



MEETING SUMMARY

Red Wing Bridge – PAC #10/TAC #13

December 18, 2014

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Red Wing Public Library – Foot Room

Meeting Chair: Chris Hiniker

Minutes by: Mark Benson

Present: Chad Hanson, Greg Paulson, Nancy Klema, Anthony Wagner, Jay Owens, Brian Peterson, Chris Hiniker, Todd Lang, David Larson (WisDOT), Nick Schaff, Jacob Bronder, Ethan Seaberg, Peter Leete, Wendy Maves, Mark Benson, Bob Kost, Dan Dorgan, Ben Jilk, Abbi Ginsberg, Craig Lenz, Mohamad Hayek, Ashley Rap, Ed Welch, Rick Moskwa, Ted Seifert, Patty Brown, Anthony Nemcek-Zahorsky, Paul Conlin, Daniel Meixner

Copies to: PAC/TAC Members

- I. Introductions
- II. Open House in October
 - A. Approximately 150 people attended
 - B. Overall support for the project
- III. Major Decisions Made
 - A. Decided to proceed with new 2-lane crossing (steel box girder design)
 - B. Determined Wisconsin approach will include a jug-handle design with some minor design changes being considered
 - C. Identified that the Minnesota approach will include button-hook with slip-ramp. Some minor design changes are being evaluated.
- IV. Environmental Assessment (EA) Update
 - A. Addresses the preferred and no-build alternatives
 - B. Considers full range of social, economic and natural environmental issues
 - C. Noise analysis status
 1. Wall meets cost-effectiveness criteria along TH 61 between the button-hook and East 5th Street
 2. After the project Public Hearing, a meeting will be held with the affected property owners and tenants, and a voting process will be used with benefitting property owners and tenants to determine if wall will be built
 3. Question was raised about berm and landscaping as an alternative
 - D. Review Draft EA has been submitted to MnDOT and WisDOT
 - E. Expect to publish EA in March
 - F. Public Hearing in late March
- V. Preliminary Design Update
 - A. Foundation analysis results are coming in
 - B. River pier details are being worked on
 1. Potential conflict between existing and proposed foundations investigated

- C. New approach bridge over TH 61 is being designed as a single span crossing
 - 1. Recommendation from Cost Risk Assessment and Value Engineering study was to consider a temporary bridge so that traffic disruption can be minimized and allows construction to occur with minimal conflict and new bridge over TH 61 can be built all at once instead of in stages
 - D. Bluff Street bridge is being designed to accommodate access to Red Wing Shoe building
 - 1. Storm tunnel interaction with the bridge foundation being investigated
 - E. Question about how storm water will be handled from the bridge – water will be carried off the bridge to either side of the river and treated using ponds and ditches.
- VI. Visual Quality Process
- A. Progress to Date
 - 1. Many aesthetic details have been developed and refined
 - 2. Overlooks are an important feature
 - 3. Straight shaft piers were chosen
 - 4. Entry signing was added using the spires
 - 5. Dark grey color for the steel girders
 - 6. Lighting on bridge is proposed to be LED and includes both decorative and functional elements
 - a. Peter Leete provided comments on lighting and concerns with migratory bird navigation
 - b. Mayfly's also can be attracted to lighting
 - c. Consider having the ability to shut off the lights
 - 7. Comment: Consider having the "Minnesota" and "Wisconsin" on the spires facing approaching traffic rather than inward toward the traffic lanes.
 - 8. The roadway approaches to the bridge are being looked at and design directives were developed with the VQAC for each side of the river
 - B. Next VQAC Meeting – January 8, 2015
 - C. Visual Quality Manual will follow
- VII. Public Outreach Update
- A. Public Open House #3 – October 1, 2014
 - B. EA Public Hearing – Late March 2015
 - C. Project presentation opportunities by request
 - D. Project Website - <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/redwing-bridge/index.html>
- VIII. Project Schedule
- A. EA – March 2015
 - B. EA Public Hearing – Late March 2015
 - C. Environmental Review Complete – June 2015
 - D. Preliminary Design Complete – May 2015
 - E. Final Design Complete – Early 2017
 - F. Begin Construction – 2017

- IX. Question was raised about when construction staging details would be known and importance of keeping the community informed. Answer: As the construction staging details are defined over the next one to two years, they will be communicated to all project stakeholders.
- X. Next Meeting
 - A. February/March TBD

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