



MEETING NOTES

Re: Multi-Use Trail
City of Lake Shore, Minnesota

Date of Meeting: May 31, 2012

Project Manager: Matthew J. Reid, PE

Time of Meeting: 6:30 pm

SEH No.: LKSHO 119465

Location of Meeting: Lake Shore City Hall

Attendees: T77T Members
Mayor John Terwilliger
Lake Shore Citizens
Matt Reid – SEH
Heidi Peper – SEH
Greg Kimman – SEH
Dave Enblom – Cass County
Josh Stevenson – Cass County

The following items were discussed at the above referenced meeting:

- I. Steve Sundstrom, Matt Reid, and Heidi Peper presented information to the group.
- II. Comments/Questions from Large Group Q/A Session
 - A. Can CSAH 77 be turned back to the City and rerouted?
 - B. How wide will the trail be? How much will it cost?
 1. Matt's response: 10-12 feet wide, \$1-\$2 million.
 - C. When do we find out how much the City is "on the hook for"?
 1. Matt, Heidi, and Teri's response: Construction will be in phases and the City will be able to vote on the funding package.
 - D. How long is the trail going to be and how much will it cost?
 1. Citizen asking the question thinks it will cost closer to \$2 million.
 2. Matt and Teri's response: Trail will be about 5.5 miles long.
 3. Matt's response: The cost has a lot of intangibles.
 - E. If CSAH 77 is reconstructed will it be moved to the center of the right-of-way?
 1. Dave's response: The road can meander within the 66-foot existing right-of-way to allow for drainage corrections.
 - F. Will the trail connect to anything?
 1. Matt's response: In the future, Fairview Township and Nisswa will construct their sections connecting to East Gull Lake on the south and ultimately to the Paul Bunyan Trail on the south and the north.
 - G. Is CSAH 77 a designated scenic byway?
 1. Dave's response: No.
 - H. What is the lead time for funding?
 1. Heidi's response: 4-year lead time for SAFTEA-LU. State funding is about 2 years.
 - I. The Legace Grant funds are dispersed after the trail is built. Who pays in the interim?
 1. Heidi's response: State is usually reimbursed within 30-45 days.
 2. County will need to be the Fiscal agent.
 - J. State of Minnesota is \$5 million in debt and Federal government is \$17 trillion in debt.

- K. What would the width of CSAH 77 and trail be if it goes through Lake Shore?
 - 1. Matt's response: Trail would be 10-12 feet. Road would be 30-feet.
- L. Would the T77T consider the Lake Margaret route?
 - 1. Matt's response: Everything is on the table at this time.
- M. Why don't you say what side of the road the trail will go on?
 - 1. Matt's response: I don't know at this time. This is the first step in the process and that will come out in the future steps.
- N. How does Fritz Loven Park tie in? It would be desirable to tie it in.
- O. Doesn't it make sense to get to the Park until Nisswa gets going so it has a destination?
- P. Do utilities impact location of the trail?
 - 1. Matt's response: All things need to be considered.
- Q. The intent of the trail is to keep the character of the road and have the trail keep that character (John Poston).
- R. Where does liability come in?
 - 1. Matt's response: The trail will be entirely within City/County right-of-way or easements. Property owners would not have liability within those limits. I'm not an attorney so I don't want to speak to the legal issues.
- S. On August 2, will there be 3 or 4 options for us to review?
 - 1. Matt's response: Probably not more than 2.
- T. We want feedback and all we're getting is the broad brush.
- U. Do we have 10-year statistics on bikers/runners on CSAH 77 that have been killed or injured?
 - 1. Steve's response: In the past 10 years, there have been none. Times have changed and a lot more distracted drivers are contributing to accidents, which is a likely scenario along this stretch of road.
- V. I walk a lot. I think I as a person have a responsibility to watch what's coming toward me.
- W. At bar closing, there are a lot of people that walk to the east to Grand View Lodge (Steve Sundstrom).
- X. Are you going to allow dogs?
 - 1. Matt and Teri's response: That will come up. The City Council will decide at which times the various groups can use the trail. If a trail gets developed, rules will be developed for the trail.
- Y. I'm on the Gull Lake side and as far as I'm concerned, it can go on my side of the road. The most unsafe section is in my area.
- Z. I agree. I walk 2-3 times a week and I will not go on CSAH 77. I've had times where I've been knocked into the ditch.
- AA. I'd like to applaud the leadership of the T77T and City Council. Let's get on to the specifics.

III. Small Breakout Sessions:

- A. Station 1:
 - 1. Comment/concern – too isolated.
 - 2. Save as many trees as possible.
 - 3. Lake Margaret route may be less expensive even though it's longer.
 - 4. Getting other communities together now for the longer vision – Paul Bunyan trail, Nisswa, Fairview Township, East Gull Lake
 - 5. Does it have to be on CSAH 77? How about CR 107?
 - 6. Roger Smebe prefers running trail on back side of CSAH 77.
- B. Station 2:
 - 1. Cowboy's restaurant would prefer it on CSAH 77 on the opposite side of the road from their business (lose parking otherwise). If not, behind the property line would be good as well.
 - 2. Alternate route shown (not on CSAH 77) is preferred.
 - 3. How will people access the trail if it's on the back side of the lot lines?

4. Positive comments in general.
- C. Station 3:
1. Do you envision the trail going down Anderson Road (comment #31)?
 2. I would like to see the trail behind/away from the houses (comment #32).
 3. I was almost hit by 33 last year. It would be nice to have access to the trail if it goes in back of the City property or keep it along CSAH 77 (comment #33).
 4. Keep the trees and character of the road. In favor of the trail. Would like to use back roads as much as possible (comment #34).
 5. In favor of an alternate route coming over near Lake Margaret on the north side and south (comment #35).

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