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# MINUTES

## Highway 61 Reconstruction Project – PMT #12

September 19, 2018

Lake City - City Hall

Meeting Chair: Chris Hiniker

Minutes by: SEH

Present: Scott Jensen, Megan Smith, Jim Hall, Chris Hiniker, Bill Anderson, Phil Gartner, Rob Keehn, Greg Schreck, Mark Nichols, Aaron Breyfoogle (via phone), John Mead (guest), Ken Taillon (by phone at 10:30)

Copies to: PMT members

### I. PMT Meeting #11 Review

- A. Since the last meeting the 30% plans have been reviewed and comments received. In addition, comments from MnDOT's ADA staff have been received. The utility companies have begun to respond to the requests for their comments.

### II. Final Design Task Activities

- A. 30% Plans
  1. MnDOT prepared a two-page project informational flyer. It is available on the City web site and hard copies are available in City Hall.
  2. Greg asked whether MnDOT has ever played an active role in addressing Facebook comments with other projects. **Aaron noted that he will follow-up with MnDOT public affairs staff to review possible options.**
  3. Scott noted that the City Streets/Parks Commission reviewed and approved advancing the 30% plans.
  4. Bill noted that the Goodhue County SWCD submitted a Legacy grant application for the proposed stormwater basins near BayView Street. In total, 145 applications totaling \$30 million were submitted in pursuit of \$14 million in grant funds. Expect to hear results between mid-December and early January. If not successful, could reapply next year and still incorporate the basins into the TH 61 project.
- B. 60% Plans
  1. SEH will address the MnDOT 30% plan comments and begin developing the 60% plans.
  2. Schedule calls for submitting the 60% plans for review by December. Further stormwater and utility information along with lighting details are key elements. Other amenity details can wait until after the 60% plans.
  3. Jim reviewed process of 30-60-90-95% plan review, it should be only minor comments left by the time the plans go to the Central Office at 95%.

4. Megan noted that property owners have questions about ADA, sidewalks, detours, public access during construction. Jim said changes are being made based on the initial MnDOT ADA review and that there will be another ADA review following the 60% plan submittal. Following the second ADA review would be a good time to meet with property owners.

C. Amenities/Lighting

1. Scott provided an overview of the recent coordination with MnDOT regarding lighting.
  - a. The project has three different lighting segments:
    - (1) Dwelle to Chestnut - Decorative (downtown core)
    - (2) Chestnut to Jewell - Decorative
    - (3) Jewell to Central Point - DOT Style (lakefront)
2. MnDOT has concluded that lighting levels in the downtown core area should average 1.2 footcandles (fc) (currently approximately 0.9 fc) with a 3:1 uniformity. Lighting levels within the lakefront area should be 0.8 fc. To attain the 0.8 fc along the lakefront, additional poles will be needed. The goal is to limit additional poles to one at each mid-block location. In addition, light levels will need to increase by approximately 1.0 fc within every intersection in the project. **Ken will run the lighting model to determine additional fixtures needs.**
3. As noted in previous meetings, MnDOT would not participate in lighting along the lakefront because continuous lighting levels cannot be achieved with poles only at the intersections. However if continuous levels are achieved MnDOT will contribute 50% of the cost of a traditional MnDOT style lighting system toward the new lighting system construction. The end result is the City's roadway lighting costs for continuous lighting along the lakefront could be similar to that of the originally planned non-continuous lighting system.
4. Ken indicated that all new luminaires would be "cutoff" style which are designed to shine downward onto the street and not out to the properties outside the right of way. Along the lakefront, the poles could be placed on the house side of the roadway where they would have very little light directed toward the homes. In the downtown area, light would not spill onto the building fronts as it does now. Also, the transition between different light levels won't be very noticeable because the system will be designed to blend the varying lighting levels (not change suddenly).
5. It was noted that MnDOT will not participate in the cost of refurbishing the existing acorn lights but will participate the 50% level (as defined above) if the lights are replaced and equipped with cutoff style luminaires.
6. The group indicated it would be helpful to have photos of similar lighting applications and to identify communities where similar lighting has been implemented. **SEH will compile photos of similar light applications and provide a list of communities with similar lighting as proposed.**
7. Assuming all new lighting units will be installed, the existing lighting equipment will be removed and turned over to the City.

D. Environmental

1. The environmental document is drafted, but waiting on some technical details from MnDOT (Phase 1 ESA and potential mussel survey work). The document may not be ready for submittal until spring 2019 however this is not a critical path schedule item.

E. Schedule/Other

1. Mark asked about timing of the next public informational meeting. Late October to early November might be a good target. The meeting will focus on amenities, lighting, overall costs and the latest schedule. **SEH will discuss potential meeting dates with Scott.**
2. Megan asked about plans to discuss construction staging and traffic detours with the public. Aaron noted that MnDOT will have an open house to show the plans before construction begins. Jim said that staging and traffic control will be part of the 90% plans.

3. Greg asked about the parking impacts associated with turn lanes at Lyon. It was noted that the turn lanes were designed to reduce parking impacts to the practical. Megan noted the City has done a parking study and that there are plenty of spaces downtown. ***The City will assess possible sites to relocate the truck loading zone near Center Street.***

### III. Next Meeting

- A. The October 17<sup>th</sup> PMT meeting will focus on lighting.

SEH believes that this document accurately reflects the business transacted during the meeting. If any attendee believes that there are any inconsistencies, omissions or errors in the minutes, they should notify the writer at once. Unless objections are raised within seven (7) days, we will consider this account accurate and acceptable to all.

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