

New Ulm Gateway Construction

Weekly Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2018

Agenda Items

- 1) **Mathiowetz Construction Company (MCC)** Potential schedule issues caused by flooding of the Minnesota River were discussed. The City of New Ulm stated that Mankato's forecast says they will rise another 5 feet by Thursday/Friday, so New Ulm will crest around Wednesday/Thursday (New Ulm is historically 12-18 hours ahead of Mankato). The Minnesota River will be monitored onsite by project staff and adjustments to the construction activities may need to be made.
- 2) **(Lunda Construction)** The Front Street Bridge existing deck will be removed today or by noon tomorrow for sure, and the intent is to begin removing the steel beams either today, tomorrow, or Wednesday.
- 3) **(Lunda Construction)** They began removing the deck on the River Bridge today, but commented that they can't take beams down until the water goes down.
- 4) **(MCC & MnDOT)** Change Order for the Medallion Bronze Plaque will be ready for Mathiowetz to sign in a couple days. As far as all the various stone colors, everything should be approved.
- 5) **City of New Ulm** requested MnDOT stake their manhole between German Street and Minnesota Street, north of the median. They'd rather have it in the lane and not have it in the median, but also try to avoid the wheel path. MnDOT Surveys will modify the location to the extent possible.
- 6) **(MCC) and Lunda Construction** discussed putting fence up on the East side of the River Bridge for safety. It was discussed that the temporary pavement markings (latex paint stripe) were fading. MnDOT will monitor and will plan on having the contractor reapplying paint this coming fall.
- 7) **(MCC)** offered to have all of the project staff to attend a project-specific safety orientation at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the job shack, which would take 15 minutes. MnDOT personnel plan on attending.
- 8) **City of New Ulm** requested to make sure Mathiowetz's low boy drivers do not drive on local city streets, and instead only use the truck routes. MCC agreed and will make sure that their drivers understand they are not to use city streets for hauling.

Future Topics:

- 1) **MnDOT & the City of New Ulm** may discuss the possibility of having the City of New Ulm Police Department increase their patrol of the area by HyVee and the concrete barrier on 20th Street to deter drivers from making the illegal U-Turn.