



MEETING SUMMARY

Red Wing Bridge – PAC #11/TAC #14

June 25, 2015

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Red Wing Public Library

Meeting Chair: Chris Hiniker
Minutes by: Scott Janowiak

Present: Chad Hanson, Nancy Klema, Mike Dougherty, Tony Wagner, David Larson, Mohamad Hayek, Jay Owens, Rick Moskwa, Ted Seifert, Jess Greenwood, Chad Johnson, Peter Leete, Chris Wilger, Frank Branscombe, Anthony Nemcek-Zahorsky, Dave Koepp, Nick Schaff, Dana Hernandez, Jacob Bronder, Chris Hiniker, Scott Janowiak, Kristin Petersen

Copies to: PAC/TAC Members

- I. Introductions
 - II. Preliminary Design Update
 - A. Project layout
 - 1. Three major components
 - a. River bridge = steel box girder w/ bicycle and pedestrian facility
 - b. Wisconsin approach = jughandle intersection
 - c. Minnesota approach = buttonhook intersection, slip ramp, cycle track
 - B. Preliminary construction staging plan
 - 1. Three-year construction
 - a. Year 1 (2017): MN – Construct US 61 roadway, temporary bypass bridge, portion of buttonhook; WI – Construct temporary US 63 lanes, downstream jughandle road, US 63 surcharge area; River bridge – Ongoing construction
 - b. Year 2 (2018): MN – Construct connections to downtown area, begin traffic movements on buttonhook, temporary signalization; WI – Construct US 63 lanes, upstream jughandle road; River bridge – Ongoing construction
 - c. Year 3 (2019): MN – Complete final approach connections to river bridge; WI – Complete final approach connections to river bridge; River bridge – Ongoing construction, demolition of existing river bridge
 - 2. No substantial detours/river bridge closures anticipated
 - 3. Winter work to be performed to the extent possible
- III. Environmental Assessment Update
 - A. EA published June 22nd
 - 1. 30-day comment period ends July 22nd
 - 2. Approved NEPA document signed by WisDOT, MnDOT, and FHWA
 - 3. Discloses impacts; Used to determine need for Environmental Impact State (EIS); EIS need not anticipated
 - B. EA Open House – July 8th @ Red Wing Public Library (4:30 to 6:30)
 - 1. Required component of NEPA process
 - 2. All formal comments (written or via court reporter) will be entered into project record

3. Comments will inform a state-level Findings of Fact and Conclusion (FOFC) document and, ultimately, a federal-level Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination
 4. Issuance of FONSI will conclude the NEPA review process (anticipated to be issued this fall)
 - C. Summary of key findings
 1. Historic properties: Removal of existing US 61 overpass
 2. Wetland impacts (primarily adjacent to WI approach)
 3. Site contamination from previous industrial activities
 4. Right-of-way acquisitions (primarily related to MN approach)
 - D. Traffic noise analysis
 1. One noise barrier meets “reasonable and feasible” criteria
 - a. Located along US 61 between Sanderson Street and Arkin Street
 - b. Proposed to be 1,290’ long and 20’ high
 2. Noise voting process for benefitted locations will begin in August
 - a. Public meeting August 19th to discuss noise wall
 - b. Noise wall will be constructed if 50% or more votes support the wall or are non-response
- IV. Visual Quality Process
- A. Process summary
 1. Est. of Visual Quality Advisory Committee (VQAC) with a variety of backgrounds
 2. Process began with context settings, then evolved into river bridge aesthetics, and finalized with approach details
 3. Aesthetic recommendation highlights include: hybrid modern/traditional river bridge design, soft lighting on river bridge, MN approach landscaping
 - B. Visual Quality Manual (VQM)
 1. VQAC recommendations contained within the VQM to help guide aesthetics within the final design process
 2. VQM subject to City of Red Wing City Council approval
 3. VQM recommendations subject to final project financing and cost-share agreements
 - C. Final renderings
 - D. Project animation: Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqzf1jdN7iU>
- V. Project Schedule
- A. Project Website - <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/redwing-bridge/index.html>
- VI. Next Meeting
- A. To be Determined

If there are errors contained in this document, or if relevant information has been omitted, please contact Chris Hiniker at 651-490-2063.