

Metropolitan Council

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

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Meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee  
**October 13, 2010**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum was present when Chair Peter Bell called the October 13, 2010 meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee to order at 1:08 pm at the Metropolitan Council offices at 340 North Robert St., St. Paul.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Coleman, seconded by Carter to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2010 CCMC meeting and the minutes of the August 11, 2010 CCMC meeting. Motion passed.

**3. CONTRACTOR INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Mark Fuhrmann introduced Shoua Lee from the CCPO Community Outreach staff. Lee gave a presentation regarding the contractor incentive program, created with input from businesses and residents. The contractor incentive program is part of the Civil East and Civil West contracts. The FTA identifies contractor incentive programs as a best practice. The incentive program will create accountability between the residents and businesses and the contractor, and will encourage the contractor to go beyond performing at the minimum. It will also give the community the ability to rate the contractor’s work. Lee explained how the process was formed and the contractor evaluation form drafted. She explained the amount of incentive money available for the two projects and a quarterly breakdown of the amount based on estimated amount of work being performed in the quarter. If a contractor is not awarded the full amount for the quarter, the money is no longer accessible and goes back into the overall project budget. Lee explained the rating percentage weights and the process for rating the contractor. The Project Director will have the final determination on the incentive payment amount to be awarded to the contractor. Lee answered questions from the committee members concerning the timing of the payments, clarification between an incentive program and a withholding of payment, and whether the awards will be awarded to sub-contractors as well.

**4. LAFAYETTE BRIDGE UPDATE**

Mark Fuhrmann introduced Wayne Norris, MnDOT North Area Manager, and Nick Landwer, CCPO OMF Design Manager. Norris & Landwer presented on the discussions and negotiations that have taken place between MnDOT and CCPO to coordinate the Lafayette Bridge construction

with Central Corridor LRT construction schedules. An agreement was signed by MnDOT and Metro Council on 6/01/10 which details the coordination during design, construction, operations and maintenance. Norris stated that there are large incentives in place for the contractor on the Lafayette Bridge to meet a very aggressive construction schedule. The OMF facility is not covered by the contractor incentive program that is in place for the Civil East and Civil West Central Corridor contracts. Landwer outlined the construction activities for the OMF and the schedule for the two projects. In response to McFarlin's question, Landwer stated that he does not believe there will be additional inconvenience to the public from the two construction projects that would not be caused by either one of the projects if constructed individually.

## **5. PROJECT SCHEDULE UPDATE**

Mark Fuhrmann presented an update of the project schedule. He stated that competitive bid amounts have been received for the six contracts that have been awarded thus far. The CCPO is not in possession of a FFGA today; LONP's have been secured from FTA for all but the LRV purchases. FTA has stated that they will not be able to deliver the FFGA by the end of the calendar year, but anticipate it to be delivered in early 2011. This is needed in order to issue full NTPs to the contractor and be ready to construct in the spring of 2011.

## **6. CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

Chris Weyer updated the committee on four areas of construction in St. Paul (4<sup>th</sup> Street traffic & pedestrian access, Broadway between 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, Fourth between Robert & Minnesota, Fourth between Sibley & Wacouta); and also updated on locations in Minneapolis (advanced traffic improvements, Harvard extension, Harvard & Delaware intersection). Weyer also reported on new construction (Civil West private utility work – Washington at Cedar, Civil East – traffic and pedestrian access on Robert between University & 12<sup>th</sup>).

Civil West contractor (Ames McCrossan) has been issued their LNTP and will begin working on the Washington Avenue bridge.

## **7. LRT ANIMATION VIDEO OF DOWNTOWN ST. PAUL**

Robin Caufman, CCPO, narrated the LRT animation video of the CCLRT in downtown St. Paul. This is the second of four videos to be produced and will be on the Central Corridor web site soon.

## **8. NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 10, 2010 AT 1:00 pm**

Mayor Coleman suggested a report on the status of the District Energy project for the meeting in November. A motion was made by McFarlin, seconded by McBride to adjourn the October 13, 2010 CCMC meeting at 1:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, LuAnne Major