

Metropolitan Council

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

**Meeting of the Central Corridor Management Committee
September 9, 2009**

Members Present	Peter Bell, Chair	R.T. Rybak (Peter Wagenius – alt)	Kathleen O’Brien
	Toni Carter	Rafael Ortega	Robert McFarlin
	Jim Westerhaus	Khani Sahebjam	
Members Absent	Paul Krause	Peter McLaughlin	Reynaldo Aligada
	Chris Coleman	Tom Hanson	

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was not present when Chair Peter Bell called the September 9, 2009 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. Bell stated that many members of this group attended a tour of the Northstar Corridor today, and he would proceed with the meeting business while waiting for a quorum, after which the minutes from the last meeting can be approved.

2 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Kirstin Sersland Beach reported that Peter Bell attended the August CAC meeting to address members regarding scope issues that were discussed at CCMC. The CAC meeting was open to the public to view station design and public art; about 40 additional people attended. There have been several DBE and workforce outreach efforts. A DBE/workforce event was held August 12th, targeted to the Hmong community and another will be held mid-October targeted toward the African American community. The September CAC meeting will include project reports including an overview of the right-of-way acquisition and update on the OMF Facility.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

Karri Plowman reported that the BAC received an update in August from the U7 Organization and their marketing plans with small businesses along the corridor. The BAC discussed the ability to create a collaborative site which small businesses may be able to find free/reduced rate services. At the end of August, the BAC completed the first of three or four listening sessions with a marketing firm, to create an overall construction marketing plan for University Avenue. The BAC is in discussions with the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative for funding a one to two day summit in which all of the organizations relating to business and business mitigation can come together and create a comprehensive plan.

3 4th STREET ADVANCED UTILITY RELOCATION CONTRACT UPDATE

Rich Rovang reported that the bids for this work were evaluated mid-August, the DBE requirements were met, required certification was obtained; Bolander Construction was the successful bidder. A contract was approved and the NTP issued today (9/09). In addition to the contractor’s work, Xcel is performing work, as well as St. Paul Regional Water and District Energy/District Cooling. Rovang reviewed the locations, type of work and the schedule for the work.

4 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY UPDATE

Jim Alexander gave an update on the Operation and Maintenance Facility (last update March 2009). Materials testing has been performed and did not result in unforeseen surprises as to the condition of the foundation, structural steel and concrete slab. A nine-member, community-based OMF Task Force has been

formed, chaired by Gary Erickson. The task force has been implemented to receive input on the building façade. Alexander shared renderings of the façade. A meeting will be held tonight (9/09) to refine the concept after which the cost estimators will refine the costs, and then the concept will be presented to the community. Alexander also shared images of the full build out of the OMF in order to meet future need for 3-car trains. Due to budgetary concerns, the full build out is not part of the initial project. These are deferred elements and will be competing with other contingency items for the project. Alexander also reviewed the property acquisition needs for the facility and stated that there is a continual and on-going effort to coordinate activities with MnDOT on the Lafayette Bridge Project. Staff answered questions from committee members regarding the budgeted items and a list of deferred items that may compete for available contingency money.

5 LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE (LRV) PROCUREMENT

Chris Weyer reported on the status of LRV procurement, including number of cars, cost estimate, etc. An informational meeting was held in February 2009 inviting companies to view the shop, existing equipment, and get an understanding of our needs. Weyer presented a preliminary schedule for the LRV Procurement, some of the technical specifications, and procurement options. In answer to Bell's questions, Rovang stated that the FTA allows proposals to be received, but a contract award cannot be issued prior to the FFGA. The procurement schedule will change, according to the FFGA being issued.

6 RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) UPDATE

Dan Soler gave an update of right-of-way acquisition for the project. He explained the different types and number of acquisition needed: public, private, temporary construction easements, permanent easements. FTA will not allow appraisals, right-of-way negotiation and acquisition to commence until the environmental process is complete. The process can now begin. The Metropolitan Council, by agreement, will utilize MnDOT and their right-of-way office to do this work. MnDOT will be performing title reports, make offers, and will contract for the appraisals and review appraisals. The acquisition schedule will be tied to the proposed construction contract packages with final title and possession date for all parcels anticipated to be March 2011.

7. APPROVAL OF 8/26 /09 MINUTES

A quorum was reached during the regular business of the CCMC after which a motion was made by Carter, seconded by McFarlin to approve the minutes from the 8/26/09 meeting. The **motion carried**.

8. NEXT MEETING –October 14, 2009 1:00 PM

Bell asked that members submit requests to him by e-mail for subject matter or information for the October meeting.

Motion made seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 pm. **Motion carried**.

Respectfully submitted, LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary