

Metropolitan Council

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

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**Meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee  
November 9, 2011**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Haigh called the November 9, 2011 meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee to order at 1:10 pm at the Metropolitan Council Chambers at 390 North Robert St., St. Paul.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 14, CCMC MEETING**

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Ortega, to approve the minutes from the September 14, CCMC meeting. Motion passed.

**3. SUSAN RANI, RANI ENGINEERING COMMENTS**

Wanda Kirkpatrick introduced Susan Rani of Rani Engineering. Rani Engineering is one of the DBE contractors with the CCLRT project. Her firm works on surveying, right-of-way, water services and construction and has been working on rail signal work as well. Members lauded Ms. Rani and her accomplishments. Kirkpatrick noted this as one of the business successes stemming from opportunities provided by the DBE program.

**4. STATION AND TRANSIT SERVICE STUDY OUTREACH**

Mark Fuhrmann reported that there have been some adjustments made to four station names: 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. Station *now* Prospect Park Station; Rice Street Station *now* Capitol/Rice Street Station; Capitol East *now* Robert Street Station; and 4<sup>th</sup> and Cedar *now* Central Station. The line name - "Green Line" and the new station names will be incorporated into all information and on the website. In answer to a question from Aligada as to whether the window is closed for neighborhood input on station names, Fuhrmann responded that the window for station naming is closed because the contractor needs to be given directions for sign fabrication, etc., however, Jill Hentges will explain continuing neighborhood outreach efforts. John Levin reported that a transit service study will be performed on the Central Corridor transit network. This type of study has been performed in the past when performing sector studies. Jill Hentges reported on community engagement and outreach. Station kiosks are used on the HLRT; this is an opportunity for input from the neighborhoods for items highlighting aspects of the neighborhoods around the stations. Other tools are "neighborhood specific" information on the CCLRT website; additional neighborhood information on the pocket schedules; promotions to specific destinations; and adopt-a-shelter programs. After working with the CCLRT neighborhoods, some of the same opportunities may be extended to neighborhoods along HLRT. Chair Haigh suggested the Community Outreach staff contact Public Art St. Paul to learn of their efforts along the CCLRT as well.

## **5. WEBSITE UPDATE**

Robin Caufman gave an update on the CCLRT website improvements that have been made based on input received. The updated website contains more station information, construction updates, construction photos, public art graphics, etc.

## **6. MARKETING PROGRAM**

Robin Caufman reported that on 9/28 the Metro Council approved \$1.2M from contingency funds for marketing businesses along the corridor. The business community will have input during the evaluation of the marketing proposals. This is a 2-year program to market the businesses, and not intended to market the CCLRT line itself.

## **7. CONSTRUCTION AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Dan Soler presented the update on construction and traffic management. The project is at 32% completion now, and there is hope to reach 40% completion by the end of the 2011 construction season. Some work scheduled for 2012 was able to be completed in 2011. November 30 is the end date for 2011 construction season, although if weather permits, some above ground work can still be worked on.

## **8. CONTRACTOR INCENTIVES**

Soler reported on the contractor incentives available and awarded for each quarter on both the Civil East and Civil West contracts.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Acting Chair McLaughlin adjourned the November 9, 2011 CCMC meeting at 2:25 p.m.

**Next Meeting – December 14, 2011 @ 1:00 pm  
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Respectfully submitted, LuAnne Major