



## MINUTES

33<sup>rd</sup> Street South Corridor Project  
Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting #5  
Stearns County Highway Department  
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM on June 21, 2007

### Attendees:

Mitch Anderson – Stearns County  
Jodi Teich – Stearns County  
Leigh Lenzmeier - Stearns County  
Steve Gaetz – City of St. Cloud  
Matt Glaesman – City of St Cloud  
Kirby Becker – St. Cloud APO  
Herman Bartz – City of Waite Park  
Bill Schluenz – City of Waite Park  
Dale Grove - Bonestroo  
Brian Johnson – Bonestroo  
Pat McGraw – Bonestroo  
Tom Fidler – Bonestroo

### Citizen Observers:

Gar Kellom

Minutes recorded by: Pat McGraw - Bonestroo

Note: Minutes are in *Italics*

Action Items and Special Notes are in ***Bold Type Italics***

The meeting was started at 1:00 pm.

1. Opening Statement: *Dale opened the meeting by welcoming all. In addition to the attendees listed above one member of the public, Mr. Gar Kellom was present. Dale welcomed this guest to stay and observe the meeting and to ask questions following the meeting if time allowed.*
2. Introductions: *Attendees listed introduced themselves to the group.*

### 3. Review Progress

- a. Action items from last meeting: *Brian reviewed the action items from the last meeting and noted that all actions had been accomplished. Brian asked whether there were any additional comments on the minutes from the previous meeting. **Brian also reminded the group that once approved the minutes would be posted to the project web site for public viewing.** The minutes were approved.*
- b. Status of Phase 1 Site Assessment: *Brian reviewed some preliminary highlights from the draft Limited Phase I Environmental Site Assessment.*
  - i. *Two sites were identified as having a high potential for soil and/or groundwater contamination.*
  - ii. *Site 25 – Xcel Energy: A transformer at the site was vandalized and leaked oil. There are three groundwater monitoring wells at the now vacant site. Mineral oil has been detected. PCBs were either not present, or were at concentrations at or near the lower detection limit of the analytical method used.*
  - iii. *Site 1 – St. Cloud Township Dump: Site is approximately 750 feet outside of the corridor to the northeast. The former municipal dump appears to have been capped and is enrolled in the MPCA's voluntary investigation and cleanup program*
  - iv. *There are 14 medium risk sites and many properties with wells and/or septic systems discussed in the report.*

### 4. Distribute/Discuss Written Responses to Public Commentary:

- a. *PAC members commented that the detailed responses were much appreciated.*
- b. *Mr. Ed Schnettler has organized a neighborhood meeting of sorts to be held on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Mitch Anderson will attend. Steve Foss from the City of St. Cloud will also attend. **Bonestroo will provide Mitch with a copy of the corridor maps showing the R/W and property owners prior to the meeting. Typical Sections on 11"x17" sheets will also be provided.***
- c. *Steve Gaetz noted that there was a public involvement process with the previous project. Mr. Schnettler was notified but could not attend. Ultimately the plan for the corridor was adopted. Soon thereafter Mr. Schnettler came to speak with Steve. Mr. Schnettler was made aware that the corridor plan called for a 4-lane divided roadway that would transition from urban to rural at Cooper. Mr. Schnettler did not like the wider footprint of the rural section.*

5. Project Website Update

- a. *Public involvement schedule on the project website will be updated monthly. **Approved minutes and the date of the next PAC meeting will be posted.***
- b. *Kirby asked if a short project description could be provided for the project web site. **A project description will be condensed from the data provided at the Open House and placed on the home page.** The description should be short and placed on the home page as opposed to being provided through a link.*

6. Presentation of Initial Concepts

- a. The City was asked how they felt about the possible use of roundabouts. Steve noted that plans were just completed for 40<sup>th</sup> Street and include 6 roundabouts. The point is that the City appears to be on its way to accepting roundabouts as an acceptable traffic control tool. There was some general discussion about the possibility of placing roundabouts at specific intersections rather than at all intersections through the corridor.
- b. Kirby noted that the corridor is planned to be posted at 45 to 50 mph. He also noted that worst case scenario modeling showed an ultimate build out ADT of approximately 50,000 vehicles.
- c. Steve noted that the TH 15 study will likely be adopted. The study eliminates the TH 15/ 33<sup>rd</sup> Street at-grade intersection as an interchange option. The study has been adopted by the APO and approved by the County.
- d. To what extent does the group want to push the full width parkway described in the previous study? This study called for 150ft of R/W in the urban section and 220ft of R/W in the rural section. Steve stated that the City doesn't want to spend more money or take more R/W than necessary.
- e. When using previously set aside parcels or outlots, the whole parcel should be utilized.
- f. Steve noted that as part of the Stone Gate development there was an easement provided for the ultimate widening of the corridor. This easement is not on the current mapping but **Matt will send the data to Bonestroo** so that it may be added to the map.
- g. **Matt will also provide the site plan** as submitted for the St. Cloud Medical Group facility across from Southway Drive.
- h. Heritage Drive will be shown as a right-in/right-out on the alternatives.
- i. There was some discussion as to whether the use of roundabouts would negatively impact the desire to have a 45 to 50 mph corridor. To answer this question additional modeling will be required.
- j. It may be acceptable/necessary to "tighten" the trail and/or walk to the back of curb where R/W or other constraint makes it necessary.

- k. A minimum median width of 6' face to face is desired, especially where pedestrians will cross.
- l. Walks should be a minimum of 7' when adjacent to the back of curb. Trails should be 12' when located similarly.
- m. Generally accepted that drainage issues combined with R/W and environmental constraints will dictate whether a rural or urban footprint is used as opposed to any previously stated visions.

7. Next meeting will be July 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.