

CITY OF NORTHFIELD TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

PARTNERING AGENCY STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

Thursday, November 15, 2007
9:00 – 10:30 AM
City Hall – Council Chambers

INVITED

John McCarthey, City of Dundas
John Dudley, Waterford Township
Richard Moore, Greenvale Township
Mike Groth, Northfield Township
Gary Ebling, Bridgewater Township
Greg Paulson, P.E., Mn/DOT District 6 – Rochester
Lynn Clarkowski, P.E., Mn/DOT Metro District – South Area
Dennis Luebbe, P.E., Rice County Highway Department
Mark Krebsbach, P.E., Dakota County Transportation Department
Joel Wager, Mn/DNR Trails and Waterways

PARTICIPATED

John Dudley, Waterford Township
Scott Peters, Dakota County
Dennis Luebbe, Rice County (input received by email)
Chris Moates, Mn/DOT (input received by email)
Katy Gehler-Hess, City of Northfield
Joel Walinski, City of Northfield

FACILITATORS: Bolton & Menk, Inc. – Chris Chromy, Gina Mitchell, Bryan Nemeth

Workshop Purpose: Provide a forum for other public agencies to express how their needs and challenges, as well as potential solutions, fit into the context of the transportation system in and around Northfield. Each agency was asked to summarize their top 3 priorities they would like the City of Northfield to consider as the City updates its Transportation Plan.

Written comments regarding each participant's top 3 priorities are attached to this summary. Below is a summary of priorities identified within the discussion between the meeting participants.

Summary of Priorities

Roadway Connectivity Needs – Several developing areas were identified as lacking roadway connectivity and the need for new roadway corridors including:

- North-South between TH 19 and CSAH 23 (NW Corridor Study Area)
- East-West between developing areas east of the Cannon River and I-35 (Cannon River Bridge)
- North-South, west of the Cannon River, south of TH 19
- East-West between CSAH 23 and TH 3
- East-West extension of Thye Parkway and its future alignment with TH 3

Existing and Anticipated Roadway Deficiencies

- TH 19 capacity and pavement conditions between City and I-35
- County Road 96 between CSAH 23 and TH 3; Once paved, there is concern for new issues on TH 3 and CSAH 47.
- Lack of Connectivity between neighborhoods results in higher traffic volumes on collector and arterial roadways
- Hall Avenue bridge deficiencies, particularly if the corridor is part of an overall ring road system

Agency Partnerships – The established and developing partnerships were identified as necessary components in solving complex transportation issues facing Northfield. Partnerships established for the TH 19 Access Management Study, CSAH 1 Corridor Preservation Study, and Northwest Corridor Study should be maintained and further developed.