

**RICHFIELD TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 3, 2010**

7:00 p.m. | Richfield City Hall | Council Chambers

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**Commission members in attendance:** Martin Kirsch (Chair); Gail Lund; Pat Sorensen; Barb Kritzman; Bob Shotwell; Peter Easterlund; Gerald Charnitz; Tim Carter; Andrew Wittenborg; Maureen Scaglia; and Council Member Sue Sandahl.

Others in attendance: Jack Broz

City Staff: Jeff Pearson, Kristin Asher Osberg.

Excused absence: Sara Nutter; Gary Ness

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

M. Kirsch called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda with additions by Easterlund, s/ Kritzman. Motion carried.

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Sorensen to approve February 3, 2010 meeting minutes, s/ Kritzman. Motion carried.

**IV. NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROJECTS**

Jack Broz of H.R. Green gave an overview of what was presented at the open house meetings. He highlighted the functions of destination points and how that should influence the plan. He noted that there may be additional money available under different programs to address concerns outside of this study area. Mr. Broz gave a preliminary recommendation of Humboldt Ave. as well as the Penn connection for the East Route. For the West Route, he stated preliminary recommendation would most likely be 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue but that there is still additional information that has to be reviewed before a final recommendation next month. Mr. Broz reviewed the next steps including data collection for possible routes. H.R. Green will be attending the April meeting to present final recommended routes that will be presented at the next Public Involvement meetings in early to mid-April.

**V. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/ARTERIAL ROAD SEGMENT PRIORITIZATION**

The Commission reviewed and discussed the list of key categories and definitions prepared by staff. There was discussion regarding the continuity category and how that category would be scored/evaluated. Staff will continue to collect information to assemble the segment summary sheets.

**VI. BICYCLE MASTER PLAN TASK FORCE**

Pearson reviewed the list of applicants and asked for input on the structure and format that the task force should involve. The consensus was to allow the task force to organize in a manner that they feel works with some guidance from staff and liasons.

**VII. I-494/35W INTERCHANGE STUDY REVIEW**

Pearson summarized the interchange study results and the potential impacts to Richfield. He informed the Commission that staff will be meeting with MN/DOT and the consultant to inform them of major concerns with the proposed full build-out plans and the impacts to Richfield. Specific concerns were impacts to Dick's sporting goods and the Shops at Lyndale as well as access to Lyndale Avenue to and from I-35W.

**VIII. UPDATES**

**2010 STOP SIGN INSTALLATION AREA**

Asher notified the Commission that the installation process is in the final year. She reviewed the data collection methods involved with before and after conditions.

**73<sup>RD</sup> AND PORTLAND BUS SHELTER**

Pearson notified the Commission that a new, lower profile shelter is now in place.

**MN SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION – 77<sup>TH</sup> STREET UNDERPASS**

Pearson reviewed the developments at the State legislature level regarding the underpass. The underpass was not included in any bonding bills.

**2009 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD SOLICITATION AWARDS**

Pearson reviewed the Transportation Advisory Board awards and noted that the Portland Avenue reconstruction came in second in its category. The only project directly affecting Richfield will be funding for the installation of railroad crossing gates and signals at the 70<sup>th</sup> Street crossing.

**METRO SEWER PROJECT**

Asher gave an update on the status of the sewer project and the efforts of the staff to keep the project on the current schedule.

**IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**70<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL**

Asher updated the Commission that the signal is in danger of failing soon and that parts are no longer available to fix it when that happens. She suggested the Commission formalize a decision about what to do with the traffic control at this intersection after the signal fails.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMISSION UPDATE MEETING DATES**

It was decided that the Commission update to the City Council will be April 13, 2010.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

M/Kritzman to adjourn the meeting, s/Sorenson. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

**XII. THE NEXT TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 7, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE RICHFIELD CITY HALL.**