

# T77T Minutes

March 23, 2012  
Lake Shore City Hall

**Committee Members Attending:** Teri Hastings, Steve Sundstrom, John Ingleman, Ron Faust, Susan Amacher

**T77T Consultants:**

Matt Reid-SEH, Heidi Peper-SEH

1. **Meeting with Cass County:** Matt Reid and Heidi Peper discussed a March 13 meeting with Cass County Officials: Dave Enblom (County Engineer) and Neal Gaalswyk (County Commissioner)
  - Cass County would like Lake Shore to consider reconstruction of CSAH 77 as part of the trail discussion. Some improvements may include curb and gutter and 30 foot minimum width. This would NOT be a major removal of all the curves and bumps which make Lake Shore unique, but it would be advantageous to do that project and the trail together to simplify and improve right-of-way changes that will be necessary for both projects.
  - Municipal State Aid funding available to Cass County for road improvements is \$250,000 per year and the road project might be possible by 2015 or 2016.
  - Construction would likely be mainly from the Gull Lake Narrows south approximately 3 miles.
  - The T77Team was encouraged to plan on using county land west of 77 and south of Lake Margaret as a side loop for the trail if not a trailhead and or diversion of the main trail route.
  - The County will most likely sponsor us if we apply for federal funds.
  - Cass County Fund 73 may also be also available for partial funding. Having a plan in place will greatly improve Lake Shore's chances of securing these funds as it will show commitment.
  
2. **MNDOT Meeting:** Matt and Heidi had just come from a 3/23/12 meeting with Kelvin Howieson and Steve Voss of the MN Department of Transportation.
  - Lake Shore will review the possibility of applying for Region 5 funds. Region 5 includes 5 counties. Their granting cycle is every 2 years, the next being in 2013 for 2018 funds. There were no transportation projects for the last cycle, however. SEH will contact Region 5 to see if they would consider taking an application from Lake Shore in 2012 since there were no enhancement projects funded in the previous cycle.
  - There are advantages to phasing the project
  - The Transportation Revolving Loan Fund (TRLF) is a 1% interest loan program for municipalities that might be used for the local match for the grant programs, if needed.
  
3. **Plans for the May 31, 2012 Public Meeting** were discussed.
  - Timing was set for 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Lake Shore City Hall.

- The meeting will be publicized in the Lake Country Echo, as well as the Lake Shore website and upcoming newsletter.
- After presenting reasons for the trail, funding mechanisms, the “corridor” map, input on “what you think” will be sought.
- coffee, soft drinks, water and trail mix will be provided

**4. Website:**

- Frequent updates including minutes and contact information will be included. A preliminary corridor map will be uploaded as soon as one is available.

**5. T-Shirts** with the T77T logo will be procured from a local vendor for sale near cost. SEH committed to provide these to the T77Team members.

**6. Next meeting** time and date will be determined after checking members’ calendars for April.

Ron Faust, Secretary  
3/26/2012