

**RICHFIELD TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2009
7:00 p.m. | Richfield City Hall | Council Chambers**

Commission members in attendance: Martin Kirsch (Chair); Peter Easterlund (Vice-Chair); Bob Shotwell; Barb Kritzman; Pat Sorensen; Gary Ness; Maureen Scaglia; Sara Nutter; Steve Lindgren; Gail Lund; and, Council Member Sue Sandahl.

Others in attendance: Bob Hall; Jack Broz and Joel Odens of Howard R. Green Company.

City Staff: Mike Eastling and Kristin Asher Osberg.

Excused absence: Gerald Charnitz

I. CALL TO ORDER

M. Kirsch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda by Lindgren, s/ Kritzman. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Lindgren to approve March 4, 2009 meeting minutes s/Shotwell. Motion carried.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Kritzman to continue with current chair (Kirsch), s/Sorensen. Motion carried. Motion by Ness to continue with current vice-chair (Easterlund), s/Lindgren. Motion carried. Hermann resigned from the Commission due to his appointment to Richfield's Property Excellence Task Force. The Commission thanks Jay Hermann for his service to the Commission.

V. RICHFIELD ARTERIALS STUDY

Broz presented the technical data regarding a four lane to three lane conversion considering speeds, level of service, and safety. He also touched on the two lane roadway option.

The Commission discussed a process for evaluating the recommended roadway alternative (four vs. three vs. two lanes). The Commission will be asked to move forward with recommendations for the four arterials at the May meeting. Those alternatives will then be presented to the public for consideration at an Open House on May 20, 2009.

VI. METRO SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Asher reported that the project is still on track to begin in June 2009 and that the Three Rivers Park District has agreed to contribute to the project.

VII. LYNDALE AVENUE BRIDGE UPDATE

Asher reported that Lunda Construction is on schedule with the bridge project.

VIII. BLOOMINGTON AVENUE PED/BIKE TRAIL UPDATE

Eastling reported that a meeting was held between Minneapolis, Bloomington, Richfield, and Hennepin County that indicates everyone is on track to make the trail happen. Bloomington is experiencing some trouble with funding the Old Cedar Bridge replacement now that FHWA has classified the bridge as historical.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Topics for upcoming meetings include the Arterials Design Study and a report on 35W Bus Rapid Transit.

X. ADJOURNMENT

M/Kritzman to adjourn the meeting, s/Lindgren. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

XI. THE NEXT TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 6TH AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE RICHFIELD CITY HALL.