

Lake Links Meeting  
December 10th Meeting  
7:00 at Mahtomedi District Center

Board Members Present: Steve Wolgamot, Ben Creagh, Mike Brooks, Judy Craig, Dorian Grilley, Greg Bartz, Paul Hoff, Mary Hoff, Jim Muellner, Ian Harding  
Total in attendance: 79

Vote to add Ian Harding to Lake Links Board was unanimous

1. Joe Lux- Ramsey County: South Shore Boulevard Developments
  - a. Results inconclusive and a further study was recommended
  - b. 2019 study is set to begin soon after the first of the year
    - i. Restripe existing road as one way with trail (\$700,000)
    - ii. One way option with trail, but without full reconstruction(\$1.3 million, with no property acquisition)
    - iii. One-way/two way combination- requires partial reconstruction(\$6.7 million with some property acquisition)
    - iv. Two way, with trail, full reconstruction(\$7.2-\$10 million significant property acquisition)
  - c. What is the county doing now?
    - i. Many survey markers to find road right of way in accordance with Minnesota Statute 160.14, "Marking Boundaries of Highways," and road opening orders, historic maps, existing property corners, and road geometrics to define right of way.
    - ii. Approximately 150 property corners have been located so are are in close conformance with the mapped road and legal descriptions.
    - iii. Open house will be held to finalize right of way
  - d. Next steps (Lux said he's hoping for study to be finished in 6 months)
    - i. Follow-up study to determine the next steps
    - ii. Open houses will gather information and opinions on what we should do
    - iii. WBL has proposed rebuilding the trail between hwy 61 and S. Shore Boulevard in 2019, as a joint City/County project, led by city
    - iv. A separate road jurisdiction study will be done concurrently with Lake Links Trail/South Shore Boulevard Study
  - e. Questions [by attendees and answered by Joe Lux]
    - i. Dorian Grilley: what is width of right of way?
      1. Most are 66 feet wide, and fairly uniform
    - ii. South Shore: S.S. is owned by Ramsey County? Who is arguing with whom? Nothing will be done by next year?
      1. Correct, earliest will be it will be fixed is 2020. County wants to include city. Re-paving is decided by many factors, but also by volume, and S.S. is a lower volume county road compared to other country road.
    - iii. Steve Wolgamot

1. What is the biggest citizen concern? Is there a lot of resident "stuff" on right of way, like steps?
  - a. Landscaping, and parking is the biggest concern, but not much infrastructure
- iv. South Shore Resident
  1. Will burying power lines and utilities be paid by homeowners or Lake Links, or county?
    - a. More than likely residents would be assessed
- v. Jim Mueller
  1. Does county take safety into consideration when addressing?
    - a. Yes
- vi. South Shore Resident
  1. Safety is primary concern with little kids. Is South Shore still primary target for trail? Would love a trail, sidewalk or something even if trail is routed on County Road F.
    - a. We're not sure what to do. If there was increase vehicle traffic on Country Road F, then there would be a need to change traffic.
- vii. Dorian
  1. What were the options like?
    - a. 10 foot vehicle lanes, 10-12 foot trails. If reconstructed, would need to accommodate stormwater runoff better
- viii. Birchwood
  1. Will some people be assessed for the improvements?
    - a. Yes, could be
    - b. If lighting, special landscaping, sewer and water replacement is part of project, city could assess
    - c. Trails and sidewalks are split 50/50, but right now \$2.6 million in funding is provided from legislation
- ix. Sunrise Park
  1. What is the estimate to fix road without trail?
    - a. \$700,000
- x. Mike Brooke
  1. How has information collected during Open Houses influenced decision making?
    - a. County, City and Township has been given opinions
- xi. South Shore
  1. What are you doing that you didn't find out?
    - a. Taking survey data, traffic info and design elements. Take that information and create a design
  2. How is that different from what you've already done?
    - a. First study did not get through preliminary design
- xii. South Shore
  1. If one way from McKnight to 120, what direction?
    - a. What would you like? (residents said, East)

- xiii. Greg Bartz
    - 1. Thurs Nov 16th
      - a. 16 cars hit guard rail, and east direction makes sense with mail delivery, emergency vehicles
  - xiv. City Manager of White Bear
    - 1. Not as simple as county taking over project. Stall point right now is 1-way/2-way, and if it is a 1-way, turn-back discussions of who pays for maintenance
  - xv. Is there a timeline to spend \$2.6 million?
    - 1. We have four years to spend money
  - xvi. White Bear Lake
    - 1. Do we have money in the budget to pay for this?
      - a. If it is a bigger project, then funding may need to be paid from wheelage tax, gas tax. 2020 would be difficult if it is reconstruction. Purchasing property is at least a year process
2. Mahtomedi Update from Steve Wolgamot
    - a. Birchwood Road is similar to Birch Lake Road, and Lake Links would like to see raised should
      - i. 12 foot lanes and 2 foot shoulders currently in use
      - ii. Hoping for about 30 feet of pavement, with \$1.4 million from legislature
    - b. Briarwood Road- adding history spur
  3. Railroad Depot as a place to rest and take a break. Corporate sponsor
  4. Preliminary engineering plans for north shore along MN 96, including Rutherford Park. Hoping to get results in the next 4-6 months
  5. White Bear Lake is largely done along Lake Ave, and Old White Bear Ave. N.
  6. 2019 Legislation: Looking to get funding for Dellwood. Meadow Street to MN 96 is high priority. Hopeful for 2020 or 2021 construction
    - a. City of Birchwood Streets
      - i. Small streets and very little traffic. Currently, only physical construction will take place on Hall Ave between Jay Street and Birchwood Road. Bikes will be on street
      - ii. Concern between council and citizen interaction
        - 1. Lake Links will try to reserve Birchwood Village Hall to hold public meeting in next few months.