



Hwy. 169 / Minnesota Avenue Open House Summary

An open house to discuss concepts for improvements to Highway 169 / Minnesota Avenue in St. Peter was held March 23, 2006 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the St. Peter Community Center. Over 100 people attended to review ideas and provide comments regarding the possibility of installing raised medians on the highway. Staff from Mn/DOT and their consultants, SRF Consulting and Bolton & Menk, were available to answer questions and take comments.

There were comments both in support of and opposed to the idea of medians. Some of the themes that were heard from several people included:

- o Build a bypass to really solve the problems (noise, unsafe speeds and traffic volumes, structural deterioration of historic buildings due to vibrations)
- o Medians would help pedestrians safely cross the highway
- o By limiting access, medians would hurt several businesses
- o Medians would be good if they slow traffic
- o Medians would require more maintenance
- o Medians would benefit the city by being aesthetically pleasing