



SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

July 8, 2015

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #4

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

Wednesday, July 8, 2015
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Red Wing Public Library, Foot Room

ATTENDANCE (MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET ENCLOSED)

- Approximately 73 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 were on display with information on the full technical layout, design renderings, historic boundaries, project schedule, historic photos, other projects in the area, environmental FAQs, and an environmental effects summary. There was also a 3 ½ minute long animation playing and a physical site model showing the proposed project details.

SUBMITTED COMMENT CARDS (COPIES ENCLOSED, TYPED BELOW)

Attendees were invited to submit written comments on cards provided at the open house. Six (6) written comment cards were received. The submitted comments are typed below.

Mike Kinyon (2226 Bevans Circle, Red Wing)

- 1) *I like what is being proposed for the new bridge and the approaches.*
 - 2) *Noise Barrier on Hwy 61:*
 - a) *I would prefer No Barrier. It makes you feel and looks like you are in a tunnel*
 - b) *I do not live in the area impacted by the noise*
- No reply is needed.*

Reverend Tom Calhoun (1409 West Ave, Red Wing MN 55066 tpcalhoun@hotmail.com)

As a "Champion" of the buttonhook design for nearly 30 years, I am quite pleased with the design recommendations for the approach designs. One of my concerns with this project and some of my work with the Red Wing Sustainability Commission is in regards to the most efficient traffic patterns feasible within Red Wing's Historic District. I believe our buttonhook/slip ramp

with the provisions for bicycle and pedestrian traffic provides the highest and best use if this space. I applaud all those involved.

Bruce Blair (Welch, MN)

Regarding the curved ramp that connects downtown to the bridge, the barriers on each side look “jersey” barrier like. The nice looking railing on the bridge sets a good aesthetic standard approaching Red Wing, but it is lost in the final stretch into downtown. This is disappointing. Could superior aesthetics prevail all the way to downtown?

Christopher L. Nelson

I like the design and looks of the new bridge. I do have a few concerns with the design of the roadway.

- 1) The intersection where 63 buttonhooks to Hwy 61, I am concerned with the fact it is on a hill. An example that concerns me is westbound traffic heading into town having to stop there during winter at a spot where there is high speed of travel.*
- 2) Is there going to be or does there need to be a light barrier for foot traffic and bicycle traffic when vehicles are crossing over the Minnesota side.*
- 3) With the noise barriers we can do better than the brown-boring-monster walls.*

Bill Schroeder (Hager City Express, W7605 HW 35 Hager City, WI 54014)

Left turn on to Plum Street for semis need a bigger radius. Trailer off track into Plum St. traffic waiting at right. (3rd & Plum Intersection, Bridge exit onto 58 south)

Wayne Hess

We appreciate your help and guidance re: the Community Garden and its future – Thank you.