



Thursday, February 27, 2020
7:00 PM
Isanti Government Center

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 7:04 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call/ Establish Quorum
 - a. Counties: Anoka, Isanti, Kanabec
 - b. Cities: Blaine, Braham, Cambridge, East Bethel, Ham Lake, Oak Grove, Spring Lake Park
 - c. Townships: Arthur, Athens, Brunswick, Cambridge, Isanti, Knife Lake
*Per JPA Article VI Section 4: 40% of the membership constitutes a quorum
(40% of 16 = 6.4)*
4. Approval of Minutes from the September 27, 2019 Meeting
Motion: Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff
Second: Steven Voss
Motion: Passed
5. Treasurer's Report
Discussion:
Steven Voss: Invoices for membership dues were sent to communities 2-3 weeks ago. We have only three outstanding invoices, and we received one check tonight as well, so are only waiting to receive \$450.00. Current balance is \$28,614.16. We do have one invoice that has been outstanding since September, from Matt Braaten for \$840.00 for monthly maintenance website services that he has provided. Invoice is for 2 hours per month and is billed on an annual basis. Need approval to pay the invoice.
Motion: Steven Voss
Second: Ken Mattson
Motion: Passed
Additional Discussion:
Steven Voss: also have an invoice from Matt Braaten for 2020 website services. Not recommending approval tonight, just bringing up as an informational item for the group.
 - a. Approval of Treasurer's Report
Motion: Robert Knowles
Second: Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff
Motion: Passed
 - b. 2020 Membership Dues Status Report
Discussion: None, as it was already discussed in Treasurer's Report



6. 2020 Budget Development (see attached worksheet)

Discussion:

Joe MacPherson: discussed proposed 2020 budget created based on feedback from September meeting. Verifying everything was entered correctly and looking for comments. No changes requested.

7. Administrative Representative Report

a. Update on TH 65 PEL Corridor Study in the cities of Blaine, Ham Lake and Spring Lake Park

Discussion:

Melissa Barnes presented information on the current TH 65 Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study in the cities of Blaine, Ham Lake and Spring Lake Park. Three handouts were provided. During first phase, project needs and priorities were established. The study team used high-level matrix analysis tools to sort through over 30 different alternatives to create a list of alternatives to move forward into the Phase 2 analysis. During the Phase 2 analysis, the project team performed micro-simulation traffic modeling and other tools to narrow the list of alternatives down to 3 for each of segment of the corridor (the corridor was broken up into 3 segments). The project is currently in the final third phase of analysis. The results will provide several alternatives that can be further refined and moved forward into design and construction. MnDOT plans to share the final study results and recommended alternatives with the public this summer (2020).

John Erlandson –recommended the addition of a turn lane at the intersection of TH 65 and 357th north of Cambridge. Melissa – this study is only for Highway 65 south of Bunker Lake Blvd. She stated that she will let MnDOT staff know about his concern.

Steve Voss: in this analysis, will there be any analysis of the net effect on the traffic north of the study area? Should we start thinking about what will happen with the communities to the north?

Melissa Barnes: The PEL study team is currently looking into what effect a freeway section from Bunker Lake Blvd south would have at Andover Blvd and intersections to the north. Early analysis shows that Andover Blvd intersection will experience issues from the traffic. MnDOT and the study team are continuing to look into this item.

Robyn West: Do any of your plans add an additional lane on TH 65 in each direction?

Melissa Barnes: Yes, we found we still need a third lane in each direction. One of the biggest complaints of the local traffic is the ability to get across TH 65. Interchanges will greatly improve ability to get across.

Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff: are you planning to do community open houses?

Melissa Barnes: yes, we've had some pop-up meetings, and will have additional public involvement this summer (2020) to present the studies recommended options/alternatives. We will be sending out notices for the meetings via email, postcards, newspaper, and social media.

Joe MacPherson: one major benefit of the PEL study is that it sets up MnDOT and local agencies by starting the NEPA process early during the study which can lead to successful funding solicitation applications.

Melissa Barnes: This starts the process on funding and jump starts open houses; the footwork is done, now it is up to delivery. Blaine and Anoka County are looking at a variety of funding mechanisms to



begin making improvements along the TH 65 corridor. The County is paying attention to the impacts on Andover Blvd and we will continue to work on it.

Todd Christenson: How are the reduced conflict intersections (RCIs) working?

