

## *Highway 25 Coalition*

### **Agenda**

Thursday, February 22, 2018

7:30 AM

**Big Lake City Hall – Council Chambers**

1. Call to order
2. Consideration of adding items to the agenda.
3. Consideration of approval of meeting minutes from meeting held January 25, 2018
4. Review Administrative Support – Jeff O’Neill
5. Treasurers Report – Big Lake Township
6. Highway 25 Coalition Website/Communications – Jeff O’Neill
7. Rail Impact Study Update – Dan Weber
8. Highway 25 Corridor Study
  - Discussion/feedback on Open House
9. Transportation and related Economic Development or Land Use Updates
  - A. Becker
  - B. Becker Township
  - C. Big Lake
  - D. Big Lake Township (Fiscal Agent)
  - E. Monticello
  - F. Sherburne County
  - G. Wright County
10. I94 Coalition Update
11. Other Updates
12. Adjourn

**Highway 25 Coalition**  
Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2018  
7:30 AM  
Monticello Community Center – North Mississippi Room

Members Present - **Sherburne County** – Steve Taylor, Tim Dolan, Dan Weber, and Andrew Witter; **City of Becker** – Tracy Bertram, Greg Pruszinske, and Rick Hendrickson; **Becker Township** – Brian Kolbinger; **City of Big Lake** – Raeanne Danielowski, Clay Wilfahrt, Layne Otteson, and Hannah Klimmek; **Big Lake Township** – Bob Hofer and Steve Pflighaar; **City of Monticello** – Brian Stumpf, Jeff O’Neill, Jennifer Schreiber, and Rachel Leonard; and **Wright County** – Virgil Hawkins

Others Present: Stacy Morse, Tom Emmer’s Office; Claudia Dumont, MnDOT; Chuck Rickart, WSB; and Josh Maus, SRF

**1. *Call to order.***

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

**2. *Election of Officers***

Brian Stumpf nominated Raeanne Danielowski as Chair. By consensus Raeanne Danielowski was appointed as chair, as there were no other nominations. Brian Stumpf nominated Tracy Bertram as Vice-Chair. By consensus Tracy Bertram was appointed Vice-Chair, as there were no other nominations. Raeanne Danielowski nominated Hannah Klimmek as Secretary. By consensus Hannah Klimmek was appointed Secretary, as there were no other nominations.

**3. *Consideration of approval of meeting minutes from meeting December 14, 2017.***

Motion by Bob Hofer, seconded by Raeanne Danielowski, to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. *Treasurer’s Report***

The account balance is at \$100,942. Big Lake Township will be sending out dues notice.

**5. *Update on Highway 25 Corridor Study***

Josh Maus, SRF, presented a review of the work completed to date. The presentation included information on: the study’s purpose; the TH 25 Coalition Mission; background data; and transportation. It was mentioned that the TH 10/CSAH 11 intersection is eligible for Corridor of Commerce funds. Mr. Maus then presented five options for a potential river crossing. He commented on the proposed evaluation process and factors. Of the five options presented Option A and Option E will attract the most traffic from the existing TH 25 crossing. Mr. Maus then presented the study process and time frame and what the next steps include.

An Open House on the study and the bridge options presented is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Monticello Community Center. SRF will collect and summarize

public comments. After review of the open house on February 13, 2018, the development of an area vision and implementation plan will be decided, followed by a second open house and finalization of the study.

Raeanne Danielowski expressed concern in regard to the high current traffic numbers and addressing the immediate issues. There was discussion on Corridors of Commerce funds and Andrew Witter noted that this is an initiative of the county and is in need for letters of support. Sherburne County is taking the lead and working with SRF on moving forward.

There was consensus of the group to support the presentation and direction of the study. Coalition members were invited to contact Mr. Maus with comments.

#### **6. *Transportation and related Economic Development or Land Use Updates***

- **Becker** – Focus will be on industrial growth. The City is participating in a rail feasibility study and has a significant number of road projects in 2018.
- **Becker Township** – None.
- **Big Lake** – Looking at further residential growth and commercial/industrial development.
- **Big Lake Township** – Both residential and commercial growth.
- **Monticello** – There are a couple of industrial prospects. City is in process of downtown development planning. There is a residential project in the works which spans over next three years. There is some anticipation of increase in traffic/growth due to the Bertram Chain of Lakes Athletic Complex.
- **Sherburne County** – Andrew Witter commented on the county's traffic study and County Road Safety Plan update. He also mentioned that the Rail Impact Feasibility study has begun. The project begins in Becker/Big Lake area. Steve Taylor mentioned: 2017 there were 485 housing permits; \$530,000 in broadband grants; held a legislative meeting on January 4 to address transportation, infrastructure, and health & human services; and Sherburne County is looking at a local option sales tax.
- **Wright County** – County hired firm for their long range transportation plan. Their County Road Safety Plan will be completed in spring. Construction of the new county courthouse begins this spring. They are most likely selling their current facility.

#### **7. *I-94 Update***

There will be a legislative breakfast on Friday, February 16, 2018, in Rogers.

#### **8. *Adjourn.***

There being no further discussion, there was a motion by Tim Dolan, seconded by Tracy Bertram, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

# I94 West Corridor Coalition Legislative Preview Breakfast

## When

Friday, February 16, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM CST

[Add to Calendar](#)

## Where

### Rogers Community Center

21201 Memorial Drive

Rogers, MN 55374



[Driving Directions](#)

The I-94 West Corridor Coalition would like to extend an invitation to attend our Legislative Preview event.

This annual event allows for coalition supporters to directly engage with transportation leaders, hear legislators' perspectives, and learn about the I-94 West Corridor Coalition's priorities.

We experienced major success over the past years with the opening of additional lanes between Highway 101 in Rogers and Highway 241 in St. Michael, which included a 55% reduction in total travel time and the completion of nearly 3 million square feet of industrial development in the region. We hope to continue making lane capacity expansion improvements onto St. Cloud and complete the Brockton/610 Interchange with your help and the help of our supporters.

2018 will be an exciting year for the Coalition! During the 2017 legislative session, the legislature added an additional \$300 million in trunk highway bonds spread over four years and \$25 million per year in cash to the Corridors of Commerce program. In response, MnDOT decided to select \$400 million of projects in the next round of Corridors of Commerce funding. The I-94 West Corridor Coalition intends to submit our eligible priority projects, the I-94 capacity expansion from St. Michael to Albertville, 610 Interchange and Brockton Interchange, for the Corridors of Commerce funding selection which would greatly increase capacity and reduce congestion along the I-94 Corridor.

We are hoping that you are able to join us for our Legislative Preview event.

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Ryan Daniel, Metro Bus*



*Tom Perrier, Ryan Pecinovsky and  
Richard Dushaw, North Central States  
Regional Council of Carpenters*