

T77T Minutes

May 14, 2013
10:00 am
Lake Shore City Hall

Committee Members Attending: Teri Hastings, Steve Sundstrom, John Poston, Susan Amacher, John Ingleman, Kris Driessen, Marla Yoho and Neal Gaalswyk.
Attending from SEH: Matt Reid and Scott Hedland. Also in attendance were Ryan Amacher, Brad and Kay Taylor, Allyn Dickie, Lance Johnson and John Terwilliger.

The minutes of April 9, 2013 meeting were approved.

County State Aid Highway 77 Reconstruction (CSAH 77): Dave Enblom updated the committee on the status of CSAH 77 and its placement on the county's Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). CSAH 77 is currently scheduled for reconstruction in 2017; the CIP is updated annually.

The county is proceeding to develop and solicit a design request for proposal (rfp). Dave expects this to take some time based on the knowledge of the community. The hope is to have a design firm on board this fall and to start defining the route and associated issues.

Steve Sundstrom asked about shoulders. Dave cautioned that state design does not necessarily mean shoulders. The county will consider all options at the onset of design. A question if shoulders were used; could they be varying widths? Dave was not aware of this type of situation.

John Poston inquired about the typical width of a shoulder. Dave stated it is based on traffic count and speed. Dave stated some additional right of way may need to be acquired in some areas to accommodate safety concerns. A member asked if it was determined that the design should be a 4' shoulder and the city requested 6' is there a process to allow the additional 2'. Dave stated there was a precedent with the Heartland Trail where there was a cost share on the additional 2'. Dave they would determine which costs are roadway components and which trail components are. Dave then stated the county could be asked to utilize some of the county's trail money (Fund 73).

Dave indicated some areas will have curb and gutter to deal with the stormwater. Drainage will be a complicated component of the project. The project will consist of the entire portion of CSAH 77 within the city limits. Planning will take 6months to a year and will include public meetings on the project. Municipal consent for the project is required. Dave discussed a few scenarios on how the project could be funded at the county level. There three funds that could be possibly used (municipal state aid fund, state aid fund and county property tax fund).

Kay Taylor suggested erecting "share the road" signs until the roadway is upgraded. There was a brief discussion about speed and enforcement along CSAH 77. Steve Sundstrom will look into signage and possible locations.

Next Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 10:50. The next T77T meeting will probably take place in July after the holiday.