



## Meeting Minutes

Isanti County Government Center  
Cambridge, MN

March 23, 2017

Co-Chair Turnquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and called for participation in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:	Terry Turnquist	Isanti County
	Julie Braastad	Anoka County
	Heidi Steinmetz	Kanabec County
	Tom Ryan	City of Blaine
	Traci Leaf	City of Braham
	Kersten Conley	City of Cambridge
	Jack Davis	City of East Bethel
	Beth Thorpe	City of Mora
	Lisa Holcomb	Arthur Township
	David Beckstrom	Athens Township
	John Erlandson	Cambridge Township
	Ken Mattson	Knife Lake Township
Others Present:	Doug Fischer	Anoka County (Administrative Representative)
	Marcia Westover	City of Cambridge (Alternate)
	Alan Skramstad	City of Mora (Alternate)
	Janna King	Isanti County (EDA)
	Brian Mundle	City of East Bethel (Council Member)
	Paul Czech	MnDOT Metro District
	Paul Jung	MnDOT Metro District
	Shana Schmitz	Ham Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
	Steve Peterson	Metropolitan Council

Co-Chair Turnquist declared a quorum to be present.

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Holcomb made motion approving the minutes of the January 26, 2017 Meeting. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion approved.

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Treasurer Thorpe presented the Treasurer's Report of march 23, 2017. Motion by Braastad, seconded by Davis to approve the report. Motion approved.

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Treasurer Thorpe presented the Membership Dues Status Report as of March 6, 2017. No action required/taken.

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Steve Peterson, Metropolitan Council, and Paul Czech, MnDOT Metro District presented the findings of the "Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study" which was recently concluded. This was a "first of its kind" study that looked at mobility and safety problems at many at-grade intersections on the non-freeway principal arterial system in the Metro Area. 374 intersections were evaluated in Phase I of the study and 91 advanced to Phase II. Of these 91, 34 were designated "High" Priority, 27 "Medium" Priority, and 30 "Low" Priority. 17 Intersections on TH 65 between I-694 and CSAH 22 (Viking Boulevard) were studied. 10 were ranked as High Priority, 3 as Medium Priority, and 4 were ranked as Low Priority. It should be further noted that the study segment "TH 65-B" between US 10 and CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard) was one of only two study segments in the entire metro area that had 100% "High" Priority intersections identified. This study is likely to be used as the foundation for future investment decisions in the metro area.

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Administrative Representative Fischer discussed the current e-mail distribution list of the Coalition. It was decided by consensus that the e-mail directory should be segregated into separate list for members, media, business groups, and legislators. While all correspondence is sent to the primary member list, only upcoming meeting announcements and agendas will be sent to all groups. New e-mail distribution lists will be presented at the next meeting.

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A discussion was conducted regarding the Coalition's website. It was noted that Heidi Steinmetz will work as the Coalition's conduit to Matt Braaten who is the Coalition's web designer to implement changes and some progress has already been made. It was decided

that the most efficient way to critique the website was to bring in the webmaster to the next meeting and take a virtual tour of the site and offer suggestions.

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Administrative Representative Fischer presented legislative language introduced by Rep. Nolan West that called for a study of TH 65 from County Road 10 in to Bunker Lake Boulevard with special emphasis on the intersection at 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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MnDOT Metro North Area Engineer Paul Jung presented a handout identifying key upcoming construction projects on the north TH 65 corridor.

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Community updates were provided by various members.

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Being no other business for the coalition, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.