



Record of Meeting

SRF No. 11748..00

Location: Online WebEx Meeting

Client: MnDOT District 6

Date: November 30, 2020 – 3:00 PM

Subject: SP 2405-32 US 65 / E Main St – Albert Lea, MN
West Segment

Attendees: Tom Austin and Cindy Morgan (MnDOT District 6),
Steven Jahnke and Chris Lowe (City of Albert Lea)
Tim Hruska (WHKS), Joel Johnson (SRF)
Public Attendees ... see attached attendance list.

From: Joel Johnson, PE

Copy: All Stakeholders

Note – the meeting minutes are a brief record of the meeting; the meeting was recorded and is available for a complete review of the discussion.

Purpose of Meeting:

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with local businesses and commercial property owners in the West segment of the project which has historically been flood prone to discuss the project improvements and address any questions or comments that arise.

Summary of Meeting

Introductions

Tom listed off the panelists - Tom Austin and Cindy Morgan (MnDOT District 6), Steven Jahnke and Chris Lowe (City of Albert Lea), Tim Hruska (WHKS) and Joel Johnson (SRF).

Project Overview

Tom provided an overview of the project from Newton Ave on the west to the I-35 Ramps on the east – highlighting the pertinent construction happening in each of the three main segments.

- The West Segment containing the raising of the existing road with road reconstruction to lessen future flooding impacts and to provide better pedestrian access and facilities.
- The Middle Segment containing a new signal at Garfield Ave, and intersection modifications including designated pedestrian routes to improve motorized vehicle and pedestrian safety.

- The East Segment containing Reduced Conflict Intersection modifications to improve motorized vehicle safety by lessening severe right angle, or “t-bone”, type crashes.

West Segment Design

Being the focus of the meeting, Tom went into more detail regarding the improvements being made in the West Segment. Noting the following:

- A road raise to lessen flooding impacts for certain storm events in the future.
- Construction of ponds to make sure flooding outside of the highway right-of-way does not get worse. The ponds would be located in the existing Godfathers Pizza parcel and across East Main Street in a City-owned property.
- Intersection modifications to cross streets to eliminate skewed crossing and provide a more typical perpendicular connection to East Main Street.
- Development of pedestrian facilities to provide designated routes and access for pedestrians.

Tom then opened up the floor to any questions or comments from the participants.

- Joey Talamantes/Farmers Insurance asked how the project would affect the access to their offices and the parking spaces in the parking lot of the Farmers Insurance and Davis Law Office property. Tom showed the proposed improvements illustrated in the preliminary layout noting the implementation of a standard 32’ commercial entrance. The side street entrance would be unaffected.
- Lucas Schuster/RE/MAX asked if the project had considered implementing a roundabout at the intersection of E William St and E Main St. Tom said that the team had not looked at that as an option for this intersection, but they could look into it.

In general, the audience seemed satisfied with the improvements proposed.

Action Items

Investigate E William St intersection in regards to a roundabout and respond to Lucas Schuster/RE/MAX.

Actions Needed

Actions Needed	Responsibility
Investigate possibility of a roundabout at the E William St intersection and respond	MnDOT/WHKS

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