

DATE: July 28, 2011
TO: Board Members unable to attend July 27 Regular MVTA Board meeting/TWGs
FROM: MVTA
RE: Meeting Summary

Here is a meeting summary of the MVTA July 27, 2011 regular meeting of the MVTA Board of Directors.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Chair Will Branning. MVTA intern Jaron McNamara was introduced. Roll-call was taken and a quorum was present.
2. There were no public comments and both the agenda and the Consent Agenda were approved as presented.
3. Michael Abegg presented information about exercising an option for URS as a task-work consultant. Option was approved.
4. Gary Hansen presented information to the Board regarding potential changes to the Joint Powers Agreement. He reviewed notes from a Strategic Working Group meeting in 2009, suggesting that this might be the time to address the “at-large” position and other outstanding issues in the Joint Powers Agreement. A new Strategic Working Group was named: Gary Hansen, Jane Victorey, Jon Ulrich and Clint Hooppaw.
5. Michael Abegg presented information about the need to purchase GIS software for the MVTA. The Board asked questions about the cost of on-going maintenance and frequency of use. There were also questions about sharing a license with one of the MVTA cities. It was suggested that sharing a license might not be feasible. The item was continued so information about maintenance and support costs could be retrieved. After additional discussion, including information that the cost of the ongoing maintenance and support is about \$2,900 per year, notation that the purchase is likely a 5-year item (meaning it would not need to be replaced for about five years), and a testimonial from Steve Albrecht at the City of Burnsville, the Board unanimously approved the purchase on a roll-call vote.
6. Lois Spear presented information about the Eagan Bus Garage Site Preparation Contract Award, indicating that bids came in at about one-half of the preliminary cost estimate. Low bid was from Minnesota Dirt Works in the amount of \$36,395. The Board approved the contract, along with giving the executive director authority to sign change orders up to a cumulative total of \$5,500.
7. Jane Victorey and Lois Spear provided information regarding the discussion at the Finance Committee. A meeting with the Metropolitan Council has been scheduled for Aug. 9, and the MVTA group (Will Branning, Gary Hansen, Jane Victorey and Clint Hooppaw) will meet prior to Aug. 9 to review the information to be presented. Direction was given to MVTA staff to develop a “preserve” budget through 2013 (given that revenues will be held steady at 2011 levels in 2012 and 2013.)
8. James Strommen reviewed a memo regarding Kennedy & Graven’s selection as primary bond counsel for the Metropolitan Council. He indicated this should not affect his work with the MVTA as the firm does much general counsel for cities that have relationships with the Metropolitan Council. Will Branning thanked him for promptly informing the Board of this action.
9. Beverley Miller noted that she made a presentation to the Dakota County Regional Rail Authority regarding the 140th and 147th St. Stations. She mentioned that the stations have been downsized, with

both being walk-up stations. The 140th St. Station could be expanded in the future, but the 147th St. Station is not built for expansion. The County Board approved the scope for these stations and has submitted a request that the Metropolitan Council enter into subrecipient agreements with the MVTA for these stations. Beverley Miller noted that in a recent meeting with Arlene McCarthy, she was informed that the initial agreement would only cover the design and not the construction, while impacts of the Transportation Bill are further analyzed. Will Branning thanked Beverley for her presentation to the County.

10. Beverley also gave a brief update on the STA Executive Directors Meeting, indicating that a number of items were discussed including governance issue, impacts of the Transportation Bill, learning more about Scott County's position regarding the Metropolitan Council and governance, and more. She said there is a lot of "anxiety" among the STPs.
11. Will Branning reported on a meeting he had with Beverley and County Staff, raising a number of issues to be addressed by MVTA regarding the Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit and related projects. He thanked Gary Hansen for attending a meeting with new Metropolitan Council representative Harry Melander. Hansen reported that Mr. Melander was interested in learning all he could from the STPs.
12. Clint Hooppaw updated the Board on a testimonial he heard from an Apple Valley resident regarding the service she receives getting to/from the airport. Kudos were given to the MVTA team for the excellent service provided. Gary Hansen also thanked MVTA for providing a representative at an employee fair in St. Paul, where information was shared about how St. Paul employees can take transit to get to work.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Aug. 24, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the Burnsville Bus Garage.