



Meeting Minutes – Transportation Working Group

Date: February 22, 2017

Time: 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Location: Prior Lake City Hall

Work Group Members:

Bob Crawford	x	Beth Mathews	x	Jamie Riddle	
Josh Johnson	x	Kathi Mocol		Jon Ulrich	x
Jim Becker		Sherry Nielsen		Jane Victorey	x
Melissa Jensen	x	Mark Pahl		Kyle Sobota	
Judy Mack		Tony Phelps		Robin Selvig	
Jane Wiley	x	Jim Dellwo		Joseph Kelly	

Staff Members:

Troy Beam	X	Alan Hermann	X	Brad Larson	X
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1. Review Data Points

The Transportation Work Group reviewed several items based on February 28th retreat.

Scott County data that stood out to you:

- Scott County’s vacancy rate is only 1.2% - very low.
- Rent prices are high.
- The % of income spent on rent.
- The prices of homes are expensive in Scott County.
- The types of occupations that cannot afford these price points.
- Amount of senior housing needed.
- Scott County has a low unemployment rate, but the unemployment rate of 16-24 year olds is high.

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- Scott County has similar inflow/outflow commuters of other suburbs.
- The minority population has a higher unemployment rate.
- The minority population is expected to grow in Scott County.
- The LQ of industries that we have.
- 1 out of 7 Scott County renters don't have a car
- Workforce housing is not close to transit, park and ride, or jobs.
- Lack of higher education options close by.
- Cost of childcare
- 90% of a child's brain is developed by age 5.
- 35% of kids not reading at grade level by 3rd grade.
 - This number increases to 50% if the child lives in poverty.

What are issues in Scott County that need to be addressed?

- Lack of affordable housing
- Proximity of housing to jobs
- NIMBY-ism
- Mix of housing (density, type, price point)
- What are the barriers of 16-24 yr olds to get jobs (...20-24 yr olds are much different than 16-19 yr olds)?
- What are the job fields that we need to fill (what's in demand)?
- What are the projected growth areas of jobs in Scott County?
- Counseling high schoolers on higher education opportunities (not just 4 yr college)
- Vehicle congestion at river crossings
- Land Use Policy
- There isn't really any Transit Oriented Development (TOD) in Scott County.
- How does the 1 out of 7 without cars get around?
- Increasing transit options
- How do we capitalize on reverse commuters
- Pedestrian safety – transit users can get close, but sometimes there are no pedestrian connections to the final destination.
- 35% not reading at grade level by the 3rd grade.
- Lack of affordable childcare
- Afterhours/off hours childcare
- Low screening rate for early childhood development.

What are some common themes you see in the issues that we need to address?

- Increased education/communication on all the issues.
- The comprehensive plan process addresses many of these issues
- Land use policy (housing, densities, Transit Oriented Development)
- Affordability (childcare, housing, transit)

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- There are limited options

If this effort were to solve the issues of one demographic, which demographic would have the biggest positive impact on the County?

- Increasing the reading proficiency at 3rd Grade.
- Low income residents.

Adjourn: 8:50 AM