

Metropolitan Council

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

Meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee

May 11, 2011

Members Present	Susan Haigh, Chair	Kathleen O'Brien	Reynaldo Aligada
	Keith Bogut	Rafael Ortega	Matt Kramer
	Toni Carter		
Members Absent	Paul Krause	Jon Commers	Chris Coleman
	Scott McBride	Peter McLaughlin	R.T. Rybak

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was not present when Chair Haigh called the May 11, 2011 meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee to order at 1:05 pm at the Metropolitan Council offices at 390 North Robert St., St. Paul.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the April 13 CCMC minutes was deferred to the June 8, 2011 meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

3. FULL FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT

Mark Fuhrmann, Deputy General Manager Metro Transit reminded the committee that the FFGA has been signed by the FTA and Final Notices to Proceed (FNTP) were able to be issued as of April 27, 2011.

4. BUS OPERATIONS – PASSENGER COMMUNICATIONS

Robin Caufman introduced Kelci Stones - Metro Transit Marketing Specialist, and together they gave an update on bus operations and passenger communications. O'Brien commented that continuity of transit service is critical and the materials provided on campus and on the buses have been excellent in conveying bus operations messages. However, she stated that during the spring utility work there may have been some miscommunication to bus drivers, resulting in drivers not stopping for passengers at the stops that the passengers were directed to. O'Brien is confident the communication issues are being resolved. She also asked if there could be a bus stop added at East River Road, as there is quite a distance between the West Bank stop and the stops near Eddy and Jones Halls. The U of M will follow up with Metro Transit on this. Carter questioned whether the bus stops that have been closed at the non-signalized intersections on University will be reopened after construction. Dan Soler responded that bus Rtes. 16 and 50 will return to their pre-construction schedules after construction.

5 MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Dan Soler and Kevin Ryan gave the presentation on the maintenance of traffic and construction update. They noted that all percentages noted on graphs are based on the invoices paid, and is probably higher to date than indicated. Mentioning emails he has received, Ortega questioned whether the CCPO has also gotten comments about water in basements along 4th Street. The CCPO has not received such comments this spring, and Ortega will follow up with the project office. Ortega also asked if there have been items of historical value found during construction, and suggested contacting the Historical Society to see if they have certain items they would be interested in, if found. Soler stated that he will have CCLRT Principal Contract Administrator FEIS Kathryn O'Brien look into this. Aligada asked questions about the communication at ground level, for the vehicle and pedestrian traffic that may have trouble finding businesses and parking, and stated there may be room for improvement in this area. Caufman stated that some businesses have taken it upon themselves to direct their customers to parking and access. Soler added that large signage cannot be accommodated for all business parking, access, etc. along with all of the construction signs. It would be confusing for the public to have too many signs. Aligada also asked if there is information on how businesses are doing during the construction. Caufman stated that information does come to the CCPO, and Chair Haigh stated the CCPO will prepare monthly reports. The reports will come to the CCMC and also be posted on the web. Staff is working on structuring the design of the reporting to satisfy the requests of the businesses. There has been some resistance from businesses that do not wish to share their financial information but staff is working with them.

6. DBE AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION UPDATE

Lucas Miller, ODEO Workforce Coordinator, gave an update on DBE and workforce participation. He presented the statistics from each contractor and, in answer to Aligada, stated that the project is meeting target goals right now and contractors have done outreach and met good faith efforts. Workforces are increasing and the numbers in the reports will fluctuate from time to time.

7. ADJOURN – Next meeting scheduled for June 8, 2011 AT 1:00 pm

Chair Haigh adjourned the May 11, 2011 CCMC meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, LuAnne Major