

**MENDOTA HEIGHTS/SUNFISH LAKE
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009**

Present: John Huber, Molly Park, Ryan Ruzek, Tami Diehm, David McKnight and Tom Madigan.

Ryan Ruzek and Tom Madigan updated the committee on the last Technical Committee meeting of the Regional Roadway Visioning Study (RRVS) that was held the week of December 7, 2009. Improvements to the 494/Dodd interchange were discussed and no discussion of the closing of the 494/Dodd interchange occurred. The RRVS committee would like to present a progress report to the city council in January 2010. The issue of Delaware Avenue having an interchange was discussed. If an interchange does occur this does not mean that it will be the main route to St. Paul. Currently there are no plans to expand Delaware Avenue, but discussion have occurred about a possible third (turn) lane.

Tom Madigan reported that he has requested the traffic and land use data from Dakota County that they are using with their consultants on the RRVS project. Once we receive this it will take Foth representatives two weeks to review and report back on their analysis.

The issue of the four quadrants around the 494/Delaware intersection and the current and future plans that each of the cities has for their quadrants was discussed. This information will be put together and shared.

The issue of the change in the options that the RRVC were considering was discussed. The Delaware Avenue interchange seems to have gone from not being an option to being seriously considered over the past few months. The reasons behind this change are what Mendota Heights/Sunfish Lake needs to determine and understand so an appropriate response can be determined.

It was determined that the RRVS group would not present until at least February and a possible public meeting would be held to help get residents answers to their questions.

The committee discussed sending a correspondence to our regional elected officials reminding them of our opposition to a Delaware Avenue interchange. David McKnight will draft a letter that Mayor Huber will review before it is sent out.

The committee discussed communication options with the two city councils involved and the public. It was determined that summaries of the committee meetings would be shared with the two city council's and posted on the Mendota

Heights website. Additional communication opportunities through city council meetings and possible community meetings will be discussed.

The next meeting date of the Mendota Heights/Sunfish Lake Committee will be set once Foth has received the requested information from Dakota County and had time to review the information.