

Meeting Summary

To: *All Meeting Participants*

From: *Ronald B. Bray, P.E.*
Project Manager, WSB

Date: *June 28, 2002*

Re: *Meeting Minutes*
CSAH 71 Project Management Team Meeting
Cass County, Minnesota
Wednesday, June 19, 2002, 1:00 PM
WSB Project No. 1326-00

An agenda package was passed around to all persons in attendance.

I. Introductions

The following project management team members were in attendance at the meeting:

David Enblom	Cass Co. Hwy Dept.
Jonathon Large	Cass County Hwy Dept.
Jim Dowson	Cass County Commissioner
Don Willis	Ten Mile Lake Assoc., President
John Alden	Ten Mile Lake Assoc., Water Resources
Kirk English	Mn/DNR Waters
Harlan Fierstine	Mn/DNR Fisheries
Don Willis	Ten Mile Lake Association President
Rob Naplin	Mn/DNR Wildlife
James Tande	US Forest Service
Don Hoppe	Hiram Township
Ed Mergens	Portage Lake Association
Gail Becher	Resident
Ron Bray	WSB & Assocs.
Becky Hauschild	WSB & Assocs.

The following public persons were in attendance:

Robert Cogdell
Mildred Cogdell
Ray Raetz
Steve Schoen

The following project management team members were not in attendance:

Kelvin Howieson	Mn/DOT State Aid
Michele Hanson	United States Army Corps of Engineers
Robert Crom	Ten Mile Lake Assoc., Delegate (Req'd Don Willis attend)
John Sumption	Cass County Environmental Services
Dan Steward	Board of Water and Soil Resources
John Freetley	Chippewa Nat'l Forest
Tom Somrak	US Forest Service
Steve Frick	Forest Service Cass Lake
Ron Geiser	Shingobee Township
Mitch Bouchonville	Forest Service Walker

II. Public Comments

A. General

- ? Don Hoppe noted that he gave an update to the Hiram Township Board and the Angel Island realignment was well received.

B. McGill (May 1, 2002)

- ? David Enblom, Ron Bray and Becky Hauschild met with Mr. and Mrs. McGill on May 1, 2002. Their concerns included the following:
 - o Design of CSAH 71 at 11-ft lanes (see discussion below);
 - o Preservation of trees;
 - o Seeding, re-forestation;
 - o Stone pillars at his father's driveway entrance;
 - o Existing intersection to his law office;
 - o Drainage to his property at 4174 (water currently runs down driveway);
 - o They took a drive along CSAH 71 to look at unique features and sensitive areas that Mr. McGill wanted noted.
 - o Gail Becher noted that she spoke with Mrs. McGill, who understood that 11-foot lanes with 2-foot shoulders would be built.

- ✍ Ron and Becky do agree that it was stated that the 11-foot lanes were being pursued, but not the 2-foot shoulder.

C. Brandt: Phone Call

- Diane Brandt contacted Becky Hauschild with regard to the proposed realignment near Angel Island. Preliminary layouts were sent to her and she did not see any problems with the new alignment.

D. Chase (June 19, 2002)

- ? Ron Bray and Becky Hauschild are meeting with Elinor Chase on June 19th at 5pm.

III. Typical Section

A. NPR Standards

Through Lane Width

NPR Standards require an 11-ft through lane with 2-ft shoulders; 4-ft if pedestrians and bicyclists are anticipated in the corridor;

- ? Public comments favor reducing the through lane width to 11-ft versus the proposed 12-ft.
 - Ron Bray noted that the county is most likely looking at a combined lane and shoulder width from centerline, i.e. 15-ft. Whether that 15-ft is 12-ft lane and 3-ft shoulder, or 11-ft lane and 4-ft shoulder is up for discussion. The curb and gutter areas are more difficult.
 - ✍ A snowplow has a width of 12-ft to 14-ft; the 15-ft lane width from centerline gives the plow a 1-ft cushion.
 - ✍ Jim Tande noted that the stipulation states 11-ft lanes and is concerned that if 12-ft lanes are proposed, the agreement could be challenged.

Shoulder Width

- ? A 2-ft shoulder is the required minimum; if pedestrians and bicyclists are to be accommodated, a 4-ft shoulder is the required minimum;
 - Gail Becher contacted Julie Skallman at Mn/DOT State Aid and asked how it is determined whether a route is a 'popular' bicycle route.

