



## MN 58 ZUMBROTA SUBAREA STUDY

### Agency Team Meeting

Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in Zumbrota

#### MEETING MINUTES

##### 1) Welcomed meeting attendees:

City of Zumbrota; Dan King, Mayor Rich Bauer, Neil Jensen, Officer Gene Leifeld. Goodhue County; Ken Bjornstad, Ashlyn Christianson. MnDOT; Greg Pates, Mark Schoenfelder, Bob Hutton, Tracy Schnell, Scott Bradley, Don Obernolte, Mary Jackson. Jean Meyer not able to make it due to illness..get well Jean!

##### 2) Background and Updates:

-**Existing maps** have been updated, and a new "Access Management" map created, which identifies MnDOT access management categories, primary and secondary intersections. A typical element of access management is to consolidate driveway accesses as appropriate based on traffic operations, safety, land use, etc. Such elements will be looked at as part of the Study. The County has also been reviewing and commenting to MnDOT regarding future access management along 180<sup>th</sup> St south of the US 52/MN 58 interchange. This will be reviewed and addressed in the future as part of the Study.

-The Study's **Citizens Advisory Panel** met on Oct 20, 2011; panel members were presented an overview of the Study, and gave feedback as to Study scope, and issues and opportunities from the local citizens perspective.

-**Turn movement counts and traffic projections** (years 2013 and 2033) have been developed, and today MnDOT is doing turn counts at MN 58 and 18<sup>th</sup> St and at Jefferson Drive to help understand things "post-Kwik Trip opening." Traffic volumes for 2011 have also been developed, including for 180<sup>th</sup> Ave south County Road 10 (2011 estimated ADT of 3,050).

-**Right of way locations and widths** have been identified and put on the Existing Traffic Characteristics map; locations and widths need further verification and are for illustrative purposes only at this point.

-**MnDOT Project Steering Team** met to review project scope, activities, and provide MnDOT District 6 and CSS guidance.

-**MnDOT D6 Traffic Office** reviewed information and provided D6 Planning comments regarding operations and safety. Comments at this point identified 3 intersections that indicate a need for further study and possible changes (ie turn lanes) in the future, these are MN 58 at 18<sup>th</sup> St, Jefferson Drive, and at 2<sup>nd</sup> St/CSAH 68. The corridor crash rates are slightly above the District and State crash averages, with no fatalities in the 2006-2010 period examined, some crashes with severe injuries, and many property damage crashes. This info will help inform safety discussions and analysis and scenario development, etc in the Study.

-**Greg, Dan, and Gene met with ZTA Elementary School Principal Quinn Rasmussen.** A survey of elementary student's travel (especially regarding bike-ped) was sent home with them last week for their parents completion (and return to school). Dan and Gene will review and compile survey information. *Greg will also send the blank survey to the Agency Team for their info.*

-**MnDOT has compiled existing typical MN 58 roadway sections** for mapping to show existing conditions along the corridor, and for future use in the Study.

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**-CSS zones and related criteria have been revised** to better reflect planned land use and transportation conditions along the corridor. Greg attended a review meeting with MnDOT Central Office staff to discuss the consistency between ITE/NJPennDOT CSS guidance and the guidance and standards in the MnDOT Road Design Manual etc, along with the implications for the Study. MnDOT Central Office staff felt that the CSS guidance, while currently inconsistent with current MnDOT guidance, is consistent with emerging and expected to be updated MnDOT Road Design Manual guidance/standards.

-Mary J wondered if **Historic Buildings** have been identified and how they are viewed by the City. Dan said that the Covered Bridge and Congregational Church are listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, both properties are one block off Main Street/Highway 58.

**-Regarding local bike-ped networks**, MnDOT and ZTA have started discussions regarding planning and design of the local bike-ped networks, and Mary Jackson will help with this. MnDOT will send the City info and MnDOT will schedule a meeting in the next couple of weeks to review info and help the City define and refine its bike-ped networks. Mary is also reviewing the corridor from a bicycle and pedestrian operations and safety perspective.

**-Coordination with MnDOT's MN 58 Mill and Overlay project** is continuing, with the M&O project scheduled for a January 2013 letting. There is a new MnDOT Project Manager, Jake Rezac.

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### **3) Subarea Study**

- Scott Bradley present a comprehensive overview of Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) and explored application for use of the approach in the Zumbrota Study
- Dan King Zumbrota briefly discussed land use opportunities from Jefferson to 5<sup>th</sup> St, including more business/service uses along this segment in the future, to be looked at and guided as part of this Study.
- There is no data on motor vehicle speeds in the corridor, but a mix of anecdotal data and observations indicates concern by some about excess traffic speeds. Some MnDOT staff have recommended that motor vehicle traffic speed data be collected, and used in the Study. D6 will discuss this with District Traffic staff and others to determine a next appropriate action.

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### **4) Upcoming MN 58 Projects and Coordination**

- MnDOT MN 58 Mill and Overlay project, Jan 2013 letting. New MnDOT Project Manager is Jake Rezac
- MN 58 Bridge # 9661 over US 52; replacement project, when yet to be determined (perhaps 2017-2020 range)
- Other: Goodhue County US 52/CSAH 68 intersection access management and future overpass "PEL" study. Goodhue County leading this effort, Greg will attend Project Steering Committee meetings. PEL study could also have traffic operations and safety relationships to the MN 58 Study.

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### **5) Discussion and list of Next Steps**

- Post-Kwik Trip opening turn counts, Jefferson Drive, 18<sup>th</sup> St, today
- December 15th Citizens Advisory Panel meeting
- MnDOT Project Steering Team meeting, tbd early January 2012
- Dec-Jan; Updating of data collection and mapping. Start of developing sketch scenarios based on context zones approach, including a possible "hand's-on" Agency Team working session in January
- Thank You, and Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays!

**Next Agency Team meeting;** tentatively the week of Feb 6 or Feb 13, 2012