



SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AT JULY 2013 PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #2

A public open house to receive comments on the Red Wing Bridge Project was held as follows:

Thursday, July 25, 2013
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Red Wing Public Library, Foot Room

ATTENDANCE (MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET ENCLOSED)

- Approximately 50 individuals signed-in at the open house.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION (POSTED ON PROJECT WEBSITE)

A short project informational presentation was held at approximately 5:00 p.m. The presentation provided an update on the status of the project and provided information regarding the next steps in the environmental review and preliminary design process.

OPEN HOUSE EXHIBITS

A series of project boards with information on the river crossing history, roadway alternatives, and bridge options were provided for review. Project boards regarding the rehabilitation studies for the existing river bridge and the bridge over Highway 61 were also available for review.

SUBMITTED COMMENT CARDS (COPIES ENCLOSED, TYPED BELOW)

Attendees were invited to submit written comments on cards provided at the open house. Eleven written comment cards were received. The submitted comments are typed below.

Jerome Bauer

Comment: *No rehab of old bridge. Have no problem with any of three designs you have chosen.*

Jim Cushing

Comment: *The lane off the bridge down 3rd Street will not benefit downtown. It will cause more traffic in downtown as they speed to Walmart or west industrial park. Limit access off bridge to downtown as a walking/bike path keeping tourists safe in downtown.*

Nancy Mikitta

Comment: *Still waiting for information on neighborhood impact and mitigation. Disappointed over bridge designs. Would be happier with Tied Arch as it doesn't need grade changes. Replace 9103 and do buttonhook routing. 9103 should not be kept because it is "historic" it is just an overpass.*

Curly

Comment: *Build the bridge so when we drive over it we don't fall in the river; no matter what the design and the bridge is nothing if nothing is done to correct the intersection in Red Wing.*

Ron Knudsen

Comment: *1) How many people will drive to Red Wing to view Bridge 9103 in the next 10 years?? A waste of time and money. 2) Maintenance costs should be highly considered.*

Tom Schneider

Comment: Bridge 9103 although having some historic value, has no practical real world value. It makes no sense to design a 100-year project that would necessitate maintaining a continual traffic bottleneck. Buttonhook w/ Slip Ramp is the sensible design.

Bob & Margi Moyer dba Island Camping Inc.

Comment: We own property adjoining and on both sides of the existing bridge with vital structures right up to both right of ways. We have existing utilities easements in place with the WI DOT thru existing DOT right of ways. Our business depends on these roads. We believe we will suffer the greatest individual impact with regard to this project.

Tom Calhoun

Comment: I am strongly in favor of the bridge replacement plan with the buttonhook/slip ramp option. I've been studying the approach for close to 30 years and actually thought of this plan some years ago. I feel it provides the best compromise for the most efficient traffic flow. I have presented this review to the Red Wing Sustainability Commission and we hope to send our recommendation to the City Council for their review. Thank you very much for your efforts.

Roger Seymour, City of Red Wing

Comment: As a person and employer of many employees that work for the City of Red Wing that drive over this bridge every day, multiple times it is pertinent to keep the bridge open during construction. Even minor bridge inspections crews with one lane creates mile long delays when it is not peak hours and multiple mile delays when peak times.

Also, in review the designs, there is not one good reason in my mind and with discussions with everyone I have talked to keep the 61 overpass bridge. This must be torn down. The current traffic flow is terrible. One good thing that was done recently was traffic control going to WI with a left turn arrow.

Personally, I recommend number 7 and 11 for the project designs. This provides multiple ways for traffic flow and would provide safe fast routing of traffic.

Delbert Johnson

Comment: Need new bridge along side of old bridge. Hastings Bridge looks good. Longer years less maintenance can't have bridge closed to one lane. 9103 Bridge not historical, take down and save money. Can't be painting bridges. Waste of money. 2002 bridge one lane all summer, when bridge was done, looked terrible. Never should have been paid. Who watches this? I talked to Steve Murphy at the time and got no results. Can't have this happen again.

Unknown

Comment: Please post all drawing and presentation material to website.