

**Gateway Corridor Commission
January 13, 2011
Woodbury City Hall, Birch Room**

| Members | Agency | Present |
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| Rafael Ortega | Ramsey County | x |
| Lisa Weik | Washington County | x |
| Kathy Lantry | St Paul | |
| Will Rossbach | Maplewood | x |
| Paul Reinke | Oakdale | |
| Mary Giuliani Stephens | Woodbury | x |
| Dean Johnston | Lake Elmo | |
| Dan Kyllo | West Lakeland | x |
| Randy Nelson | Afton | x |
| Brian Zeller | Lakeland | |
| Victoria Reinhardt, Alternate | Ramsey County | |
| Gary Kriesel, Alternate | Washington County | x |
| Paul Rebholz, Alternate | Woodbury | |
| Nicole Park, Alternate | Lake Elmo | |
| Dave Schultz, Alternate | West Lakeland | x |
| Pat Snyder, Alternate | Afton | |
| Peg Larson, Alternate | Lakeland | |

| Ex-Officio Members | Agency | Present |
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| Greg Watson | Woodbury Chamber of Commerce | |
| Mike Amundson | Baytown Township | x |
| Doug Stang | 3M | |
| Richard McNamara | Oakdale Business and Professional Association | |
| Tim Ramberg | St. Croix County | |
| Matt Kramer | St Paul Chamber of Commerce | x |

| Others | Agency |
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| Ted Schoenecker | Washington County |
| Mike Rogers | Ramsey County RRA |
| David Jessup | City of Woodbury |
| Tim Mayasich | Ramsey County RRA |
| Ray Stevens | West Lakeland Township |
| John Kaul | Washington County State Lobbyist |
| Josh Straka | Congresswoman McCollum's Office |
| Rachel Horn | Congresswoman Michele Bachmann's Office |

The Gateway Corridor Commission convened at 3:34 p.m. by Chair Kriesel.

Agenda Item #1. Introductions

Introductions were made by those present.

Agenda Item #2. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Kriesel opened nominations for the position of Chair for the 2011 Gateway Corridor Commission. Rossbach nominated Lisa Weik for the position of Chair. Ortega seconded. **Approved.** Motion carried. Nominations were open for the position of Vice Chair. Giuliani Stephens nominated Dean Johnston for Vice Chair. Kyllo seconded. **Approved.** Motion carried.

Agenda Item #3. Approval of Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda. Motion made by Rossbach to approve agenda. Seconded by Ortega. **Approved.** Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Summary December 9, 2010 Meeting

Schoenecker indicated there is a small revision to be made to the December 9, 2010 meeting summary. He noted that on agenda item #10 of the legislative update a correction is needed. Please correct the third line down to read: *and it is unlikely there will be any federal stimulus money.* Motion by Nelson to approve the meeting summary as amended. Seconded by Rossbach. **Approved.** Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5. Consent Items

- a. Checks and claims: Motion by Rossbach to approve the consent items. Seconded by Ortega. **Approved.** Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6. Previous Agenda Items

- a. Alternative Analysis Update:
Schoenecker referred the Commission Members to the Alternative Analysis Update handout in their packet. He updated the Commission as to where the study was to date. The focus has been on a more technical nature trying to screen the options down to a manageable number of seven. These options will then be brought forward to the Policy Advisory Committee meeting, and the final decision making body will be this board, the Gateway Corridor Commission.
- b. Amended Joint Powers Agreement (JPA):
Schoenecker indicated that since the revision and amendment of the JPA at the September 2010 meeting, we have received the signed resolutions from most of the members and have three remaining members to take action. We have been in contact with them and they are in the process of approval or will be taking action soon.

Agenda Item #7. Ex-Officio Appointment

Schoenecker reminded the Members that historically this Commission believed that the business community was important to the Corridor's success. Invitations were sent out to request ex-officio members from area businesses to sit on the board. The St Paul Area Chamber was one of those members originally requested, and now we are back in contact with the St Paul Chamber. Recently, we sent a participation request to renew that relationship. Ortega nominated St Paul Chamber member Matt Kramer to be an ex-officio member. Seconded by Giuliani Stephens. **Approved.** Motion carried. It was noted that Zach Schwartz, a member of the St Paul Chamber Staff, who specializes in

transportation issues, will probably be the one that attends the meetings in the future. He was currently out of town.

Agenda Item #8. Appointment of Member to Wisconsin Gateway Coalition

Kriesel confirmed that he will stay on as the ex-officio, non-voting member of the Wisconsin Gateway Coalition representing the Gateway Corridor Commission, unless there is another member who would like to take over this representation. It was discussed, and agreed no change in this position was needed. No action required.

