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Highway 61 Reconstruction Project – PMT #15
January 23, 2019
Video Conference Call

Meeting Chair: Chris Hiniker
Minutes by: SEH
Present: Scott Jensen, Megan Smith, Phil Gartner, Mark Nichols, Chris Hiniker, Bill Anderson, Rob Keehn, Aaron Breyfogle, Ken Taillon, Andy Masterpole, Rachel Thurston, Chad Jorgenson
Copies to: PMT members

I. PMT #14 Review

- a. Discussed status of the maintenance of traffic work efforts that have been occurring in coordination with MnDOT staff.
- b. Presented and discussed the proposed locations of lighting and trees.
- c. Discussed the timing of the next open house. Concluded it should be held after the 60% plan submittal.

II. Maintenance of Traffic

- a. Chad reviewed the details of the proposed traffic detours during construction. The plans were developed in close coordination with MnDOT staff. The routes include parts of 10th Street, Lakewood Avenue, Grant Street, and 7th Street. In addition, during the first two months of the project, when TH 61 is closed from Grant Street to the north project limits, a detour via Goodhue County Road 5 to TH 58 into Red Wing will be in place.
- b. The initial construction schedule assumes beginning major construction activities in mid-April and finishing in mid-October.
- c. Temporary traffic lights will be installed where the detour routes cross TH 63.
- d. It is anticipated that while TH 61 is closed to through traffic between Grant Street and the north project limits, that Central Point Road users will divert to 332nd, Lakeview, and Territorial.
- e. High Street at Lakewood will probably be closed during construction to minimize through traffic using High Street and also improve traffic flow and safety to/from TH 61 and the Lakewood detour route.
- f. During construction, access across TH 61 to the Marina area will be maintained via alternate streets as the construction proceeds.
- g. Phil asked if there will be any closings in 2019 associated with the TH 61 mill and overlay project. Aaron indicated not in town but likely some in rural areas because of culvert replacements.

III. Amenities.

- a. Andy and Ken reviewed project layout showing lights, trees, and other amenity features. **SEH will send a pdf of the materials to the PMT.**
- b. Low maintenance grasses and trees are proposed in the medians.
- c. Discussed possible art locations and landscape opportunities downtown.
- d. Showed examples of plant bed options with curbs, electrical receptacles, and landscaping.
- e. Discussed ornamental fencing options. Could be placed by Kwik Trip or Fiesta Foods (more details to come).
- f. Trees have been set to avoid lights and canopies.
- g. Discussed possibility of wrapping landscaping around some intersections onto the local streets (i.e. Center and Lyon). **SEH will prepare a graphic that highlights where this proposed landscaping extends beyond MnDOT right-of-way.** MnDOT will use this to facilitate enabling this work off of MnDOT right-of-way and into City right-of-way.
- h. The narrower boulevard between Chestnut and Jewell limits placing trees to bump out locations.
- i. Trees by the lake will have up-lights on the lake side of the highway. Discussed options for placement to minimize maintenance concerns. **SEH will prepare a graphic detailing what the fixtures will look like.** Discussed possibility of adding receptacles to allow seasonal tree lighting.
- j. It was agreed that City staff would meet SEH staff within a week to review amenity and lighting items in detail. **SEH will schedule the meeting and prepare a list of items that need to be resolved and submit to City staff in advance of the meeting.**
- k. Mark Nichols noted he was asked whether Lake City is going to request state bonding funds for lakeshore or TH 61 improvements. **He and staff will discuss further.**
- l. Megan Smith talked with a public art consultant. They advised keeping artwork out of MnDOT right of way. It has been suggested to prepare an RFP to define public art recommendations. The PMT concurred that the public art decision making process will likely extend after the highway design activities.

IV. Stormwater

- a. Chris reviewed the current effort with the storm sewer design. The flat grades along the highway increases the number of catch basins. SEH is working with MnDOT to reach agreement on how to proceed.

V. Next Open House

- a. Discussed setting the next open house. Recommend waiting until after MnDOT completes the review of the 60% design plans (first half of April). Open house materials will include detour plans, pedestrian access during construction, amenities, and example pictures of other projects during construction.
- b. Megan suggested using Facebook, newspaper, web site to get the project information distributed.

VI. Schedule

- a. Submit 60% plans by February 28th, 90% plans by mid-May, and 100% plans in late July, with a bid letting set for November 22nd.

VII. Next PMT is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19th.

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