



Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2015
Newport City Hall
4:30 p.m.

Commission Members	Agency	Present
Marion Greene	Hennepin County RRA	X
Janice Rettman	Ramsey County RRA	
Jim McDonough	Ramsey County RRA	
Karla Bigham, Chair	Washington County RRA	X
Mike Slavik	Dakota County RRA	X
Jen Peterson, Vice-Chair	City of Cottage Grove	X
Myron Bailey	City of Cottage Grove	
John Kummer	Denmark Township	X
Mark Vaughan	City of Hastings	X
Cam Gordon	City of Minneapolis	
Tracy Rahm	City of Newport	
Bill Finney	City of St. Paul	X
Keith Franke	City of St. Paul Park	X

Ex-Officio Members	Agency	
Ron Allen	Goodhue County	
Jess Greenwood	Goodhue County	
Judy Mitchell	Canadian Pacific Railway	
Marc Mogan	Prairie Island Indian Community	

Staff	Agency	Present
Jan Lucke	Washington County RRA	
Andy Gitzlaff	Washington County RRA	
Lyssa Leitner	Washington County RRA	X
Mike Rogers	Ramsey County RRA	X
Joe Morneau	Dakota County RRA	X
Matt Parent	Dakota County	X
Hally Turner	Washington County	
Laura Kearns	Washington County	X
Joe Scala	Hennepin County	X
Ray Hoover	Hennepin County	

Others	Agency
Brian Smalkoski	Kimley-Horn

Chelsey Armstrong	Kimley-Horn
John Burbank	City of Cottage Grove
Katie Burger	City of St. Paul Ward 7 Executive Assistant
Katie White	Met Council

Agenda Item #1: Introductions

Chair Bigham called the meeting to order at 4:32PM. Everyone stood and said the pledge of allegiance. Introductions were made by commission members, staff and others present.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Peterson to approve the Agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughn. All in favor, Motion Carries.

Agenda Item #3: Consent Items

a. Checks and Claims

Motion was made by Councilmember Frankie to approve the checks and claims from March, April, May and June. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughn. All in favor, Motion Carries.

b. Minutes from the February, March and April Commission Meetings

Motion was made by Councilmember Peterson to approve the minutes from the February, March and May commission meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slavik. All in favor, Motion Carries.

Agenda Item # 4: Communications Update

Ms. Leitner provided a brief update of the activity on the Red Rock Corridor Website and Facebook page. There have been 2,265 website views in the past 30 days.

The Facebook page is up to 289 likes. There have been no instances where comments needed to be removed from the site.

Agenda Item #5: Red Line BRT Tour

Ms. Leitner said staff would like feedback from the commission members on preferences for dates, times and suggestions of additional people to invite for the tour of the Red Line Corridor. This will be an activity that will be set up for later in the fall and will be based on what works best for Dakota County and the Red Line availability; however staff would like to start to collect feedback from the commission members now.

The commission agreed that it would be good to go beyond the appointed members from the Red Rock Corridor Commission.

Councilmember Vaughn asked if staff was invisioning taking a bus ride or going out to the bus depot for a tour of a bus and the depot.

Ms. Leitner said there could be several different ways for the tour; it would be up to the commission for what they think would work better for attendance.

Councilmember Vaughn said it would be good to have the Red Line bus within the corridor. He believes there would be a better turn out of constituents.

Agenda Item #6: Other

Item 6a. Nothing new to report

Item 6b. The next commission meeting is scheduled for August 27th at 4:30 at Newport City Hall.

Agenda Item #7: Implementation Plan Update

Item 7a. Ms. Leitner gave a brief power point presentation which was provided in the packet. Ms. Leitner said the commission is about half way through the fifteen (15) month process. After this meeting a lot of technical analysis will happen on the alternative once staff receives the policy input. Ms. Leitner said outreach events have included or will include one major event in each of the corridor cities and the park-and-ride events where current transit users were asked to complete a form about needs in the corridor. The top priority for constituents has been the need for frequent service from 5:00 p.m. to Midnight, which would support implementing all day bus rapid transit (BRT) service. There will be another online option created for people to provide their comments on the corridor.

Agenda Item #8: Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Slavik to adjourn. Councilmember Finney Seconded. All in favor, Motion Carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56PM.