

Highway 60 Meeting Notes

Current as of January 29th, 2019

- **MAY 4th, 2017– Open House from 5pm to 7pm (Madison Lake)** – The intent of this open house was identify problems/issues & opportunities that community members felt like the construction project should address.
 - Problems and issues identified at the meeting
 - Speed – Vehicles are coming into Madison Lake at higher than posted speeds
 - Crosswalks – Motorists aren't aware of where pedestrians cross
 - Condition/Width of the sidewalk – The sidewalk does not accommodate side by side walking or passing
 - Casey's intersection – concerns about the safety of the intersection
 - Drainage concerns on the east side of town where the curb and gutter ends
 - Truck noise/rumble strip noise
 - Opportunities identified
 - Flashing speed limit sign
 - Make the town more pedestrian friendly – bike path, sidewalk, short trail on the south side of town
 - Power lines/poles – removal of the power poles/lines would improve the appearance along the corridor
 - Parking – maintaining convenient access to businesses and the church is very important to the community
 - Other items mentioned but did not seem as important were: banners, lighting, and signs.
- **JUNE 5th, 2017 – City Council meeting from 7pm to 9pm (Madison Lake)** – The intent of this meeting was to review cross sections, put together by MnDOT, which would address the problems, issues, and opportunities that were identified in the May 4th open house.
 - MnDOT presented the cross-sections that are under the Madison Lake DRAFT design information on the website.
 - The council seemed very open to looking at all options, but was concerned about the parking areas.
- **JULY 17th, 2017 – Alternatives Workshop from 5pm to 7pm (Madison Lake)** – The intent of this workshop was to engage city officials and business owners to get their input and talk through the ideas that MnDOT has presented.
 - MnDOT presented the same cross-sections that were shown to the council on the June 5th meeting.

- In order to slow traffic down and to accommodate the pedestrian movements the road must be narrowed. This was an item that everyone could agree on. The width of the parking lane was the main concern for most people
- MnDOT would prefer an 8 foot parking area, while most community members would prefer a wider parking area. It was decided that a bike lane and/or trail was not needed, but a decent size sidewalk was desired. At the end of the meeting we were at a 10 foot parking lane and a 11 foot through lane. There were still a couple attendees that desired wider parking, but most were in agreement with the 10 foot parking lane.
- **AUGUST 7th, 2017 – Open house to narrow alternatives 5pm to 7pm (Madison Lake)** – The intent of this meeting was to summarize all of the last meetings and narrow down some alternatives, or maybe even choose one. MnDOT presented several cross-section ideas and the thought process behind each one. MnDOT also presented a layout to show what an 11 foot thru lane and a 10 foot parking lane would look like. Around 20 people attended the meeting and most approved of the layout presented.
- **SEPTEMBER 26th, 2017 – Work Session 6pm to 7pm (Elysian)** – During this meeting MnDOT presented a preliminary layout to the city council. The council had several concerns about the layout and had several follow up questions. The MnDOT Project Manager will address the questions and schedule another work session.
- **OCTOBER 2nd, 2017 – Open house to present Preliminary Layout (Madison Lake)** – MnDOT presented the preliminary layout to the citizens of Madison Lake as well as the city council. MnDOT was told to move forward with the layout that was originally developed for the August 7th open house. MnDOT will now be looking into trees, lights, crosswalks, and bump-outs. If you would like to look at the current layout, please look under the layout tab on the website.
- **OCTOBER 3rd, 2017 – City Council Meeting (Waterville)** – The intent of attending this meeting was to supply the Waterville council with a preliminary layout for the CSAH 3 & Hwy 60 intersection. The removal of the span bridge that used to be over an old railroad was also discussed. Due to the condition of the bridge (good) and the fact that the city uses the path under the bridge to get to the baseball field, MnDOT will not pursue removing the bridge at this time.
- **OCTOBER 5th, 2017 – Lake Association meeting (Madison Lake)** – The lake association in Madison Lake asked for an update on the project and the MnDOT Project Manager attended to provide an update. MnDOT plans on keeping the association apprised of all storm sewer decisions made in Madison Lake.
- **OCTOBER 16th, 2017 – Work Session 6pm – 7pm (Elysian)** – This was a follow up meeting from the September 26th work session. MnDOT answered several of the questions that the council had, and was asked to take another look at the Drag Race access.
- **JANUARY 16th, 2018 – Stake holder meeting 6pm – 8pm (Elysian)** – The intent of this meeting was to explain what MnDOT is capable of doing while keeping the corridor safe for all users. There were several good ideas from the council and from local business owners that MnDOT will be looking into.
- **FEBRUARY 20th, 2018 – Council Work Session 6pm – 7pm (Elysian)** – This was a follow up work session that addressed the ideas that were stated at the January 16th meeting. MnDOT put together a draft layout that addresses the two main issues in Elysian. The goal of the layout was to slow traffic down

