

**65th Street Interchange Reconstruction Project
Project Management Team Meeting
Record of Meeting No. 3**

Date: September 14, 2011
Location: City of Rochester offices
Start: 9:00 a.m. Draft Date: September 19, 2011
Adjourn: 10:00 a.m. Approval Date: October 12, 2011
Attendees: Richard Freese, Gary Shannon, Doug Nelson, Jeff Bunch, Heather Lukes,
Mike Schweyen, Matt Crawford, Kevin Jullie and Aaron Vacek

Meeting Discussion

1. Introductions

- No comments were made and the PMT No. 2 Minutes were approved.

2. Geometric Layout

- Status –the layout has been approved by the District and is at Central Office for review. Comments are expected by the end of September.
- Design Memorandum – Comments made to the EAW are being incorporated into the Design Memorandum.
- EAW – MnDOT is the RGU; once the City’s review is complete, the EAW will be provided to MnDOT. Richard asked what the shelf life of the EAW is. In follow-up with Brett Danner after the meeting, since EAWs do not follow the NEPA process they do not have an expiration date, however, MnDOT can request they be redone if the project has significant changes or the adjacent properties significantly changes.
- Menards Coordination – The 65th Street plan will include the removal of the Frontage Road. The plans will also include the closure of the frontage road during the construction projects.
- Sink Holes – the City has retained McGhie & Betts for their knowledge of the area. A Coordination Meeting was held with the City, MnDOT, SRF, AET and McGhie & Betts - Richard Freese, Gary Shannon, Doug Nelson, Jeff Bunch, Heather Lukes, Matt Crawford, Jeff Broberg, Joe Korzilius, Kevin Jullie and Aaron Vacek attended. Jeff presented the issues and what has caused the sink holes. Jeff presented a grading plan that had been approved by MnDOT in 2008 to fix the current sink holes. The

grading plan removes the standing water which is the cause of the sink holes and will prevent them from occurring again.

- City Welcome Sign – MnDOT to verify if it can remain – an e-mail received after the meeting contained the following from Mark T-I, District R/W Engineer “*The existing sign will be removed by the City of Rochester, at their cost, prior to the new 65th Street interchange project. The land the sign sits upon will still be in the City of Rochester’s name unless it needs to be transferred to MnDOT for a letting by MnDOT. The agreement with the City spells out a value of one dollar for this land transfer. The placement of the replacement sign will need to be reviewed prior to the placement of the new sign. The sign is not allowed in the loop or in the area between the loop and the ramp. It can be placed north of the ramp area so long as it meets all safety requirements. The City of Rochester should look at placing this sign off of the State right of way and on City street right of way, which is the preferred option in this area. T-I*” Follow-up is ongoing.
- Ramp Pavement – Aaron presented preference for the ramps to be bituminous. The reason for this preference is to avoid the transition from bituminous to concrete at a location where traffic is starting and stopping, which can cause the bituminous to heave over time and to avoid reconstructing part of the intersection at the east ramps. MnDOT will verify what the paving preference will be for the ramps.
- SAP Number – The City is working to acquire a SAP number for the project.
- Water Resources – Discussed the Water Resource meeting that was held on August 31st. The current ponds shown on the layout are the maximum size of the ponds. Once the earthwork balance is known, the size of the ponds can be adjusted to help balance the job. SRF will provide alternatives to MnDOT that avoid impacts to the ditches along TH 52. Solutions may include pervious pavement along the shoulder or creating a pond between the southbound on-ramp and the West Frontage Road. MnDOT to confirm that, if necessary, it is acceptable to route offsite water to BMPs located on MnDOT right of way.

3. Noise Wall

- Based on e-mails received from Marilyn Jordahl Larson and from Anne Clafin, the 65th Street project noise analysis falls under the old noise analysis and based on the old analysis, a noise wall is not cost effective. SRF has updated the EAW to reflect these decisions. Since EAWs do not follow the NEPA process they do not have an expiration date, however, MnDOT can request they be redone if the project has significant changes or the adjacent properties significantly changes. If a new EAW is required at that time the wall would need to be revisited. SRF will develop before/after pictures showing a noise wall and removal of trees to present at the open house.

4. Right of Way

- SRF has submitted a proposal to the City to do the right of way acquisitions for the project. The City will review this proposal.

5. Signing and Striping

- SRF submitted a snapshot of Signing and Striping to the City and MnDOT. City comments have been received; MnDOT will provide comments.

6. Lighting

- A lighting plan has been developed and has been forwarded to the City and MnDOT for initial review.
- After the project is completed, gore lighting will be paid for by MnDOT and intersection lighting will be paid for by the City.

7. Schedule Review

- No revisions were suggested to the schedule.
- November 15th will be the date for the Open House to cover the 65th Street and 55th Street projects. SRF will initiate the NRTS website to generate the email to property owners and will post the date on the website. Notices will go out to residents on October 14th. The City will reserve Gibbs Elementary school for the Open House.

8. Design Submittals

- 50% plan scheduled for submittal December 16, 2011.
- 100% plan scheduled for submittal March 16, 2012.

9. Other

- The next meeting is scheduled for October 12th at 9:00 a.m. at the Rochester City offices.

10. Action Items

• Signing, Striping and Lighting plan comments to SRF	MnDOT
• SAP number	City
• Reserve Gibbs Elementary for Open House	City
• Review right of way scope of services	City
• Verify ramp pavement type	MnDOT
• Prepare graphics showing noise wall for Open House	SRF
• Prepare NRTS website for Open House and prepare email blast	SRF

These meeting minutes were prepared by SRF Consulting Group, Inc. If there are any questions or comments, please contact Aaron Vacek at 763.475.0010 or avacek@srfconsulting.com.

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