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Highway 61 Reconstruction Project - PMT #7

March 7, 2018 10:00 a.m.

Lake City - City Hall

Meeting Chair: Chris Hiniker

Minutes by: SEH

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

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I. PMT Meeting #6 Review

- A. Discussed December 14th Open House
- B. Directed SEH to shift median at Jewell to the east to allow for a westbound left turn lane
- C. Will retain current design which provides two driveway curb-cuts for Ford dealership
- D. Discussed upcoming MnDOT geometric layout review and approval process

II. Current Task Activities

A. Layout Review and Approval Process

- a. Megan noted that she met with new owners of 621 Lakeshore Drive. Confirmed the project would take out the curb cut and approach and the property owners would be responsible for removing the driveway behind the sidewalk.
- b. Reviewed the Jewel median changes since the last PMT meeting to make room for a left turn lane. Also added bumpouts on the west side of the Highway 61/Jewell intersection to improve pedestrian crossing safety.
- c. SEH has reviewed MnDOT comments on the draft layout in detail with MnDOT staff. The comments are currently being addressed. **SEH will submit the updated layout to MnDOT by March 23rd.** At that point the layout will be sent to MnDOT Central Office staff for review.
- d. Nate summarized some of the MnDOT comments, which included drafting notes and design refinements including adjustments at the DQ, Burger King, and other accesses and intersections. Another comment involved widening the trail connection between the Jewell intersection and Riverwalk trail from six feet to ten feet.
- e. The PMT verified that the sidewalk connections between Highway 61 and High Street on Clay and Bayview will be included with the project. **SEH will coordinate with Scott to add the topographic survey of these blocks.**
- f. Discussed comment regarding shifting the North Lakeshore Drive intersection to the north to make room between Central Point and the frontage road. It appears this is not feasible given the elevation differences in the area.

- g.** The group discussed MnDOT's comment regarding the potential for more bumpouts at intersections in the downtown segment (Chestnut, Doughty, Walnut and Woodburn). Pros and cons were discussed and ***the group concluded to add bumpouts on the eastside of the Woodburn intersection, in the northwest and southeast quadrants of the Walnut and Doughty intersections, and at the northwest quadrant of the Chestnut intersection.***
- h.** Phil noted parking along the lakeshore segment may become an issue especially if more lakefront improvements are completed that would further encourage public use. Mark noted there has been discussion about adding off-street parking in the area to encourage public use. Megan indicated the City is pursuing Corps grant funding to pursue pilot projects for water front and water quality improvements. It was noted any projects would likely occur after the road reconstruction project.
- i.** Scott asked if dredge sand could be used as road backfill. Chad noted it will be up to the contractor to find the best source.
- j.** Based on MnDOT input, SEH has developed options to modify the proposed design at the east end of the project (Elm Street). The group supported the option to add a median that would limit turning traffic at Elm Street and improve access to the concourse. ***The City will review the option with the residents on Elm Street.***
- B.** Nate noted the cost estimate is being updated. ***SEH will complete the revised estimate after the layout refinements have been incorporated.*** At this point it appears the costs are not changing much.

III. Upcoming Task Activities

- A.** As the process enters into the final design phase, the PMT meetings will begin focusing more on design details including utilities and storm sewer.
- B.** The aesthetic/streetscaping that was initiated early in the preliminary design phase will be another focal point in the coming months. Megan brought up that lighting will be a key issue. The City is applying for a grant for small cities downtown "slum and blight" relief. If successful there may be money to address some the downtown issues.

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