

Brooklyn Blvd Corridor Study

TAC Meeting Record

9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2012

Brooklyn Center City Hall

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the final steps of the project.

2. Resolve Long Term Concept Layout and proposed features

- Bus pull outs: Mona presented a pro/con list regarding bus pull outs. Input is needed from Metro Transit. Steve provided additional pros and cons which will be added and Mona will request input from Metro Transit.
- Bicycle facilities: The report will document the considerations for bicycle facilities but the TAC indicated that on-street facilities should not be recommended based on input received so far.

Bob is requesting input from the Bicycle Advisory Committee. Steve indicated the City Council is not supportive of on-street facilities, since off-street facilities better serve all users.

Joni received input from Dorian Grilley of the Minnesota Bicycle Alliance. He indicated support for a shoulder and off-street facilities. He indicated he could contact members in Brooklyn Center to attend the next open house.

Coordination with the City of Minneapolis indicates plans for an off-street facility along Osseo Road but the improvement is not funded and more study is needed.

- MnDOT coordination: Coordination items include ramp modifications, adding a signal at the TH 100 off ramp, and TH 100 bridge redecking. Kutty indicated need to coordinate a process of reaching decisions and a schedule. MnDOT review items will include the traffic report, layout, and structural modifications to the TH 100 bridge. SRF will research whether the bridge could be reconfigured during the redecking due to separate bridges for the trails. The bridge approaches also need to be addressed. Kutty suggested a deadline of October 8, 2012 for MnDOT coordination and indicated the redecking project needs to be entered in MnDOT's scoping database by November. [Note: Steve L and Kevin J met on August 21st to review and discuss structural revisions due to revised lane and trail geometry across the existing bridge(s). Drawings illustrating those revisions have been forwarded to Kutty for review with MnDOT Bridge staff. SRF to follow up with Kutty for next steps.

3. Discuss Cost Estimate and Implementation Plan

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The group discussed breaking the implementation plan into multiple segments and how the projects could be prioritized. Bob indicated the segment south of TH 100 could be restriped, then reconstructed later, as could other segments potentially. Cost estimate information should also be separated by potential funding source (City vs County, etc). Kevin and Steve will meet offline to discuss the cost estimate and implementation plan and develop a draft report. [Note: Steve L and Kevin J met on August 21st and discussed several smaller projects within the Brooklyn Blvd Corridor Study limits. Graphics and cost estimates for each smaller project will be prepared. In addition, a table summarizing the benefits and impacts of each smaller project will be prepared to help prioritize and prepare for future funding opportunities.]

4. Overview of Project Reports

The TAC should have provided any review comments on the existing conditions and future concept reports by August 24, 2012. SRF will also prepare a cost estimate and implementation plan, and an executive summary document.

5. Open House

The open house date was coordinated after the meeting and is planned for Tuesday, September 18, 2012, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at Brooklyn Center City Hall.

6. Next Steps

A final TAC meeting will be scheduled for late September after the open house. A final City Council update will be provided in mid to late October.