

Minutes

Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting #3

April 19, 2012
9:30 – 11:00 AM

Prairie Island Indian Community Public Safety Building

Goal of the meeting: Update the PAC members on the status of the project

Present at the meeting

Dan Bender, City Council
Darrell Breuer, Treasure Island Resort and Casino
Pam Gorman, Xcel Energy
Jennifer Cable, PIIC
Jim Krieger, CP Rail
Ron Rosenthal, City of Red Wing
Marc Mogan, PIIC
Dan Coyle, Kimley-Horn

PAC members absent

Dan Schmidt, US Army Corp of Engineers

1. Introductions

PIIC Representation on PAC

Johnny Johnson has delegated PIIC representation to Marc Mogan. Johnny Johnson will no longer attend PAC meetings.

2. Project Update

Purpose and Need

The project Purpose and Need document has been updated to reflect the current environmental documentation requirements and the latest technical data. A copy was circulated at the meeting.

Roadway Alternatives and Evaluation

Alternatives have been developed and refined with input from the project stakeholders. The Project Management Team evaluated the alternatives against the criteria established in the

project Purpose and Need and developed three alternatives for Tribal Council and PAC consideration:

- “Modified Buffalo” – Same layout as the 2006 preferred alternative, with adjustments to the alignment to avoid the new PIIC Public Safety Building and with adjustments to Holmquist Road to accommodate a future possible rail station.
- “Option 1” – Same layout as “Modified Buffalo” with the following differences;
 - East of CP Rail access to Other Day Road is proposed to come from a new Sturgeon Lake Road underpass connected to Island Lake Boulevard.
 - West of CP Rail a roundabout is proposed at the Sturgeon Lake Road intersection with Xcel Energy Road.
- “Option 2” – Same layout as “Modified Buffalo” with the following differences;
 - East of CP Rail a roundabout is proposed at the Sturgeon Lake Road intersection with the main access to Treasure Island Resort and Casino access. Also, similar to “Option 1” access to Other Day Road is proposed to come from a new Sturgeon Lake Road underpass connected to Island Lake Boulevard and the Treasure Island.
 - West of CP Rail a series of direct connections from Xcel Energy road, including an underpass of Sturgeon Lake Road, eliminate the need for left turns at the existing Xcel Energy Road intersection with Sturgeon Lake Road.

These alternatives were presented to PIIC Tribal Council in late March and early April. Tribal Council preference is “Modified Buffalo” on the west side of CP Rail and “Option 1” on the east side of CP Rail.

Stakeholder Involvement

A Community Information Meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-May or mid-June. The intent of the meeting is to present the preferred alternative, summarize the process that led to the selection of a preferred alternative and provide information about visual impacts and opportunities created by the project.

3. Community Information Meeting Preparations

Meeting Format

Open house with brief presentation. Comment cards will be provided for those attendees that have ideas, questions and / or concerns.

Meeting Date / Time / Location

4:30pm to 6:30pm at the PIIC Community Center. Date to be determined. Notices will be posted in the PIIC newsletter, Red Wing newspaper, and direct mailed to City residents in the project vicinity.

Meeting Content

Meeting handouts, exhibits, presentation slide deck and other materials will be circulated to PAC members prior to the meeting.

4. Next Steps

The following are the next major milestones in the project development:

- Community Information Meeting
- Geometric Layout Development
- Environmental Document Update
- Final Design

A schedule for achieving these milestones will be updated after the Community Information Meeting. Construction funding has not been secured.

Next PAC meeting is to be determined. It will be scheduled prior to meeting with Tribal Council and the general public.

Future PAC meetings and times need to be scheduled to maximize PAC participation.