

Metropolitan Council

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

Meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee
July 14, 2010

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Peter Bell called the July 14, 2010 meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee to order at 1:05 pm at the Metropolitan Council offices at 340 North Robert St., St. Paul.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Coleman, seconded by O'Brien to approve the minutes from the 5/12/10 meeting. Motion carried.

3. BUSINESS ACCESS REPORT

Kevin Ryan and Robin Cauffman reported on the various segments of the alignment and the schedule for construction and the discussions that have taken place with property owners in the segments regarding access. CCPO staff has identified properties with driveways directly onto the alignment and identified strategies to maintain access. These strategies include using a side street as access, using an alley access, creating a temporary alley access or maintain the main access on the alignment. Staff has worked with the owners to reach a consensus about the needs and mitigation to provide access to the businesses during construction. The results of the property owner discussions will be documented, compiled and given to the contractor.

Construction coordinating committees will be established for each area and will evaluate the contractors' work to determine if incentives are met. Criteria for the incentive program and evaluator teams are being worked on.

Carter asked about the progress that has been made to meet with all owners along the alignment, and requested a list of the properties that have been spoken to, and the properties that remain.

White asked whether residences that abut alleyways that will be used for temporary business access have been spoken to. Cauffman stated that the information will be communicated to the District Councils as the work advances.

4. SYSTEMS OVERVIEW

Jim Alexander reported on the status of Systems Contract package. Systems include items such as Traction Power System, Overhead Contact System, Signal System, Communication System, Bridge Plans. He presented maps of the locations for the traction power substations, signal bungalows, pole locations by type. He also presented plans for a reconfiguration of the

Hiawatha Rail Control Center to accommodate CCLRT and perhaps future LRT lines. Part of the Limited Notice to Proceed to the contractor will be to move to a temporary set-up in order to keep HLRT running while the reconfiguration is taking place. Alexander also presented the location of the double split power supply for EMI mitigation near the U of M. The HLRT/CCLRT connection will be part of the Systems Construction Package. Alexander answered a question from McFarlin regarding the spacing between the TPSSs compared to the spacing on HLRT. CCLRT is being designed to accommodate 3-car trains.

5. SCHEDULE UPDATE

Mark Fuhrmann reported that, as of 12:28 pm today, the FTA has issued the Letter of No Prejudice for the Civil East construction; the contractor – Walsh - is being given the Limited Notice to Proceed for Civil East construction. Fuhrmann presented the various bidding schedules for procurements and construction

6. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Chris Weyer presented a construction update. He spoke of the XCel Energy and District Energy work in Fourth Street and Robert Streets and traffic and pedestrian access near the Capital in St. Paul, and the Advanced Traffic Improvement work that is underway near the U of M.

7. PUBLIC ART UPDATE

Mark Fuhrmann stated that this discussion of public art does not include the three infill stations; staff is determining where art can be utilized on those stations, when a public art committee will be utilized; and the funding for the public art on the three infill stations still needs to be worked out. Alicia Vap presented final design for the public art for each of the planned stations.

Carter pointed out that Public Art St. Paul received a grant to look at design elements along the corridor. She will contact Public Art St. Paul to make sure that they are in touch with CCPO staff about what they have planned.

Ann White asked if there could be additional community involvement regarding the stations. She suggested signage and maps to show local neighborhood, elements to keep the neighborhood identity, and neighborhood opportunity to comment on the naming of the stations. In regard to the 3 infill stations, White questioned whether the Public Art Committee could choose several artists and designs, and the community could make the final decision.

Bell responded that the Metro Council plans to use the same Public Art procedure for the infill stations as did for these 15 stations. He stated that there is limited space at the stations and there are requirements of what Metro Council must do in the limited space and wishes to keep continuity. Regarding the naming of the stations, Bell stated that input from the public is welcomed, but the Metro Council will have the final say on the names for the stations.

Vap stated that the station ends have information kiosks where the neighborhood information could be shared.

8. NEXT MEETING – AUGUST 11, 2010 AT 1:00 pm

A motion was made by McFarlin, seconded by Sahebjam to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, LuAnne Major