



**MN Highway 101 Corridor Scoping and Environmental Screening
Open House
Chanhassen Library, Thornton Wilder Conference Room
February 28th, 2007
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

The City of Chanhassen, Carver County, and Mn/DOT are nearing completion of this scoping study to define a long range plan for improvements of MN Highway 101 in Chanhassen from Lyman Boulevard (CSAH 18) south of “New” Highway 212 to the Scott County Line.

What is the purpose of this open house?

Several alternative alignments have been studied to preserve the long-term safety, capacity, and mobility of this corridor through Chanhassen. Four conceptual alignments have been identified and evaluated for the portion of the corridor “above the bluff” (Creekwood Drive to Lyman Boulevard). One alignment concept has been identified as the recommended alternative. The purpose of this open house is to review the recommended concept drawings with the public, answer questions and gather written comments and concerns.

What is the recommended alternative “above the bluff”?

The Central Alternative Alignment has emerged as the recommended alternative that best satisfies the purpose and need for improvements while minimizing impacts to the area’s social and natural environment.

A drawing of the Central Alignment Alternative is printed on the back side of this page. A 150’ right-of-way corridor width is shown on the concept drawing. This corridor width could accommodate up to a 4-lane divided roadway with turn lanes at intersections. Room for trails has also been preserved within this right-of-way corridor. Potential storm water ponding sites have also been identified.

When will a preferred solution be selected for the “wye” and alignments down the bluff?

This Scoping Study identified several alternatives for safety and capacity improvements for the existing MN 101 “Wye” intersections with Old TH 212. Each “wye” solution has a unique alignment up the bluff that can be coupled with the selected alternative above the bluff. A decision to select a preferred solution for the “wye” will be delayed until Mn/DOT and Carver County complete a “needs” analysis for Old TH 212 later this year.

Where else will information be available for review?

This is the third and final Open House of this study. More information is available on Mn/DOT’s website at www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/101chanhassen. Information on tonight’s open house has been posted on the web site. The Final Study Report for this project will also be placed on the website in the near future.

What happens next? When will construction occur?

This study allows public agencies and private interests to plan for future improvements. The City intends to preserve the right of way through development of an “official map” of the corridor. Additional more detailed design studies and formal environmental review must occur before any construction can begin. No funding for construction has been programmed. If funded, construction would likely occur in stages over the next 20 years.

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