

# Minutes

## Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting #1

August 22, 2011  
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

### Prairie Island Indian Community Public Safety Building

**Goal of the meeting:** Introduce project team and project stakeholders, review project scope and schedule

#### Participants

Jay Owens, City of Red Wing  
Ron Rosenthal, City of Red Wing  
Marc Mogan, Prairie Island Indian Community  
Darrell Breuer, Treasure Island Casino  
Jennifer Cable, Prairie Island Indian Community  
Pam Gorman, Xcel Energy  
Jim Kreiger, Canadian Pacific Railway  
Debra Brisk, Kimley-Horn and Associates  
Dan Coyle, Kimley-Horn and Associates

1. Introductions
2. Project Overview

In 2005 through 2007 the Sturgeon Lake Road grade separation project was initiated. The project developed a geometric layout and resulted in environmental clearance (Finding of No Significant Impact). In 2007 the project went on hold because of lack of consensus to move the project forward. Since the project went on hold a number of things have changed in the corridor, including construction of a new Prairie Island Indian Community (PIIC) Public Safety Building and demolition of a Williams Communications building. The project has been restarted with the intent of reaching consensus on a project that can be accepted by the project stakeholders. The project will update the geometric layout and environmental document to reflect the changes that have occurred in the corridor.

The project is funded by federal funding through design. Construction funding is being pursued by the City of Red Wing and others.

The project will identify the location of a possible future Red Rock commuter rail station. Based on a meeting with the City of Red Wing, PIIC and Treasure Island Casino in July and subsequent

input from the PIIC Tribal Council, a rail station location has been identified. An exhibit was distributed showing the potential location.

The next important step for the project is to review the project purpose and need. The purpose and need was established as part of the 2006 environmental documentation, but should be revisited, and updated as necessary, to capture the essence of the project.

The following questions were asked by PAC members:

- a. Is there a summary of the public involvement work that was done as part of the 2006 Sturgeon Lake Road project?
- b. What is the state safety ranking of the Sturgeon Lake Road intersection with the CP Rail?

**Action: Members of the Project Management team will respond to these questions at the next scheduled PAC meeting.**

### 3. Decision Making Process

The City of Red Wing has established the PAC to streamline communications with project stakeholders to aid the decision making process. The intent of the PAC is to strategize public outreach activities, discuss project issues and opportunities, and keep key stakeholders informed about project progress. Input from the PAC will be used by the Project Management Team (PMT) to guide the development of roadway alignments, bridge configuration and visual quality.

### 4. Next Meeting – To be determined.