

Metropolitan Council

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

Meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee

August 11, 2010

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was not present when Chair Peter Bell called the August 11, 2010 meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee to order at 2:10 pm at the Metropolitan Council offices at 340 North Robert St., St. Paul.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to a lack of quorum, this item will appear at the September 8, 2010 CCMC meeting.

3. LRT SIMULATION VIDEO

Robin Caufman provided narration for the LRT simulation video of the eastern end of University Avenue and Capitol area of the CCLRT project. The video provided simulation of different perspectives: including aerial, pedestrian and auto. Design details were also shown including brick color, sidewalk color, ticket vending machine locations, landscaping, staff worked very closely with the design team to include the design specifications as included in the construction documents.

This is the first of three simulation videos to be prepared. The second video of the downtown St. Paul area will be available in about a month, and the third video of the Washington Avenue area will follow a month after that.

These videos will also be available on line, and will be used by CCPO staff at community events and the State Fair exhibit(s).

4. LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE PROCUREMENT UPDATE

Mark Fuhrmann reported on the LRV Procurement. The vehicle procurement process is in the final steps of being awarded. Thirty-one cars will be ordered which will provide for the 2-car program for CCLRT. Four LRT builders submitted proposals were submitted. The base order is for 41 cars (10 for HLRT), with options to buy more cars. The CCLRT vehicles will be mechanically compatible with the existing HLRT fleet, but will not be electronically compatible. Following the Metro Council approval of the recommendation to award the contract, there will be an aggressive 2-year production schedule, with the cars being delivered by end of 2013 and acceptance testing and service in late 2014.

5. CIVIL WEST PROCUREMENT UPDATE

Mark Fuhrmann presented the types of construction included in the Civil West construction contract base package and betterments. CCPO worked very closely with the U of M and the City of Minneapolis on the betterments they may desire. The bid specifications have itemized these betterments so the bidders could propose separately, and CCPO could quantify what the value of the betterments would be. There is a meeting with local staff to share the betterment bid prices with them. Six firms were prequalified, five submitted bids that were opened Monday 8/09. Two local bidders are to be awarded the contract after review of the responsiveness and compliance with DBE 15% participation goal. Letter of No Prejudice is needed from FTA to proceed with the pier work on the Washington Ave. Bridge this fall. Fuhrmann added that following the award of LRV purchase and Civil West Contract, the CCPO will have awarded 71% of the construction and vehicle budget, running \$20M under budget. This will help FTA in the comfort level in issuing the FFGA.

6. PROJECT SCHEDULE UPDATE

Mark Fuhrmann presented a schedule update. A LONP from FTA is required in less than 2 weeks in order to award the Civil West contract. The next contracts will be for Systems Construction (LONP also needed) and Operation and Maintenance Facility. The schedule update included the bidding, construction, and procurement schedules.

7. CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Chris Weyer gave an update of the construction on 4th Street, the Advanced Traffic Improvements at the U of M, and construction near the Capital Area.

8. CACC PRESENTATION

Anne White presented on the Community Agreements Coordinating Committee (CACC). Prior to the formation of the CACC, Community Summits were held to identify issues of concern to the community and to begin suggesting solutions to issues. The committee consists of community and business members, public officials, Metro Council and U of M.

The mission of the CACC is to ensure equitable benefits for all CC stakeholders. They are committed to a transparent and inclusive process that holds everyone accountable for the commitments they make. Progress to date of the CACC includes appointing an interim leadership team, establishing five workgroups (business concerns, LRT construction & communications, affordable housing & equitable development, neighborhood livability & transportation equity, community engagement & outreach). A community forum on jobs is planned for fall 2010. The top issues for the CACC are jobs, construction, small business survival, safety & access to LRT, and parking. The CACC will also be looking at potential sources of funding.

The goals of the CACC are to create agreements to address community with clear expectations as to what will be done and who will do it. The basis of the agreements will be research from work groups that will bring forward recommendations to the CACC for approval. Part of the approval will be the method of implementation, and CCAC monitoring of agreements.

9. NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 AT 1:00 pm

A motion was made by Bogut, seconded by Aligada to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, LuAnne Major