



Minutes

33rd Street South Corridor Project
Advisory Committee Meeting #12
Waite Park City Hall
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM on March 27th, 2008

Attendees:

PAC Members

Mitch Anderson – Stearns County

Jodi Teich – Stearns County

Leigh Lenzmeier - Stearns County

Matt Glaesman – City of St Cloud

Steve Foss - City of St Cloud

Kirby Becker – St. Cloud APO

Claudia Dumont – Mn/DOT District 3

Dale Grove - Bonestroo

Pat McGraw – Bonestroo

Citizen/Public Participants

Larry Klein – MTL Partners

Minutes recorded by: Pat McGraw - Bonestroo

Note: Minutes are in *Italics*

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

1. Opening Statement (if citizens are present): *Dale welcomed all. Dale reminded members of the public that this is a regular business meeting of this group. Therefore, it is asked that questions or comments be held until after the group completes the items on the agenda.*
2. Introductions: *All present, including members of the public, introduced themselves.*
3. Approve Minutes from PAC Meeting #11: *Pat asked if there were any final comments regarding the minutes of the last meeting. With no comments noted the minutes were approved. **Pat will have the minutes posted to the project web site.***

4. Review Progress

- a. Action items from last meeting: *Pat provided an update regarding the action items as noted in the minutes for PAC meeting #11. Specifically he noted the following:*
 - i. *Minutes for PAC 10 have been posted to the web site*
 - ii. *The layout for the preferred alternative has been revised per comments made during the last meeting – the specific revisions are discussed below under part 5.*
 - iii. *The selection of the preferred alternative has received the official support of the Waite Park and St. Cloud planning commissions and city councils. The Stearns County Board of Commissioners has also supported the selection. Kirby noted that the St. Cloud Area Planning Organization will address the selection at the April board meeting.*
 - iv. *The Draft EA was submitted to the County on March 20th for review and comment*

5. Review Preferred Layout: *Pat walked the group through the changes made to the layout since the last meeting:*

- a. *Santa Fe Trail access at 33rd Street is now shown as a right-in/right-out access.*
- b. *The 33rd Street alignment has been refined in the area of Red River Trail in order to reduce the number of property takings.*
- c. *The 33rd Street alignment has been refined in the area of Southway Drive in order to eliminate the need to take the Laraway Properties parcel.*
- d. *The southern service road at the east end of the project has been revised to “T” into Southway Drive.*
- e. *The note on the layout regarding the right-in/right-out accesses near Weers has been revised per comments received at the last meeting.*
- f. *The eastern most access by Weers has been revised to align with the common easement along the east side of the Weers property. It was noted that the current pattern of usage in the field may not mirror the actual easement. **Bonestroo will search available data in an effort to confirm the easement location.***
- g. *The CSAH 75 access from Kuhn Drive has been revised to be right-in/right-out with a new note per comments received at the last meeting.*
- h. *Access to the Cenex is currently shown as a right-in only. **Bonestroo will revise this access to show a right-in/right-out access.***
- i. *Pond depths in NE quadrant of 33rd St. S. & TH-15 were investigated and found to range from 4.5 to 5.4 feet.*
- j. *The trail and walk have been extended through the interchange and a note has been added regarding their ultimate continuation to the west.*

- k. *The interchange layout has been reconfigured to show the Fedor and Mick properties.*
 - l. *Currently the alignment of Granite View Road conflicts with the eastern guy wire of the TJ Communications tower. **Bonestroo will refine the alignment of Granite View Road to avoid this conflict. Options of going outside or under the wire will be explored. Jodi will provide information on the tower property.***
6. *Larry Klein representing MTL Partners presented a sketch showing options for bringing Granite View Road across the MTL Property in an effort to avoid the tower, connect to a possible future alignment of 10th Street and provide for the best use of the MTL property. Ultimately each of these alternatives will either be dependant upon or impacted by the extension of 10th Street, or they will require greater initial right-of-way takings. The group decided that with the Southwest Beltline study on-going and the 2nd/10th Streets study beginning early this summer, it is premature to propose layouts for Granite View Road beyond what is immediately required to facilitate the interchange. With that said, the concepts presented by MTL merit further consideration during or after the completion of the other aforementioned studies. Stearns County Commissioner Lenzmeier thanked Larry and his partners for participating by bringing possible solutions to the table. **Bonestroo will continue to keep Larry and MTL Partners updated as the layout preparation continues.***
7. *Outline Near Term Schedule: Pat walked the group through the near-term project schedule.*
- EA/EAW:*
- a. *Draft EA to County March 20th*
 - b. *County Comments on EA Returned April 3rd*
 - c. *Revised Draft EA to State Aid April 11th*
 - d. *Next PAC Meeting – April 24th*
 - e. *District State Aid Comments Returned May 22nd*
 - f. *Revised Draft EA to CO May 29th*
 - g. *District State Aid Approval of Draft EA August 4th*
 - h. *CO Approval of Draft EA August 25th*
 - i. *FHWA Division Approval September 15th*
 - j. *Public Hearing September 30th*
 - k. *FONSI Approval January 21st*
- Geometric Layout:*
- l. *Geometric Layout to PAC for review June 5th*
 - m. *PAC Comments Returned June 26th*
 - n. *Layout Approved August 5th*

- o. Complete Official Map September 10th*
- p. Public Hearing February 11th*

8. Recent Public Involvement: *Matt highlighted some of the comments received at the public hearing.*
9. Prelude to Next Meeting: *Pat provided a brief prelude to the next PAC meeting*
 - a. Status Update*
 - i. Preliminary Layout*
 - ii. Action Items*
10. Next Meeting Date: ***The next PAC meeting will be held May 8th at 1:00p.m. at the Stearns County public works facility.***