Agenda Item #9. Establishment of Meeting Dates and Times

Schoenecker noted that we can make additional changes at a later time to the meeting schedule as needed. Motion by Ortega to approve the amended 2011 meeting dates and times. Seconded by Nelson. **Approved.** Motion carried.

Agenda Item #10. Legislative Update

- a. State: John Kaul indicated that the Governors budget will appear on Feb 15, 2011, as a new governor always gets an extra month to prepare the budget. He noted that he attended a hearing recently in the health-finance committee. One agenda item was how the state functions in a shut down. Mr. Kaul felt the motive for this topic was to get people thinking about working together and problem solving. Larry Shelto from Woodbury was appointed to the Records and Affairs Department. Remaining appointments are for Administration, Corrections, Deed, Human Rights, Housing-Finance and Public Safety. Nothing of significance has occurred yet, partially due to the turnover in the new legislative session. Kriesel asked his opinion of the legislative meeting recently at the Oak Marsh Golf Course with the Washington County Board. Kaul indicated the turn-out was good with only a few legislators not attending, as well as, good discussions. Kriesel noted this year's legislative agenda for Washington County has been downsized. Additionally we are very focused on addressing the reduction of the administrative paper work, specifically in the social service area. Ortega indicated that Ramsey County is in agreement in that concept. Weik noted in the Washington County package presented, four of the six agenda items are transit related.

Schoenecker indicated that we have not assigned a legislative spokesperson for the Corridor for this up-coming session. Assigned to this committee were: Mary Giuliani Stephens, Dean Johnston, Dan Kylo and Lisa Weik with Rafael Ortega as alternate. The business entity representative will be Greg Watson. Schoenecker reminds the Commission that it will be unlikely that four people will be attending these meetings; typically only two will need to attend.

- b. Federal: Legislative Update.

Kriesel offered Congresswoman Bachmann's Staff & Congresswomen McCollum's Staff our sincere thoughts and prayers in regards to the recent shooting in Arizona. Additionally, we continue to appreciate their hard work and support on Washington County issues. Schoenecker reported there was not much going on at the Federal level, but noted that Andy Burmeister with Lockridge Grindal came out to give an update to the Washington County Board on Tuesday. He talked about the broad change in representation in the Legislature, but indicated

that there are some commonalities that they feel strong about, and transportation is one of these important issues. The Transportation Reauthorization Bill will ramp up in March.

Agenda Item #11. Other

a. TLC Presentation to Sierra Club

Schoenecker informed the Commission that the Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) will be giving a presentation to the Sierra Club. Key Points will include the overall benefit of transit; as well as, where transit works with density and population. Specifically they will address the potentials for The Gateway Corridor including the highlights of recent studies linking enhanced transit and the land use component. They have requested the Gateway Corridor Commission have a representative attend this meeting to answer questions that may come up. Schoenecker reminded the Members that this meeting will remain focused on transit and not the St Croix River Bridge Crossing. Kriesel expressed his disappointment that we were not engaged early on meeting with the Sierra Club, and indicated that he will be attending this meeting as a member of the Sierra Club not as a Gateway Corridor Commission Advocate. Randy Nelson noted that Afton is in support of the St Croix River Bridge Crossing and feels it has a great impact on the our Corridor. Ortega indicated that it is an issue that does impact us and we should get educated on this topic. Nelson indicated that we need to have an opinion as a group because it can impact the decisions we make. Schoenecker indicated that as a body we are able to pass a resolution of support. Weik indicated that this should be an informational item on the agenda for a future meeting. Schoenecker referred the Members to review TLC's website. They are a non-profit transit advocacy group with their focus being on transit, bicycling and walking.

- b. Weik noted that Kriesel was elected to the Complete Streets Initiative with Anoka County Commissioner Dennis Berg as the representative and Weik has been appointed to be an alternate on Design Build. This week the Washington County Commissioners elected Weik as Vice Chair of the Regional Rail Authority and Dennis Hegberg as Chair. Ortega reminded all that the Union Depot ground breaking is next Tuesday at 2:00. Over 400 invitations have been sent out with over 200 RSVP's received. He reminded all to attend. Additionally, Weik noted that she has been named as an alternate on CTIB, and will continue to attend those meetings. In other business: Amundson noted that he was in Kansas City Missouri recently on business and viewed a local mayoral debate. One of the main issues was transit, as Kansas has no transit system, or any organizations like this to prepare for modes of transportation. This has had a major impact on their city, and it really shows how much farther ahead we are in this area than others in the country.

Agenda Item #12. Adjourn

Ortega moved to adjourn. Seconded by Nelson. **Approved.** Motion carried. Weik called the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.