



Highway 22 Flood Mitigation Project

Public Hearing/Open House

Thursday, January 15th, 2015, 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Saint Peter Community Center

Welcome to the public hearing/open house meeting for the Highway 22 Flood Mitigation Project. This meeting is intended to afford an opportunity for all interested parties, agencies, and groups to comment on the proposed Highway 22 Project. Formal comments can be made by completing a comment card and dropping it in the comment card box or by verbally citing your comments to the meeting reporter. Comment cards can also be returned by mail to the MnDOT Project Manager listed in the side panel. The deadline for submitting written comments is Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

Representatives from MnDOT and their consultant Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., (SEH) are available to listen to comments and respond to questions. However, all comments that are to be included in the official public record must be made in writing or verbally to the meeting reporter. Again, we welcome you and appreciate your participation on this transportation project.

Project Description

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is proposing a flood mitigation project along a 0.59 mile segment of Highway 22 in the City of Saint Peter. The project stretches from the south side of the Highway 22 Bridge over the Minnesota River to the intersection of US Highway 169. The purpose of the project is to raise the roadway above the 100-year flood elevation of the Minnesota River to reduce the frequency and duration of road closures during high water events. Construction is proposed in 2015.

A combined Federal Environmental Assessment and State Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW) has been prepared, which includes an assessment of potential project impacts. The EA/EAW is a full disclosure document, which discusses the anticipated social, economic, and environmental effects associated with constructing the project. The document also discusses the project purpose and need and all reasonable alternatives considered. The document summarizes the results of all studies, reviews, consultation, and coordination efforts including cultural resource investigations that have been conducted in accordance with the federal Section 106 process. A copy of the EA/EAW is available for public review at the Saint Peter Library, 601 S. Washington Avenue, Saint Peter, MN 56082; Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main Street, Mankato MN 56002; and MnDOT District 7 Office Building Lobby, 2151 Bassett Drive, Mankato, MN 56001. The EAW is also on-line at:
<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/floodmitigation/pdf/hwy22ea-eaw.pdf>

Preliminary estimates indicate 2.76 acres of right-of-way are required for the project from Riverside Park. Replacement parkland has been identified along the southern boundary of the existing park. No residential or commercial acquisitions/relocations will occur. There are no anticipated Environmental Justice (minority or low-income population) impacts associated with the project. Potential wetland impacts are expected to be 0.35 acres. Potential floodplain impacts associated with the project have also been assessed and concluded that no considerable floodplain impacts are anticipated. Preliminary cost estimates, including right-of-way, have been prepared and are estimated at \$2.5 million.

Highway 22 Flood Mitigation Project in the City of Saint Peter, MN

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<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/floodmitigation/index.html>

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