Melissa Barnes: RCI's have been around for awhile, and have proven to be successful, and safety has been improved. MnDOT is working with the local agencies along the corridor to address issues associated with the new signalized RCI at TH 65 and Viking Blvd.

b. New Membership Request – City of Isanti

Discussion:

Joe MacPherson: We have received a request from the City of Isanti to join the Coalition. In the past, has the coalition voted on new memberships or simply let them join?

Jack Davis: We are always excited to invite a new member community. No vote necessary.

Joe MacPherson: Will reach out and welcome them aboard.

c. Discuss the Creation of Informational Videos (e.g. RCIs, roundabouts, etc.)

Discussion:

Joe MacPherson: Asked if anyone had ideas for TH 65 related informational videos that the coalition could develop. Some options raised were: how to properly navigate an RCI, information related to the TH 65 PEL study, how to navigate roundabouts, etc.. Should there be a video that showcases the TH 65 corridor? Any ideas or thoughts? He stated that he will reach out to a consultant they have used who has prepared similar videos in the past for a variety of agencies and gather ideas and cost information. One consultant the county has used in the past is HDR. They have knowledgeable staff and use a format that people can easily understand and digest. He will bring some options and ideas to a future meeting.

Jack Davis: we need to do something to highlight development along the corridor, there are many opportunities to highlight.

Steven Voss: all communities along the corridor need to market the value of their communities and their potential for development/growth.

8. Programmed Projects

a. MnDOT Metro District

Discussion:

Melissa Barnes: In metro area, the CSAH 10 bridge over TH 65 in Spring Lake Park needs to be re-decked. TH 65 from US Highway 10 to the Anoka County line (south of 221st) is scheduled for pavement rehabilitation work in 2024. The northern half, north of Coon Creek Bridge, will include more substantial work and potentially some access modifications. In 2021 a new RCI at Klondike and TH 65 will be constructed.

Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff: how long will it take for the re-decking work at CSAH 10 and TH 65?

Melissa Barnes: the work can be completed in one construction season.

b. MnDOT District 3

Discussion: Luke sent an update to Joe MacPherson and Melissa Barnes, and apologized that he couldn't be here. A bridge replacement over the Snake River is scheduled for 2022. They will detour traffic onto Highway 65 from TH 47 for the construction project from Ogilvie to Isle. The detour route will span from Mora to Highway 27 on TH 65. The RCI in Isanti will hopefully be done this spring/summer. The preconstruction meeting is scheduled for March and construction will begin in April.



c. Other

Discussion: NONE

9. Community Updates

Discussion:

Kanabec County – getting ready for detour during construction on TH 47.

East Bethel- will be approving plans and specs this spring for the new frontage road project, from the RCI at 187th to Viking. We are continuing to see new interest in the City.

Spring Lake Park: New Hy-Vee Grocery Store should open by late spring. New 6-townhome development on Monroe Street, north of Prince of Peace. One of the vacant parcels of land along the north side of Osborne Road, between TH 47 and TH 65, is sold and plans are being prepared for a new healthcare unit.

Blaine: Gearing up for robust summer for residential road projects,. Major wastewater plant construction is still ongoing. A new HyVee has begun construction at the intersection of Jefferson and 125th Avenue. There also was a sinkhole on I-35W from a watermain and sewer break. We are looking at \$1M for repairs, the shoring of the dam alone was \$500,000. Staff have been on-site 24/7 working on repairs.

Cambridge Township: No updates

Athens: No updates

Braham: New City administrator. Currently reviewing a large grant for new water/sewer plan. The interchange at TH 65 and 107th has been working very well. Large drop in accidents and severity of accidents

Anoka County: we have a robust pavement program for 2020. The first phase of Hanson Blvd projects, bridge is open to one lane; phase 2 is from Jay street to Crosstown Blvd/Bluebird Street, and phase 3 from Northdale Blvd from Main Street, will divide into 4-lanes. All three projects will be under construction this summer. CSAH 14 (125th Avenue) east of Highway 65, is being done as a State Aid project. Osborne Road, between Highway 47 and Highway 65 in Fridley, will be a 4-lane to 3-lane conversion project. Mississippi Street Corridor Study kicked off in March of 2019. is the study is reviewing the current and future needs for the Mississippi Street corridor between East River Rd and the east county line. MnDOT will be starting a new corridor study on TH 65 from County Road 10 to where 47/65 meet in Minneapolis, and is a similar type of study to the PEL study currently underway on TH 65 north of CSAH 10 in Spring Lake Park, Blaine and Ham Lake.

10. Other Business

Discussion:

John Erlandson requested that we add the website address to the logo across top of the new letterhead.

11. Adjourn: – 8:03 PM