

Otter Tail County CSAH 9/20 Corridor Study Study Review Committee (SRC) Meeting

Date: April 29, 2009
Time: 3:00 P.M.
Location: Otter Tail Highway Department
505 South Court Building
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Everett Erickson	Otter Tail County Commission
Gary Lawrence	Lake Association (via Phone)
Richard Evenson	Rural Landowner
Dennis Carlblom	Scambler Township
Rick West, PE	Otter Tail County Engineer
Charles Grotte, PE	Otter Tail County Assistant Engineer
Brian Shorten, PE	SRF
Craig Vaughn, PE	SRF

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the SRC were welcomed.

II. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 29, 2009 SRC MEETING

Draft minutes of the April 29, 2009 SRF meeting were emailed in advance to members, along with the meeting notice and agenda.

Brian asked if there were any corrections or additions, and with none suggested by the SRC the minutes were approved.

III. DISCUSS PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC CALMING LAYOUT

Gary opened the traffic calming discussion by stating that he had recently come across some traffic calming measures in Sedona, Arizona that included center island medians and roundabouts and liked what he saw.

Brian introduced multiple large aerial images with cross section sketches of traffic calming program activities; documented by a blue shaded outline that marked the edges of the proposed roadway safety and speed reduction improvements. The SRC discussed the layout and the following statements were made:

- The County does not support mountable curbs.

- The County is open to a rural section on the west side of the roadway.
- The SRC likes the sidewalk on the east side. This will prevent pedestrians from the need to cross CSAH 9 to get to pedestrian facilities in areas unmarked by a crosswalk.
- The SRC would like an additional driver feedback sign installed in the southbound direction north of Duck Lake Road.
- The SRC would also like to keep the S-Curve around the south side of Duck Lake to help assist in the effort to slow vehicles down. Additionally, it was requested that a cable barrier be installed along the S-Curve on the Duck Lake side of the roadway for extra safety.
- It was requested that the new roadway section and supplementing information be removed east of the CSAH 9/20 junction.
- It was noted that the segment of CSAH 9 stretching from TH 34 to S. Pelican Drive would be reconstructed separately from the CSAH 9 lake section.
- The SRC discussed the potential for driver feedback signs as an interim measure. The Committee discussed the potential of solar powered equipment, and requested a cost estimate.
- Committee members also discussed storm water retention, ponding systems, or municipal storm sewer extensions that would need to be included with the new CSAH 9/20 roadway.

With these revisions the SRC approved the preliminary traffic calming program for presentation to the public at the next scheduled Open House meeting, so additional comments can be solicited and the program revised appropriately.

IV. DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE ALIGNMENT ANALYSIS

Brian provided an overview of the two future alignment alternatives and the supporting materials, which included preliminary cost estimates and an evaluation matrix.

Based on the evaluation, the Consultant recommended Alternative 3D to the SRC. The SRC reviewed the detailed evaluation of alternatives and concurred that the alternatives and matrix should be presented in the Open House for public input, with the Committees preliminary recommendation being that Alternative 3D be the preferred alignment.

Brian then asked the County if an official mapping process should be conducted for the recommended alignment.

Rick West stated that they should give it consideration and that there are more pros than cons to pursuing the corridor preservation process. Mapping the alignment will allow the County and property owners to

appropriately plan for the future alignment and prevent potential subdivisions from interfering with the long-term alignment.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

The SRC then discussed logistics for the next Public Open House. It was determined that May 16th may be too early for many Lake Association property owners to attend and that May 29th or May 30th would have a greater turn out. It was decided that the second open house would also be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lake Region Coop. Building, on May 30, 2009.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM