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Orange Line Governance Committee

4/10/2014 Policy Oversight Structure

Committee Present

Board and staff present were Sue Sandahl (Solutions Alliance Chair; Richfield), Jan Callison (Hennepin Co), Elizabeth Glidden (Minneapolis), Ryan Peterson (Burnsville), Liz Workman (Dakota Co), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Joe Scala (Hennepin Co) Charles Carlson (Metro Transit), Christina Morrison (Metro Transit), Jen Lehmann (MVTA), Beverley Miller (MVTA), and Bob Tennessen (Tennessen Law)

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Following discussion of governance issues and topics, Metro Transit agreed to assemble a synopsis of the committee's preferences for review by the 35W Solutions Alliance

Precedent Frameworks for Policy Oversight/Governance

Increasing level of responsibility and decision-making function

	Advocacy/Discussion	Policy Advisory	Corridor Management
	Corridor Coalition	Transitway Project	Committee
Chair	Varies	Lead Agency	Met Council
Composition	Broad	Varied	Project cities/counties and
			agencies only
Voting	Non-voting / consensus	Consensus and voting	Votes taken
	process	processes vary	
Decisions forwarded to	Varies	Lead Agency Board	Metropolitan Council
Staffing & Logistics	Varies- Coalition staff or	Organized by Lead Agency	Organized by Metropolitan
	consultant	Staff	Council staff
Governed by	Coalition Bylaws	Varies	State Law

Governance Committee Preferences

- Use full Solutions Alliance Board as policy committee for Orange Line project
- Non-voting advisory function
- Utilize scheduled Solutions Alliance meetings (not a separate schedule)
- Continue area-specific policymaker discussions as needed/appropriate
- Continue staffing structure, supplement with Metro Transit staff preparation of Orange Line topics, facilitate discussion

- Use existing board chair/structure
- Decisions by Metropolitan Council
- Periodic (quarterly?) meetings repurposed for Orange Line topics
- Reserve Solutions Alliance for crossstation discussions and updates, issues of corridor-wide significance
- Invite additional Metropolitan Council reps for affected districts to Orange Linefocused Solutions Alliance meetings

Next Steps: Incorporate in project planning documents. First Orange Line-specific meeting to precede Project Plan adoption (mid-2014)

