

Metropolitan Council

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

**Meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee
April 8, 2009**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Peter Bell called the April 8, 2009 regular 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 3/11/08 MINUTES

A motion was made by Baker, seconded by Carter to approve the minutes from the 3/11/09 meeting. The motion carried.

Prior to business, Bell made an announcement that an agreement was reached today between Metropolitan Council and Minnesota Public Radio. He handed out a press release detailing the agreement to mitigate impacts of LRT on the MPR Broadcast Center on Cedar Street. Bell thanked the CCLRT staff (Fuhrmann etal) and MPR staff (B.Kling, J.Nelson etal) for their work on this.

Bell called on Wanda Kirkpatrick to report on State, Metro only, and Weighted Metro& Cities workforce DBE goals and FTA requirements. This was in response to a request at the March CCMC meeting.

3. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) AND BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC) REPORTS

Robin Caufman reported from the CAC. March meetings included project updates on the signal bungalows, traction power substations and DBE. The April meeting will concentrate on the Parking Solutions Report which is part of this CCMC meeting. Caufman also highlighted the poster campaign for sources of information for CCLRT and recapped the Public Art meetings that were held in March, noting the timeline in today’s powerpoint presentation.

Karri Plowman reported from the BAC and various groups that have been meeting. Plowman introduced Jonathan Sage Martinson, Director of the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative and Learning Network and Mike Temali, President & CEO, Neighborhood Development Center. (covered in Item 4 below)

4. FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE UPDATE

Jonathan Sage Martinson, Director of the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative and Learning Network reported on the collaborative. This group has been formed to help maximize the benefit of the LRT investment for people and places adjacent to the line.

Mike Temali, President & CEO of Neighborhood Development Center reported on the University Avenue Business Preparation Collaborative (called “U7”). The group has been formed to assist existing small businesses along University Avenue to “survive and thrive” before, during, and after the construction of the CCLRT.

5. PARKING SOLUTIONS TEAM REPORT

Dan Soler, CCPO Engineer, and Craig Blakely, City of St. Paul, presented the report “Mitigating the Loss of Parking in the Central Corridor”. The report focuses on the area along University Avenue between Emerald and Rice Streets. They gave a background of the existing parking situation on University Avenue, methodology of the study/ and corridor-wide and site-specific considerations. The presentation included suggested solutions to consider, and the next steps/timeline.

6. CCLRT SCHEDULE UPDATE

Mark Fuhrmann reported that two time-critical activities have been resolved: 1) the Municipal Consent with the City of St. Paul has been agreed upon for the relocation of the O&M Facility at the Diamond Products site; and 2) the Ramsey County adjusted Municipal Consent has also been agreed upon.

Fuhrmann reported on the rest of the CCLRT schedule. In some cases, the FTA has added time onto the schedule and the CCPO is in weekly discussions/negotiations with the FTA regarding the schedule targets.

Bell asked that partners let him know if there are problems with the timeframe listed on slides 44 & 45 of the powerpoint presentation and requested that the partners work toward those dates in order to avoid delay of the project and increased costs. CCMC members indicated their resolve to deliver the project on time and on budget, but stated they are also aware that there are many unresolved issues.

Carter requested an update on costs. Fuhrmann stated the costs update will be done for submission to FTA in July and will report back to the committee with this information.

7. 4TH STREET AREAWAYS

Due to time constraints, this item will appear at the May 2009 CCMC meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING – May 13, 2009 1:00 PM

Peter Bell requested that the May 13, 2009 CCMC be scheduled from 1:00-3:00 pm to allow enough time to cover items on the agenda.

Motion by Carter, seconded by McFarlin and passed, to adjourn the 4/08/09 CCMC meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary