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TH 61 Reconstruction Project - PMT Meeting #3

September 6, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Lake City - City Hall

Meeting Chair: Chris Hiniker

Minutes by: SEH

Present: Mark Sievert, Scott Jensen, Greg Schreck, Megan Smith, Phil Gartner, Nate Blanchard, Chris Hiniker, Chad Hanson, Bill Anderson, Andy Masterpole

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I. PMT Meeting #2 Review

- A. Chris reviewed notes from the prior meeting and reviewed the agenda

II. Visual Preference Survey

- A. Andy conducted a visual preference survey including photo examples of streetscaping, lighting, and other amenities.
- B. Reviewed the existing project budget for lighting and other aesthetics. There is approximately \$330,000 to address anticipated lighting costs. Additional aesthetic items will require additional money from the City. Chad pointed out that aesthetic treatments also add to future maintenance costs that will be the City's responsibility. Greg noted the group needs to keep the budget in the forefront when considering aesthetic options.
- C. Megan noted it is important to build a foundation for future aesthetic improvements which would allow more features to be added at a later date with minimal impact.
- D. Phil said he was sold on the project with the idea the improvements would look nice. Need to do it right.
- E. SEH will coordinate with the Mayor and Councilmember Boe to ensure they are given an opportunity to take the survey.
- F. ***The results of the survey will be processed by SEH and reviewed at the next PMT meeting.***
- G. ***SEH will identify one or two communities in proximity to Lake City that have a three-lane roadway through their downtown.***

III. Current Task Activities

- A. The ongoing field survey work should be completed within two weeks.
- B. City staff met last week to discuss potential pedestrian crossing locations. Picked three crossings, two with flashers (near Bay View and Clay) the other near Jewell. Scott noted the crossing near Bay View needs to be shifted slightly south to allow space for a left turn lane from TH 61 to Bay View.
- C. Concern was expressed as to whether mid-block crossings would be used. The group concluded that the planned medians would likely attract the majority of crossing pedestrians.

- D. Discussed need for left turn provision at key intersections where medians are being considered including Jewell and Bay View. **SEH will look at median options that would allow maintaining key left turn movements.**
- E. It was noted that medians serve to slow traffic and can potentially be used to treat stormwater.
- F. Megan noted that Clay Street could be a good location for a City owned parking lot to accommodate users who want to access the lakefront trail.
- G. PMT members noted they met with legislative committee members recently and that legislators responded very favorably to concepts the City is considering outside the current TH 61 project scope to improve stormwater treatment. The TH 61 design efforts will continue based on the assumption that base level stormwater improvements will be included.
- H. The City will pursue conversations with the Corps and DNR to see if the overlook concepts into Lake Pepin developed as part of the Stantec plan, are possible.
- I. Discussed which intersections along TH 61 are most important to be able to accommodate truck turning. Grant, Monroe, Jewell, Lyon, and Marion were highlighted. **SEH will modify the layout to address the group discussion.**
- J. Discussed installing a flashing speed limit sign to encourage people to slow down, Scott said public works has been looking into that. This initiative is separate from the TH 61 reconstruction project.
- K. Discussed need for right turn lanes. Group agreed the layout should be modified to include exclusive right turn lanes at the signalized intersections. **SEH will modify the layout.**
- L. Reviewed latest access information. It was noted that the City should meet with any property owner directly affected by access changes in advance of any public meeting.
- M. Discussed potential for bump outs at intersections. Decided bump-outs will not be pursued except for potentially at Center Street.

IV. Upcoming task activities

- A. The ADA field walk will be held on September 25th and 29th.
- B. The need for a City-wide ADA transition plan will be discussed during the field walk.

V. Other

- A. Scott will be meeting with MnDOT maintenance staff in the field to review the condition of the rip-rap along the lakeshore.

VI. Next Meeting

- A. Next PMT meeting will be Oct. 11th.

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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