- ✍ Julie noted that 2 items should be considered, but the ultimate decision rests with the County Board.

- ? Is it on the Cass County Trail System?

? Where does it lead to/from?

✍ Gail does not believe that the route is a popular bicycle route, based on the aforementioned questions.

? Gail is concerned with increased speed due to an increased roadway width.

? Steve Schoen noted that the people that drive the fastest are the locals and 2-ft versus 4-ft shoulders would not make a difference.

✍ (Since the PMT meeting, Jim Tande located a Chippewa National Forest map, which illustrates a bike route around Gadbolt Lake and includes township road 49, CSAH 50 and CSAH 71.)

- David Enblom explained that the shoulders are not just to accommodate the pedestrians and/or bicyclists (although they have a right to be there). They are to accommodate a vehicle that goes over the shoulder line and give that vehicle the best chance to recover before hitting any fixed objects;
- The increased use of the road by bicyclists was discussed since it will be paved;
- Don Hoppe noted that the county has to look at risk management as well; this road is a public resource;
- John Alden asked if there was an increased risk for the county with 2-ft versus 4-ft shoulders. David responded that there would not be an increased risk, since a 2-foot shoulder is allowed in the standards.
- Compromises were discussed:
 - ✍ Gail proposed a 2-ft shoulder in rural areas and a 4-ft shoulder in urban areas;
 - ✍ As a compromise, Ron proposed a paved 3-ft shoulder in rural and urban areas, with the addition of B612 concrete curb and gutter in the sensitive areas to give a 4-ft shoulder total.

B. Consensus Summary

- ? Consensus from the PMT includes: 11-ft lanes with 3-ft paved shoulders, 4-ft total shoulder in curb areas with the use of B612 curb and gutter. This

typical section will be brought to the public for comment and then to the county board for final approval.

IV. Alignments & Potential Impacts

A. CSAH 50

- ? Two alternatives have been proposed for the intersection of CSAH 50 with CSAH 71.
 - o Alternative 1: Tee CSAH 71 into CSAH 50 at its existing location with mountable curb and gutter to better define the intersection;
 - ✍ This option does not allow for boatlifts to be put in.
 - ✍ Don Hoppe noted that anytime you allow for parking, a street to the lake becomes a lake access.
 - o Alternative 2: Tee CSAH 71 into CSAH 50 along a new alignment approximately 100-ft westerly of its present location.
 - ✍ David Enblom prefers this alternative for sight line and drainage reasons.
 - ✍ Consensus of the PMT was to present Alternative 2 at the public mtg as the preferred alternative with an extension of the existing road to remain in place.
 - o David Enblom noted that the county could request a vacation of the township right-of-way.
 - ✍ Although Ray Raetz noted that he would prefer this, it is a highly utilized access with no additional lake accesses in the near vicinity.

V. Public Involvement

A. Property Owner Meetings

- ? Meetings to be scheduled:
 - o Bowman
 - o Rydell

B. Stake Construction Limits

- ? Construction limits will be staked in selected areas by Cass County and is anticipated to occur after the August 2nd meeting.

C. Public Meeting

- ? A public meeting will be scheduled for *Friday, August 2, 2002 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at the Hackensack Senior Center.*

VI. Environmental Issues

A. Cultural Resources Investigation (Leech Lake Heritage Society)

1. 16 Potential Prehistoric Archaeological Sites

- ? The preliminary investigation has identified 16 potential sites.
 - o A more detailed investigation will be made of these potential sites to determine the course of elimination, preservation or mitigation.
- ? It was questioned whether these reports could be made public.
 - o Ron explained that they would not be since people then tend to investigate on their own.

2. No Architectural sites were identified.

VII. Other

Ten Mile Lake Association Meeting

- o It was noted that the Ten Mile Lake Association meeting is scheduled for: Saturday, August 3rd at 10:00 A.M. WSB will provide layouts and handouts on both CSAH 71 and CSAH 50 at this meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting for **CSAH 71** was SCHEDULED for *Wednesday, August 14, 2002, at 1:00 P.M.* at the **Cass County Highway Department.**

NOTE: The above constitutes WSB's understanding of the items discussed at this meeting. If there are any questions, comments or changes, please notify me immediately at (763) 541-4800 or (888)-541-4800.

c: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
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