

**Richfield Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2013**

7:00 p.m. | Richfield Municipal Center | Bartholomew Room

Commission members in attendance: Martin Kirsch (Chair), Terry Ahlstrom, Gary Ness, David Taylor, Pat Sorensen, Tim Carter, Sara Nutter, Ghislaine, Ball, Ken Severson.

Liaisons: Council Member Sue Sandahl, Kathy Rappos.

City Staff: Jeff Pearson, Kristin Asher, Mike Eastling.

Others: Hennepin County – Maury Hooper, Bob Byers; SRF Consulting – Steve Wilson, Marie Cote; Barr Engineering - Mike Lamb; MN/DOT – Todd Carroll, Ron Rauchle

- I. Call meeting to Order**

M.Kirsch called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Severson to approve the agenda, s/Carter. Motion carried.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Carter to approve February 6, 2013 meeting minutes, s/Ahlstrom. Motion carried.
- IV. Election of Officers**
 - a. Kirsch nominated for Chair by Ball, s/Severson. Elected unopposed.
 - b. Ball nominated for Vice-Chair by Severson, s/Sorensen. Elected unopposed.
- V. County Road Visioning Process**

The draft Guiding Principles Document was discussed. Members recommended incorporating an order of importance to the principles based on the workshop results as well as example applications. Document will be revised and sent out for comment before April meeting.
- VI. CSAH 53/35 Traffic Study**

Hennepin County and SRF reviewed their traffic analysis for the region and 66th Street. It was discussed that the portion between Penn Avenue and I-35W needs further evaluation to determine what sort of capacity is needed on the roadway.
- VII. Crosstown/I-35W Gateway Projects**

MN/DOT presented on the upcoming Crosstown/35W Gateway Projects. Discussion centered around how to best organize a task force to represent Richfield in the process. Staff recommended a format and the Commission asked to include additional members from the Chamber of Commerce. Motion by Ness to recommend to City Council the creation of a task force as presented by staff with additions as discussed, s/Ahlstrom. Ball and Ahlstrom recommended as members to the task force.
- VIII. Updates**
 - a. Federal Bike Routes
 - i. Pearson presented concerns raised in Edina and asked if the Commission still wished to move forward with Advisory Lanes. Motion by Ahlstrom to revert design to original 10-5-7 by removing State Aid designation on the streets in question, s/Carter. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. I-494 Projects
 - i. Pearson updated the status and schedule for the ongoing I-494 projects.
 - c. Richfield Parkway

- i. Pearson updated the status of the Richfield Parkway acquisitions and construction projects.

IX. Adjournment

Motion made by Ness to adjourn meeting, s/Sorensen. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:10 pm.

The next Transportation Commission meeting will be held on April 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Richfield Municipal Center, Bartholomew Room.