



Southwest Light Rail (SWLRT) Business Advisory Committee Meeting

April 23, 2014

Southwest Project Office  
6465 Wayzata Blvd, Suite 500  
St. Louis Park, MN 55426  
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

**Meeting Summary**

**BAC Members and Alternates:** Co-Chair Will Roach, Co-Chair Daniel K. Duffy, Brad Bakken, Curt Rahman, Dave Pelner, Gina Bystedt, Michelle Swanson, Scott Gill

**Staff and Other Attendees:** Greg Hunt, Katie Walker, Tania Mahtani, LaShella Sims, Daren Nyquist, Dan Pfeiffer, Sophia Ginis, Jim Alexander, John Welbes

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Co-Chair Dan Duffy called the meeting to order at 7:40AM. Approval of minutes was postponed to allow for more members to arrive. Co-Chair Dan Duffy asked for approval of minutes at 8:10AM. Michelle Swanson motioned to approve the minutes. Will Roach seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**2. Project Updates**

a) Approval of Scope and Budget

Jim Alexander presented an update on the approval of the scope and budget. The Corridor Management Committee met on April 2, 2014, took public testimony and made a recommendation on the project scope and budget. On April 9, 2014, the Metropolitan Council took public testimony and adopted the project's scope and budget. The scope included a Mitchell Road Station and shallow LRT tunnels over the channel in the Kenilworth Corridor with a 2019 opening of the line. The project budget is \$1.673 – \$1.683 billion dollars.

b) Municipal Consent Overview

The Metropolitan Council submitted updated Municipal Consent Plans to the cities and county on April 22, 2014. The Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority will hold a joint open house and public hearing on May 29, 2014.

**3. Hennepin County Community Works Investment Framework**

Katie Walker presented an update on Hennepin County Community Works 2013 Accomplishments; the Southwest Corridor Investment Framework which includes the Transitional Station Area Action Plans, Corridor Wide Housing Strategy, expanding partnerships with the Southwest Investment Partnership and HUD Sustainable Communities Peer Exchange, Station Area Profiles, Walk Shed Analysis Tool, and continued public engagement. Katie Walker also presented the Hennepin County Community Works' 2014 Implementation Activities.

**4. Business Advisory Committee**

a) Activity through Municipal Consent

Co-Chairs Will Roach and Dan Duffy led a discussion on the BAC's role through Municipal consent. The Co-Chairs agreed to let members know of city hearings as they are scheduled.

b) Next Steps

Sam O'Connell presented the Business Advisory Committee next steps; the committee will not meet during the Municipal Consent process, seek new member nominations in July, and hold a kick-off meeting in September. The next phase of the project will focus on environmental process, station design and access, Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF), multimodal connections, and art/landscaping.

## **5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM