



Meeting Minutes – Transportation Working Group

Date: **August 10, 2016**

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

Location: Prior Lake City Hall – Parkview Conference

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	X	Kyle Sobota	
Judy Mack	X	Tony Phelps		Luther Wynders	
Jane Wiley		Jim Dellwo		Joseph Kelly	

Staff Members:

Troy Beam	X	Alan Hermann	X	Brad Larson	
Lisa Freese	X	Bonnie Kaye	X	Angie Stenson	X

Status update from the Housing, Workforce, and Education Workgroups:

Ms. Freese provided an update. She stated the other groups are also reviewing data and information related to their topic areas. Commissioner Ulrich added an update from the Steering Committee.

(Continued) Presentation on Transportation and Transit Network in Scott County:

Ms. Freese gave a presentation on the transportation and transit network in Scott County. She presented information on transit advantages (bus shoulders), park and ride facilities, and MVTA bus routes. Commissioner Ulrich suggested that MVTA provide a report on the state of the merger that occurred between Scott County transit services and MVTA about a year and a half ago. Specific transit items were discussed including the need for additional ridership numbers on the MVTA 491/492 reverse commute route, changes to the Shakopee circulator route - the tradeoff that occurs in transit programming – and the need for ongoing dialogue with MVTA for this topic, and discussion of the

limited transit service hours for certain routes. Commissioner Ulrich added that the county could look into providing county-owned bus benches at certain high use locations. Ms. Freese paused for questions from the group regarding transit. Overall, more details are needed from MVTA on how routes are planned and hours are established for certain routes.

Ms. Freese presented an overview of the highway system and metro-wide congestion. The group discussed congestion on the Bloomington Ferry Bridge and the various factors related to capacity issues with this area. Projected congestion areas were reviewed, which illustrated future congestion on all river crossings for Scott County. Ms. Freese presented information on the County's sales tax for transportation projects. For example, this funding will provide a key component of local match funding for the US 168/MN 41/CH 78 interchange project, which recently received a federal grant of \$17.7 million. Mayor Crawford emphasized the importance of working together and supporting projects as a region to bring in grant funding. Information on regional trails was presented for the metro area and Scott County. Commissioner Ulrich asked why CH 42 is not a designated regional trail. Ms. Freese responded that the purpose of regional trails is to connect to regional parks. The county adopted a policy in 2009 to install trails and/or sidewalks on county owned roadways, so many roadways include trails or sidewalks even if they are not in the regional system plan. The presentation concluded with information about regional demographics including concentrated poverty, low-wage jobs, manufacturing centers, and subsidized housing.

September 13 Agenda Planning:

Staff will work to bring information on items mentioned above. Members were encouraged to send additional specific requests for transportation information or data to staff. The group will work toward blending the data and information with areas of concern or priority at the next meeting.

Adjourn: 9:00 AM