

Metropolitan Council

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

**Meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee
December 14, 2011**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Haigh called the December 14, 2011 meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee to order at 1:05 pm at the Metropolitan Council Chambers at 390 North Robert St., St. Paul. A quorum was not present at the start of the meeting but later was reached.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 9, 2011 CCMC MEETING

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Commers, to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2011 CCMC meeting. Motion passed.

Christine Beckwith, Deputy Project Director, informed the committee of staffing changes at the CCPO as noted on the organization chart in the presentation.

3. 2011 CONSTRUCTION REVIEW

Dan Soler gave an update of the 2011 accomplishments. The fall 2011 weather allowed for a lot of work to be accomplished and it is likely that the project will reach 40% completion by the end of 2011. Carter asked when all work on University Avenue will cease for the season. Soler replied that there may be some work at any time during the winter, weather permitting (example: station work). Carter commented that business owners may not be aware that there may be some work and short term lane closures during the winter and asked how this is being communicated to the neighborhoods. Robin Cauffman stated that the construction updates continue to be published and business owners notified.

Soler stated that if weather permits and the contractor wants to take on a larger piece of work, the contractor must notify and get approval from the CCPO. Communications to businesses would follow the approval.

McLaughlin asked for clarification of the slide depicting the number of construction workers on the project. He asked that staff provide an average “day” worker count of workers and identify the most in demand trades.

Soler noted that the 2012 construction season will have more workers, and during June through September there will be over \$1M in construction per day.

4. DBE WORKFORCE REPORT

Wanda Kirkpatrick, Director of Equal Opportunity, Metro Council, gave an update on DBE and Workforce. She answered questions from Carter about how the contractors are monitored.

Ortega noted that, although there may be penalties in the contracts for not meeting DBE goals, the real goal of hiring DBEs may not be being achieved.

5. BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM

Nancy Homans, City of St. Paul gave a report on the Business Loan Program. There will be an evaluation of the program at the end of December.

6. ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS DEVELOPMENT

Haila Maze, City of Minneapolis and Donna Drummond, City of St. Paul gave presentations on their respective city's development projects – planned and underway.

McLaughlin pointed out that there is more development underway along the Hiawatha LRT, as proof that the LRT lines attract development.

7. PUBLIC ART FOR INFILL STATIONS

Alicia Vapp reported on the public art for the three infill stations (Hamline, Victoria and Western). The Metro Council is expected to act on the approval of artwork designs at today's Council meeting. Vapp presented slides depicting the artists' plans for the stations.

Aligada commented that public art is a great way for the neighborhoods to be distinct. However, he continues to receive comments from the community that they would have liked to have input on the station naming. Cauffman stated that the period for naming stations has passed, but as Jill Hentges reported at the November meeting and noted in the minutes: "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." Hentges is already meeting with groups to discuss opportunities to highlight the community on the stations.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Haigh adjourned the December 14, 2011 CCMC meeting at 2:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting – January 11, 2011 @ 1:00 pm
Metropolitan Council Chambers**

Respectfully submitted, LuAnne Major