phases will take place, the agencies responsible for the work. Soler briefed the committee on the impacts to traffic in the different areas and at different times, and specific aspects of the construction.

4. CIVIL WEST PHASING

Kevin Ryan gave an update on the Civil West phasing. This is the next construction package that will go out for bids. It is not geographically as large as the Civil East project, but contains some unique components such as: Washington Avenue Bridge - track and structural work, I-35W fly over bridge, Transit Mall at the U of M with floating slab, elevator at the West Bank Station. Ryan explained the segments of the construction and timing/phasing and specifics of construction. The project office is implementing a contractor incentive program. A Construction Coordination Committee will be formed to evaluate the contractor's work on a bi-weekly basis. The committee will evaluate the performance and determine if the contractor is following the rules set forth, before paying the contractor for the work performed. Key performance factors for the contractor are: maintaining continual pedestrian and vehicle access, complying with the stipulated length of time for closures of sidewalks and streets.

5. BUSINESS RESOURCES COLLABORATIVE

Karri Plowman appeared before the committee. He stated that the Business Resource Collaborative was formed in 2009, after informal monthly meetings had been taking place with businesses along the alignment. The Business Resource Collaborative is made up of 40+ organizations, of which a Leadership Team Committee has been formed. Plowman introduced Jeff Pauley, a facilitator for this process. Pauley reviewed the mission of the Business Resource Collaborative: to prepare for the LRT impact, to survive during construction, and to thrive after the LRT line is operational in 2014. The goals of the Business Resources Collaborative are to develop tactics to help with construction mitigation, business support and economic development. Co-Chairs are Jim Roth and Karri Plowman.

6. PROJECT SCHEDULE UPDATE

Mark Fuhrmann presented slides showing key milestones to the schedule with the completion date or anticipated completion date. One change from previous charts is the November 1, 2010 FFGA execution, previously September 1, 2010. Fuhrmann also presented procurement schedules with the dates of completion or anticipation of completion, as well.

Kathleen O'Brien stated that the U of M has spent considerable time in the last couple of weeks putting together a comprehensive communication plan to U of M community regarding the Advanced Traffic Improvement work near the University.

7. OMF FACADE UPDATE

Jim Alexander stated that, as part of requirements in the St. Paul/Metro Council MOU for the OMF, an OMF Task force was created to provide feedback/input for improvements to the Diamond Products Building, mainly the façade. The design approved is a contemporary curvilinear design. Staff is working with MnSHPO to address its concerns. Alexander presented images of the proposed design.

8. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Kevin Ryan gave an update of the St. Paul/4th Street construction status, with pictures and maps.

9. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

Peter Bell stated that the Federal Government Sustainability Initiative is a \$5M primarily planning grant program. The federal government is scheduled to release the guidelines for the grants on Monday 5/17. Metro Council plans to make an application for the grants; Bell will be meeting with representatives of the DOT/EPA/HUD, and with the Department of Energy. The Sustainability Initiative is a major initiative by the Obama Administration to consider livability and land planning initiatives in consideration with transit projects (example: the recalibration of the CEI). The region, through the Metro Council, Mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Hennepin and Ramsey County Boards has made a strong intention to aggressively pursue any and all resources as a part of this grant program. Federal officials have indicated that we are very well positioned to participate in this new initiative.

10. NEXT MEETING – JUNE 9, 2010 AT 1:00 pm

A motion was made by Coleman, seconded by Carter to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, LuAnne Major