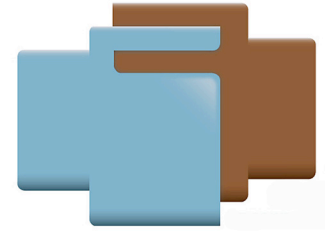


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DCC UPDATE

August 2011

Next Governing Council Meeting: September 14, 6:30 PM

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Central Corridor LRT Project

Quarterly Contractor Evaluation Update

In the most recent quarterly contractor evaluation Walsh Construction received 4 out of 10 points resulting in a \$25,085 award, which was about 41 percent of the possible award amount available.

Contractor evaluations for civil east construction area are done by the construction communication committees (CCCs), which currently include, Downtown Saint Paul, Capitol Area and the western University area. Each individual member of the CCCs submits their scores of the contractor's ability to go above and beyond in four areas: maintenance of access (weighted at 30% of score), safety, site cleanliness and organization, information distribution (all weighted at 15% of score respectively). These numbers are then tabulated to create the final score.

Central Corridor Management Committee

Metropolitan Council **Chair Susan Haigh** has called a special Central Corridor Management Committee (CCMC) meeting for **Wednesday, August 24, 2010, 2:00-3:30PM** at 390 Robert Street (Met Council Chambers).

The purpose of the meeting will be discussion regarding Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) contingency funds. The construction project is now approaching 20% completion, which is the point at which the Federal Transit Administration allows for allocation or use of a portion of contingency funds.

Contingency funds are available for enhancement projects that follow guiding principles which include: consistent with the project scope in the FFGA, enhance security and safety, enhance operational efficiency, reliability and quality, reduce

maintenance and operating costs, expand functional capacity, and provide system-wide benefit.

Construction Update

Stations are beginning to take shape along the corridor and the first tracks have been laid in Downtown Saint Paul. The Central Corridor Project is halfway through this year's construction season.

Robin Caufman and Kevin Ryan of the Central Corridor Project Office provided updated information regarding construction and communications at the August 10 Governing Council meeting. Caufman shared what is being done to minimize impacts on residents and businesses during construction and highlighted issues that had been experienced with access, especially for pedestrians.

Residents, business owners, and those accessing the corridor are encouraged to contact the Central Corridor Hotline **651-602-1404** to alert the project office of issues. You may also visit the www.CentralCorridor.org to retrieve a listing of the outreach coordinators to contact them directly. Sign up on the Central Corridor website to receive weekly construction updates by area.

Proposed Interchange at 4th Street/35W

James Grube and **Nicholas Peterson** of Hennepin County and **Scott Pederson** of MNDot gave an update to the Central Corridor Management Committee on August 10 of the planning to build an interchange at 4th street/I-35W to "relieve congestion on Washington Avenue and Remove traffic diverting to University/4th street interchange". Preliminary engineering for the project has begun and a public hearing and approval process is schedule between September and December. The project is scheduled to be completed by November 2011.

Corridor News and Activities

Construction Communication Project

Madeline Jack is near completion of her assessment of construction communications in for Central Corridor. Madeline, presented preliminary findings to her work at the August 1 Central Corridor Community Agreements Coordinating Committee (CACC) monthly meeting.

The report includes recommendations for the Central Corridor Project Office, as well as community organizations and community members. A meeting is being coordinated to identify next steps and organize implementation.

August 18 — 2 vs 4 Lane Discussion

The CACC Neighborhood Livability work group will be discussing the feasibility of 2 versus 4 lanes of traffic at their next meeting on August 18. Saint Paul City Councilmember Russ Stark is scheduled to join the discussion and update the group on the work he has been doing on this issue. The meeting is open to the community and those interested in this issue are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at 5 pm at the Central Corridor Resource Center, 1080 University Avenue W.

August 20 Unify University Parade

On Saturday, August 20, 2011 there will be a parade on University Avenue beginning on Grotto Street and ending at Western Park. The parade will begin at 10 am. For more information contact unifyuniversity@gmail.com.

August 24 Big Picture Project Community Forum II

The Big Picture Project is an initiative being coordinated by Twin Cities LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) and the Cities of Saint Paul and Minneapolis to focus all the various efforts on affordable housing in the Central Corridor into one single plan.

The second of three community forums will be held on August 24, 2011 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Parkway N., St. Paul. The forum is the second of three scheduled forums to be held by LISC. Please visit the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative website for more information <http://funderscollaborative.org/building-solutions/big-picture-project>.

CACC Nominations for Newly Opened Seat

The CACC has a vacant seat available and is accepting nominations. To be eligible to serve on the CACC you must live and/or work within the borders of a St. Paul district council or Minneapolis neighborhood association that directly borders on or surrounds the light rail line. The currently vacant seat is for representation from Saint Paul. Those interested should email Karyssa Jackson, karyssa@dcc-stpaul-mpl.org for a nomination form or call 651-528-8165.

DCC News

The DCC bids farewell to HECUA Intern, Madeline Jack. Madeline will be studying full time for the LSAT, in preparation for attending law school next year.

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