

Metropolitan Council

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

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Meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee  
**January 12, 2011**

Members Present	Susan Haigh, Chair	Kathleen O'Brien	Reynaldo Aligada
	Keith Bogut	Rafael Ortega	Scott McBride
	Peter McLaughlin	Robert McFarlin	Jim Westerhaus
	Paul Krause	Toni Carter	R.T. Rybak (Peter Wagenius–alt.)
	Chris Coleman		
Members Absent	None		

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum was present when Chair Haigh introduced herself and called the January 12, 2011 meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee to order at 1:10 pm at the Metropolitan Council offices at 390 North Robert St., St. Paul.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ortega, seconded by O'Brien to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2010 CCMC meeting. Motion passed.

**3. SCHEDULE UPDATE**

Mark Fuhrmann, MT Deputy GM, presented the schedule update. The FFGA has left FTA and is proceeding to Congress for review. No action is necessary by Congress. The FFGA is expected by late March. All one-step and two-step procurement packages are complete, as well as the LONPs. The committee had no questions.

**4. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Chris Weyer, MT Manager of Transitways Engineering, presented the construction update. Construction is rather quiet right now because of the winter season. Lowertown advanced utility work is halted until spring construction, 4<sup>th</sup> street is open; Xcel is working on Cedar/5<sup>th</sup> St. and Cedar/7<sup>th</sup> Street intersections. Quest is performing work at the East Bank; Ames McCrossan is beginning work on the Washington Avenue Bridge piers. Yard surcharge work under the Lafayette Bridge was complete in December, the surcharge needs to compress for approximately 2 years.

**5. CONTINGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Mark Fuhrmann, MT Deputy GM, reported on the contingency management. Staff is working on a Development Framework for managing contingency funds so it is in place when construction is in full force in the spring of 2011. Staff will be looking to the CCMC and the Metro Council for guidance on how to distribute contingency funds. Carter stated that the CCMC adopted principles for using contingency and asked for a report and review of these principles at a future meeting. Aligada asked if there is information that could be shared with the community in preparation for contingency funds discussions. Fuhrmann stated that the

Development Framework is being worked on, and reminded the committee that there are FTA boundaries on eligibility and spending of contingency funds.

## **6. WORKFORCE AND DBE UPDATE**

Pat Calder, EEO/Diversity Consultant, introduced Lucas Miller, Workforce Consultant.

Calder gave a Workforce and DBE Overview. Lessons learned from HLRT were applied. In answer to McFarlin to name the two biggest lessons learned from HLRT, Calder responded: 1) to get in early to develop outreach and monitoring practices. HLRT was a design/build contract and time was limited and contracts were let in a different way than CCLRT, and 2) monthly meetings of contractors, unions, trades, associations, etal. are a must. These meetings help monitor work/goals in progress, as well as help prepare for upcoming work and bids.

McFarlin said that design/build projects are not inherently problematic for DBE goals.

Miller reported that MC has received a grant from the CC Funder's Collaborative to launch the LRTWorks Database. An individual can register his/her skills, certificates, work experience on this database and contractors can draw from this database. This database gives a realistic view of what types of workers are in the population. It also allows for monitoring the contractors best faith efforts to fulfill DBE goals. O'Brien stated that we should be cautious that workers registered on LRTWorks have the skills and licenses needed, and asked how we are certifying this. Miller stated that the contractor(s) have the responsibility of certifying the qualifications of individuals through their interview process(es). Calder stated that the Office of Diversity can come to a future meeting with working example of the LRTWorks database screen to show the committee the information that is entered into the database by the individual.

Carter asked about the 16 steps to good faith efforts and Calder replied that they are a tool developed by the Department of Labor as a sort of "template" for contractors, and can be found on the web.

Carter asked how we can help workers prepare for work that is coming up. Calder responded that contractors are working on progress schedules of future work. These schedules need to be reviewed by CCPO and MC. The progress schedules might be ready in a few months (March), and will help project what work is coming up so contractors and workers can prepare for that work.

## **7. DISTRICT ENERGY/UNIVERSITY AVENUE**

Jim Alexander MT Manager of Design, presented on the District Energy hot water pipe along University Ave. in the Civil East construction contract. Sufficient funding was not secured by DE in time to allow construction to coincide with Civil East Segment 1. DE identified up to 7 potential University Ave. casing crossings to allow for future installation of hot water pipe in Civil East Segment 1. Options are being considered by District Energy for Civil East Segment 2.

## **8. ADJOURN – Next meeting scheduled for FEBRUARY 9, 2011 AT 1:00 pm**

Wagenius suggested that the CCMC receive information at a future meeting about the Transitways Branding Network (part of Transitways Guidelines). Fuhrmann will arrange this with MT Marketing staff, and perhaps report as early as the February CCMC meeting.

Chair Haigh adjourned the January 12, 2011 CCMC meeting at 2:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted, LuAnne Major