

**Camp Ripley Veterans State Trail Corridor Study
Public Involvement Plan**

	Who	Purpose	Roles	Number of Meetings
Project Steering Committee (PSC)	<p><u>Government Staff (Voting Members):</u> Crow Wing County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Hall, Assistant County Engineer Morrison County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Backowski, County Engineer Cass County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Enblom, County Engineer City of Little Falls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerry Lochner, Public Works Director Mn/DOT District 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Voss, Planner • Mary Safgren, Planner Mn/DNR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Schroeder • Laurie Young, Planner • Suzanne Rhees, Planner Camp Ripley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Ferdon, R MAJ NGMN Training Area Coordinator Region 5 Development Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jake Huebsch, Transportation Planner National Park Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randy Thoreson, Outdoor Recreation Planner <u>Advisory Staff (Non-Voting Members):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morrison County Commissioner – Rich Collins • Camp Ripley/Veterans State Trail Civic Group – Bob Reinitz </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide the overall study • Review and participate in technical analysis 	<p>Voting Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make decisions during the study by voting and/or making recommendations that drive the study direction, progress, technical analyses and study recommendations • Consider input/feedback from non-voting PSC members throughout the study process <p>Non-Voting Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input/feedback on study direction, progress, technical analyses and study recommendations • Solicit key stakeholder/public input/feedback throughout the study progress • Report study direction and findings/recommendations back to representative interest groups/elected officials 	Combination of face-to-face meetings and phone conferences (6 total meetings)
Focus Groups	<p>Key Stakeholders from Study Area (Cities, Townships, Counties, Civic Groups, Chambers, etc.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Study Area (Pillager, Brainerd, Baxter, Fort Ripley, Cass and Crow Wing County and Area Townships) • South Study Area (Randall, Little Falls, Morrison County and Area Townships) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide direct stakeholder input on study issues and opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input on needs, issues, constraints, and opportunities early in study process • Participate in one-on-one or group meetings as a communication opportunity for specific issues • Provide feedback to PSC for consideration during study process 	TBD – Separate meetings with North and South Area Focus Groups to allow for unique issues/needs to be heard
Elected Official Meetings	All members of the City Councils, Township Boards, and County Board of Commissioners serving the study area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide elected official input at key points in study process • Review study recommendations and provide comment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and provide input on study objectives and issues identified through early technical analysis and public and focus group meetings • Provide input on study recommendations 	TBD- Study information will be provided to study area elected officials at key study milestones
Public Open Houses	General Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunity for public input at key points in study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in study process by providing comments at open 	3 public open houses held at critical study milestones

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> process Keep public informed of study process, events, milestones and recommendations 	houses held at critical study milestones, input will be documented and provided to PSC	
Field Survey	PSC members and other key stakeholders identified by the PSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide direct stakeholder input on trail alignment issues, needs and opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide input on potential issues, needs and opportunities for trail development within the study area Provide feedback to the consultant and PSC on trail alignments for consideration 	1 field survey early in the study process (Phase I), prior to the first public open house
Citizen Survey	General Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventory potential trail users and their needs/expectations for the Camp Ripley Veterans State Trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide input from a trail user's perspective in terms of where the trail should be located, connect to, and what amenities should be available 	1 citizen survey early in the study process (Phase I/II)
Newspaper Articles, Project Mailings and Website	General Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish project understanding/awareness with general public Establish good communication with project stakeholders Encourage public participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convey study information including process, schedule and updates at key milestones Educate and inform the public of key study findings and recommendations Announce public participation opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One newspaper article prior to each public open house (3 total) 3 project mailings via e-mail announcing each public open house date, time and location Initial website setup and 2 updates during the study process