Steering Committee Meeting #13

Date: October 24, 2019       Time: 9:00 AM       Location: SEH Office 717 Third Ave SE, Rochester, MN and Conference Call

Attendees: Olmsted County – Ben Griffith, Bryan Law, Sandi Goslee, MnDOT - Sue Siemers, Tom Gottfried, Jean Meyer, SEMAAA – Laurie Brownell, Rochester City Lines - Joe Jacobson, Cedar Valley Services - Gary Hart, SEMCAC - Jim Wolters, SEH Engineers - Brian Carlson

Notes

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Review and Finalize Agenda
3. Administrative Agency Update
   - District 10 Community Services Directors Meeting – discussed RTCC planning and indicated their support and interest in involvement.
   - Corinne Erickson, Ben Griffith from Olmsted County and Tom Gottfried from MnDOT attended the Dist. 10 Community Services Directors meeting.
   - Olmsted County Commissioners are supportive of the effort for involvement by Community Services Directors across the region.
   - Olmsted County staff reminded the steering committee that the budgeting process for all counties is very long, so as we plan for RTCC implementation, the understanding of costs and expected cost-share on part of counties and agencies must be brought forward as soon as possible to be included in the budgeting process.
   - Olmsted County staff indicated they discussed with Tom Gottfried the possibility of proposing a request to MnDOT to complete a “Phase 1A” type project as it is apparent the requested goals outlined by MnDOT for the SE Region may not be attainable given the current knowledge about the region, stakeholders engaged and timeframe expected. Sue Siemers indicated MnDOT is clear in the expectations for Phase 2 portion of this planning grant and that there is no funding availability for alternate performance proposals from the SE MN region.
   - Olmsted County Community Services staff indicated they may initiate discussions for funding tools available for them to participate. They are concerned given current financial turmoil at DHS offices in St. Paul that additional funding requests may not be received positively.
4. MnDOT Update
   - Sue Siemers indicated on a statewide level, 3 new Phase 1 Planning Grants have been initiated with Maple, United & Prairie 5 regions. Currently West Central and North Central are in the Phase 2 Implementation Grant Phase.
   - Tom Gottfried provided a general overview of the RTCC Planning process and noted the funding as a 5-year process with Year 1 & Year 2 costs covered at the 100% level, with year 3-5 to be in a cost-share arrangement with percentages to be determined.
   - Sue Siemers added the cost-share will be created as a “Gradual Local Share” increase

5. Next Meeting
   - Next meeting is scheduled for 21 November 2019 @ 9:00AM
     (This date is 1 week earlier than normal because of Thanksgiving holiday)
   - Call in Number: 612.284.1533 (Toll Free: 855.838.6933)
   - Audio Conference Room: 6
   - Pass Code: 654#