



US Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition

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

BOARD MEETING AGENDA September 12, 2013 7:00 P.M.

**Saint Peter Community Center
Senior Center
600 South 5th Street
St Peter, MN 55436**

Present

| First Name | Last Name | Title | Agency |
|------------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Al | Forsberg | County Engineer | Blue Earth County |
| Dawn | Meyer | Interim Administrator | City of Belle Plaine |
| Ed | Shukle | City Administrator | City of Jordan |
| Emily | Hyland | Public Involvement Manager | HDR |
| Jan | Callison | Commissioner | Hennepin County |
| Jim | Gates | Deputy Director Public Works | City of Bloomington |
| Jim | Hovland | Mayor | City of Edina |
| John | Powell | Public Works Director | City of Savage |
| John | Schmitt | Former Mayor | City of Shakopee |
| Ken | Saffert | Representative | Greater Mankato Growth Committee |
| Khani | Sahebjam | Vice President | HDR |
| Lewis | Giesking | Director of Public Works | City of St. Peter |
| Lisa | Freese | Transportation Program Director | Scott County |
| Marie | Dranttel | Commissioner | Nicollet County |
| Ron | Jabs | Board Representative | City of Jordan |
| Scott | Schneider | Council Member | City of Belle Plaine |
| Terry | Genelin | R-9 ACT | Region 9 Development Commission |
| Tom | Hulting | Council Member | City of Bloomington |
| Vance | Stuehrenberg | Commissioner | Blue Earth County |

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Board Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg.

1. Welcome/Introductions – Vance Stuehrenberg, Vice-Chair, Blue Earth County
2. Adoption of Agenda

Member Deputy Director Public Works Jim Gates made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Former Mayor John Schmitt and approved.

3. Educational Programs: cancelled

4. Adoption of August 8, 2013 Minutes

Member Mayor Jim Hovland made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Public Works Director John Powell and approved.

5. Financial Report for August 2013

Member Transportation Director Lisa Freese made a motion to approve the financial reports. The motion was seconded by Deputy Director Public Works Jim Gates and approved.

6. Executive and Technical Committee Report

- Made recommendations for the four priority projects to present to the Board
- Developed a survey for the Board and Affiliate members to complete and identify the priority projects with the most interest from members.
- Outreach meeting originally scheduled for October 2013 will be postponed to early 2014 using a different outreach strategy. More information will be provided at the November Board Meeting
- Legislative Breakfast will be scheduled within the first or second week of the legislative session. The legislative session is later this year, starting in early February 2014.
- Requesting board members to review and provide revision recommendations for the current legislative strategy. Current participants include Khani Sahebjam, HDR, Mayor John Schmitt and Terry Geneline, R-9 ACT. Notify the technical committee if others are interested in participating in the legislative review strategy group.

7. Project Priorities for Corridors of Commerce Program Discussion – Khani Sahebjam, HDR

- Khani Sahebjam, HDR, presented an overview of MnDOT's Corridors of Commerce program along with the four identified US-169 priority projects (listed below) and the survey results.
 - i. Intersection at US-169 and TH-41/CSAH-78
 - ii. Intersection at US-169 and TH-282/CSAH-9
 - iii. Intersection at US-169 and TH-14
 - iv. US-169 MnPASS Lane
- Khani Sahebjam, HDR, discussed the current criteria listed in the Corridor of Commerce regulation focusing on freight movement, public support, and the ability to deliver projects quickly.
- Discussed TH-14 intersection project in relation to project support in conjunction with other TH-14 efforts to expand the two-lane roadway to four-lane from New Ulm to Rochester.
- Transportation Program Director Lisa Freese mentioned no design work has been completed for US-169 MnPASS Lane and the connection between the MnPASS Lane from Albertville to Mall of America. Suggested the US-169 Coalition follows the progress of the 494 MnPASS Lane study.
- Former Mayor John Schmitt mentioned the RALF Funding (Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund) and the need to include this funding program into the US-169 Coalitions legislative strategy.

- Terry Geneline, R-9 ACT, questioned the location of the TH-41 crossing. Transportation Program Director Lisa Freese stated the TH-41 crossing will be south and parallel the existing TH-41. Lisa also stated Scott County is researching a multilane roundabout to respond to County Engineer Al Forsberg's question and recommendation for a roundabout for TH-41 intersection.
- Commissioner Jan Callison questioned the analysis behind the four identified priority projects. Khani Sahebjam, HDR, stated MnDOT is looking for a list of projects and MnDOT will review or each project.
- Council Member Scott Schneider proposed the US-169 and CSAH-3 project in Belle Plaine to be considered for the project priority list. The project has right-of-way acquired, preliminary design approved by MnDOT and Scott County, and is a low-cost project with public support. Transportation Planning Director Lisa Freese mentioned the CSAH-3 project may not meet the full Corridor of Commerce project definition in terms of measureable economic competitiveness. Khani Sahebjam, HDR, suggested working to identify other programs and funding sources to support the CSAH-3 project.

Public Works Director John Powell made a motion to move forward all four projects due to the tight deadline. The motion was seconded by Former Mayor John Schmitt and approved.

- Transportation Program Director Lisa Freese will submit the list to MnDOT and work with County Engineer Al Forsberg and City Administrator Ed Shuke on the priority project write-ups.
- Director of Public Works Lewis Giesking suggested laying the groundwork in communities to generate project support for the four projects provided to MnDOT for the Corridors of Commerce program.

Mayor Jim Hovland made a motion for moving forward with the projects and the executive and technical committee review MnDOT's guidelines when available to make sure the US-169 priority projects meet the criteria. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg and approved.

8. Highway Transitway Study Update – Lisa Freese

- Three park and rides in Scott County and one north of the river
- The transitway will leave the corridor to connect with the SW lightrail
- Next steps is to review the feasibility of this corridor over other corridors

9. Other Items

Terry Geneline, R-9 ACT, made a motion for starting in November, Board Meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tom Hulting and approved.

10. Next Meetings

- November 21st Board meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Scott County

11. Adjournment