



US Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition

Working together to enhance safety, reduce congestion and maximize economic development along the US Highway 169 inter-regional corridor.

Membership Board Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chair, Mr. James Hovland.

Members Present:

Name	Title	Agency
Lezlie Vermillion	Director of Public Works	Scott County
Michael Leek	Community Development Director	City of Shakopee
Jon Ulrich	Commissioner	Scott County
Lisa Freese	Transportation Program Manager	Scott County
Gene Abbott	City Council	City of Savage
John Powell	Public Works Director	City of Savage
Ronda Allis	Director	Region Nine Development Commission
Jim Gates	Deputy Director of Public Works	City of Bloomington
Rod Axtell	City Council	City of Bloomington
John Schmitt	Mayor	City of Shakopee
Ron Jabs		City of Jordan
Ed Shukle	City Administrator	City of Jordan
Richard Almich	City Administrator	City of Le Sueur
Neil Peterson	Corridor Advocate	
Lewis Giesking	City Engineer	City of St. Peter
James Hovland	Mayor	City of Edina
Jerry Pfeifer	City Council	City of St. Peter
Fred Corrigan		SCALE Transportation Task Force
Tom McLaughlin	Commissioner	Blue Earth County

1) Welcome/introductions

Chair Hovland welcomed the group and requested each member to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

2) Adoption of minutes

Mr. Rod Axtel motioned for the approval of the June 18, 2009 meeting minutes. Mr. John Schmitt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3) Special presentation

Mr. Michael Leek, Community Development Director for the City of Shakopee gave a presentation regarding SCALE (Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency) on their Unified Economic Development, Land Use and Transportation Planning. This is a collaborative effort amongst all Scott County Communities to promote:

- Quality, Economic Development with efficient public infrastructure positioning the county and cities to build tax base and generate jobs to support 50% of the county's Labor force being employed within Scott County.
- Sustainable and compatible Land Use development patterns
- An Efficient, effective and safe Transportation System with improved mobility
- Potential regional investment if clear vision/support is identified

The power point presentation is attached.

Brief discussion on SCALE and what they are all about. Brief discussion on Fiber project and how that was coordinated.

Mr. Axtel described a Minneapolis/St. Paul GIS web location that has potential demographic and economic development data regarding this corridor.

Mr. Hovland described a DED project and report that used Minnesota as one of 6 states and the relationship to land use and economic development that he had participated in.

4) Corridor Advocate Contract

There was discussion regarding Mr. Peterson's professional services contract.

Ms. Freese provided a memo outlining the contract with the coalition and that \$2,450 dollars would be paid by Scott County for work done to date. This would be deducted from the County's 2009 dues. The contract contains the work scope that was approved by the Coalition at June 18, 2009 meeting.

The 2009 Contract is not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Mr. Axtel noted that this is contract is to provide for a corridor advocate that will recruit other agencies and also raise business interest in the corridor. Sales person for additional participation.

Motion by Mr. Almich and second by Mr. Schmitt to approve the contract with the minor insurance revision, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Ulrich noted that while Mr. Peterson is the coalition's ambassador it was expected that the local elected officials be available for meetings.

5) Government Entity Dues Collection / Proposed 2010 Contribution

Levels

Ms. Freese provided the proposed government entity 2010 dues as required by the by-laws for budget planning purposes. The attached sheet outlines the proposed dues. They did not change from 2009.

It was noted that Prior Lake and Savage were missing from the list.

Mr. Rod Axtel motioned to approve the proposed government entity dues for 2010. Mr. Gene Abbott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Freese noted that Scott County as the fiduciary agent would send out a notice regarding the proposed dues for budgetary purposes.

6) Affiliate Membership Application and Dues

Ms. Allis handed out the proposed affiliate membership application and dues. This had been reviewed by the executive committee earlier this evening. They had recommended two changes which included the addition of a platinum level member at

\$5,000 + and that a check box be created that authorizes use of the company/individuals name on Coalition promotional materials (letterhead, web page).

Discussion then occurred on how the affiliate members would be billed based on what month they joined the coalition and how would this impact Scott County's ability to send out dues notices.

The final decision was to bill affiliate members on a 12 month cycle based on the date they join.

Mr. Tom McLaughlin motioned to adopt the Affiliate Membership Application and dues rate as recommended by the Executive Committee. Mr. Jim Gates seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7) One Page Brochures

Mr. Gates presented the draft individual project one pagers for the projects along TH 169 as well as the corridor overview description. He also requested feedback on the project one pagers by August 7 for the technical committee. He also noted they would be developing a freight piece that documented TH 169's significance and access to the Ports of Savage. We also have to deal with the current map and how the communities are identified. The area north of I-494 also needs to be identified and described for future needs. The TH 169 ramp to TH 13 needs to be identified.

The Board felt the project was moving in the right direction.

These project one pagers will be used to put a TH 169 Brochure together, including a cover page with the logo.

Bloomington is also moving on the web page. They anticipate having this by the end of August in draft form.

Mr. Abbott then asked if there would be any incentive for affiliate members to donate over the \$1,000 level? What is the benefit of going from \$1,000 to \$5,000?

Ms. Freese suggested we could model after the TH 14 Coalition which has corporate sponsors on their web page and letter head.

Hold a celebration where they can have a sponsor board. Acknowledge them through our brochures. There are multiple ways we can work toward that goal.

8) Informational Power Point

Ms. Vermillion distributed the draft recruitment power point. This is a commitment of the coalition to provide Mr. Peterson. Mr. Axtell requested a link to the one pagers if the project was clicked on the overall map for the corridor. Scott County will investigate the ability to do that.

Overall direction was deemed appropriate. Comments were to be sent to the technical team by August 7 if possible.

9) Next Meeting – Set Regular Schedule

The Board discussed the permanent meeting date for the rest of the year. It was determined that the second Thursday of the Month.

The next meeting date will be on September 10, 2009 at 7:00 at the Scott County Courthouse.

The executive committee will meet on September 10 at 6:00 at the Scott County Courthouse.

Ms. Freese stated she will send out a notice to all members regarding the upcoming meeting dates and times for 2009.

10) Other Items

Mr. Shukle discussed having a celebration on October 29, 2009 for the Coalition. Need to invite all members and potential members to discuss and celebrate the Coalition's accomplishments to date. Agenda to include a couple speakers and refreshments.

Mr. Gates updated the Board on the I-494/TH 169 Interchange project.

Partial Build project is the performance based project and the Full Build is the policy based project. Mn/Dot intends to submit the performance based project which is \$40 million less with the two ramps removed.

Bloomington is promoting the policy based project as FHWA as not shown any sign of approving the performance based project at this time.

The Coalition's letter to the Governor went out on Monday, July 27 requesting Mn/DOT submit this project for Tiger Funds and requesting a meeting with the Governor.

Mr. Hovland noted that the City's of Edina, Eden Prairie and Bloomington are requesting a meeting with Mn/DOT on their submittal.

Senator Klobuchar and Rep. Oberstar have raised the level of interest on this project in Washington due to policy issues.

Mn/DOT's is submitting the St. Croix River crossing with Wisconsin, which could potentially free up some funds for bonding in the future and help move I-494/TH 169 forward.

Mr. Hovland is meeting with the Mayors of Brooklyn Park and Maple Grove about their interest in joining the Coalition and support for this project.

11) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lezlie Vermillion, Scott County Public Works Director.