

**RICHFIELD TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2010
7:00 p.m. | Richfield City Hall | Council Chambers**

Commission members in attendance: Martin Kirsch (Chair); Gail Lund; Pat Sorensen; Barb Kritzman; Peter Easterlund; Tim Carter; Sara Nutter.
Others in attendance: John Dillery – Metro Transit; Jack Broz – HR Green
City Staff: Jeff Pearson, Kristin Asher Osberg.
Excused absence: Andrew Wittenborg

Pre-meeting

John Dillery presented to the Commission the planned upcoming changes to bus service in Richfield as well as details on the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service that will begin in 2011 and what it means to those in Richfield.

I. CALL TO ORDER

M. Kirsch called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Kritzman to approve April 7, 2010 meeting minutes, s/ Carter. Motion carried.

IV. NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROJECTS

Jack Broz of H.R. Green summarized the history of the project process to this point. He explained what is shown in the Comprehensive Plan and how that compares to the proposed projects. He explained that the Humboldt route faced considerable opposition as originally proposed due to the elimination of parking on one side of the street. This was due to using the Mn/DOT criteria in the initial plans. Broz explained that through a variance process, the areas of proposed parking restrictions have been reduced and no residential properties have restricted parking in front of them any longer. It was explained that the Humboldt route would be a "bike boulevard" featuring a shared use concept with large bike symbols in the center of the road. There was some concern with the speeds recorded on the south end of Humboldt in the speed study. HR Green highly recommends enforcement be part of the route implementation. Broz outlined the Bloomington bike route and noted that the route and areas of proposed parking restrictions remained the same. However, the proposed route has been extended to Portland Ave. on 73rd St at the request of the Commission.

V. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/ARTERIAL PRIORITIZATION

Pearson reviewed the prioritization process and the need for completion of segment summaries by the Commission. He went through the forms and explained the items. Commission members then volunteered to complete the individual forms, each member being assigned 1-3 segments. The forms will be returned to Pearson by next months meeting so that he may use the information gathered to further the prioritization process.

VI. PORTLAND AVENUE MILL & OVERLAY – STRIPING PLAN

Asher noted that Hennepin County will be overlaying Portland Avenue this summer and that the opportunity to implement a three-lane section as a pilot project is possible. She asked if the Commission would be interested in doing a pilot project and the Commission was favorable to it. Motion was made by Easterlund to recommend that

Portland Avenue be restriped in the 3-lane configuration after repaving, s/ Nutter.
Motion carried.

COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION WORKSESSION REVIEW

Asher reviewed the work session that was held with the City Council on May 11, 2010. She noted the shift in priorities that the staff recommended in light of recent project experiences and future funding opportunities.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

M/Kritzman to adjourn the meeting, s/Nutter. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

VIII. THE NEXT TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 7, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.