and provide safe pedestrian crossings. This was received well by the city council. The next steps will be to host an Open House to get public opinion.

- **MARCH 7th, 2018 – Open House 6pm – 8pm (Elysian)** – This open house was held to show the public the best option through town that would address the two largest perceived issues; speed, and pedestrian accommodation. MnDOT presented the concept. The concept had median through the town with a couple city street closures. Of the people that came to the open house, this was not received well. However, after the open house the MnDOT Project Manager received several e-mails for support of the median concept. MnDOT will revise the Layout median concept and address as many concerns as possible and present a new layout to the council. MnDOT will not install this concept without city approval.
- **MARCH 27th, 2018 – Workshop 6pm – 8pm (Elysian)** – This workshop was held so that the council members could provide their final opinion and recommendations prior to showing the citizens of Elysian one last time.
- **MAY 7th, 2018 – Open House 6pm – 8pm (Elysian)** – This open house was held to show the public the best option through town that would address the two largest perceived issues; speed, and pedestrian accommodation. MnDOT presented the concept. The concept had median through the town with a couple city street closures. This was the last open house to let the Elysian citizens influence the design. Many at the meeting were against the layout concept.
- **MAY 10th, 2018 – Bolton and Menk hired to start design on project.**
- **MAY 14th, 2018 – City Council Meeting 6pm – 8pm (Elysian)** – The MnDOT Project Manager presented the median concept to the council and explained the history of how the design got to this point. The median concept is the only layout that would affectively slow down traffic and provide a safer pedestrian crossing. The City Council voted 5-0 to reject the median layout and accepted the very first layout that was presented in September of 2017. MnDOT explained that a speed study would be done after the completion of the project and the speed limit through town would most likely go up. This was more acceptable to the city council and the people of Elysian than the median concept.
- **SEPTEMBER 10th, 2018 – Elysian Township Meeting 7pm – 8pm** – The intent of this meeting was to present a layout to the Township Supervisors. The layout depicts a full intersection – left and right turn lanes for CR 13 and 231st Street. This would be possible if MnDOT could close 516th Street. After meeting with the Supervisors, they preferred if MnDOT closes 516th Street, to upgrade the current township road to be wider. MnDOT Project Manager agreed to look into this possibility, and present to the township board again.
- **SEPTEMBER 27th, 2018 – Madison Lake Workshop – 5pm – 6pm** – The intent of this workshop was to talk through the details of the reconstruction through town and to see what the city wanted or did not want to incorporate. The City Council was in favor of bump-outs at Main St. and 3rd Street. The City Council also wanted to install continuous lighting.
- **NOVEMBER 27th, 2018 – Elysian Township Meeting 7pm – 8pm** – MnDOT presented a revised layout with an investment of \$60,000 onto the township road for increased width. The township board requested an additional 2 feet of width. The MnDOT Project Manager agreed to update the estimate and see if District leadership would approve.



- **JANUARY 29th, 2019** – Meeting at MnDOT 4pm – 5:30pm (Madison Lake – new city council members)
- **UPCOMING ITEMS** – Continue to schedule meetings with the communities along the corridor to address any additional concerns.
- **FEBRUARY 2019** – Final layouts throughout the corridor
- **CONSTRUCTION BID DATE** – December 18th, 2020
- **CONSTRUCTION** – Spring 2021