



Record of Meeting

SRF No. 11648

Location: SRF Consulting Group – Great Plains Conference Room

Client: Fargo-Moorhead Metro COG

Date: 7/11/2019

Subject: SRC Meeting #5

Attendees: Michael Maddox (Metro COG), Kristie Leshovsky (City of Moorhead), Jonathan Atkins (City of Moorhead), Mary Safgren (MnDOT), Bryan Christensen (MnDOT), David Leonard (MSUM), Derrick LaPoint (DMI), Taaren Haak (MATBUS), Leif Garnass (SRF), Chris Dahl (SRF)

Purpose of Meeting:

Update the SRC on the study progress, discuss year 2045 build revised draft concepts and evaluation, and recap Round 2 of engagement.

Summary of Meeting:

1. Public & Stakeholder Engagement

- a. Leif provided a summary of Round 2 of Public Engagement. Activities included: website updates, Social media and Email blasts, one focus group meeting, two Pop-up meetings, and online engagement via a survey. The following provides brief statistics:
 1. Focus Group – May 22, 2019 with Moorhead Business Association, ~30 people
 2. Online engagement (Survey #2)
 - a. 261 online surveys completed
 - b. 730 written comments received
 3. Pop-up Meeting #1 – June 5, 2019 @ Hornbacher's, ~50 people
 4. Pop-up Meeting #2 – June 20, 2019 @ Junkyard Brewing, ~50 people
- ii. **Action Item:** SRF to provide “summary” of Round 2 engagement. SRC to review provide comments to the Round 2 summary and SRF to update accordingly. The summary will be added to the website.
- iii. **Action Item:** SRF to provide raw survey data with redacted personal information.
- iv. **Action Item:** SRF will schedule a meeting with Fire/EMS/DPS to discuss future of the Moorhead inspection site on US 10 east.

- v. Final round of engagement will be held in late August/early September, pending the status of the current study efforts for a downtown grade separation. It was suggested the Hjemkomst Center should be the venue for the final public meeting. Format will be open house style with presentation and boards. Preliminary outline includes:
 1. Study overview and process / purpose and goals
 2. Public and stakeholder engagement / “What we heard”
 3. Existing issues
 4. Alternatives and evaluation
 5. Recommended vision and implementation plan
2. Updated Alternatives and Evaluation
- a. US 10 East Focus Area Alternatives
 - i. City of Moorhead is implementing temporary access restrictions on 34th Street south of US 10 to improve safety. Study recommendations will continue to emphasize the need for this to be a long-term improvement.
 - ii. Future discussion will take place regarding removing the wide ditch median and the implications to the Moorhead inspection site.
 - iii. **Action Item:** Revise alternatives and prepare a schematic of the proposed typical section for the corridor options.
 - iv. **Action Item:** Prepare draft ICE reports (including warrants analysis) for review.
 - b. Downtown Focus Area Alternatives
 - i. Public feedback indicated the desire to “re-open” access at 6th Street for pedestrians only. City of Moorhead indicated this has been discussed with BN in the past and it was determined it would be too costly to create a grade-separation due to the depth of structure needed. Also, an at-grade crossing would not be supported.
 - ii. Recommendations for downtown need to be “flexible” as changing traffic patterns will provide opportunities to make downtown more walkable.
 - iii. **Action Item:** Revise alternatives and prepare a schematic of the proposed typical section for the corridor options.
 - c. US 75 South Focus Area Alternatives
 - i. Much discussion centered around changes to 8th Street just south of Main Avenue. City of Moorhead expressed concerns with restricting access between Main Avenue and 4th Avenue. While 4th Avenue seems to be the “correct” location for a major intersection, restricting access this entire stretch would be problematic. **Action Item:** SRF to review additional access options between Main Avenue and 4th Avenue.
 - ii. While there is public desire to remove the jog on 8th Street south of Main Avenue, the City of Moorhead expressed concern with the loss of parking for business owners.

- iii. Discussion took place regarding closing access at 20th Avenue. Based on discussion and functional classification of 20th Avenue, it is not desired to close or restrict access at 20th Avenue.
 - iv. **Action Item:** Revise alternatives and prepare a schematic of the proposed typical section for the corridor options.
 - v. **Action Item:** Prepare draft ICE reports (including warrants analysis) for review.
3. Coordination with 11th Street Study and 8th Street/12th Avenue Study
- a. 11th Street Study
 - i. SRF reached out to the 11th Street Study team for a status update.
 - ii. The team recently met with study stakeholders and are confirming traffic (0.5% or 1%) and train (1% or 2%) growth assumptions.
 - iii. The dynamic VISSIM model showed a lot more traffic diversion than the regional model to 11th Street from 8th Street in 2045 at about 4,000-4,500 daily vehicles. This assumes ITS infrastructure that would divert 100% of regional traffic to the 11th Street grade separation during a train blockage and then allow for normal travel patterns during non-train events.
 - iv. Preliminary alternatives and recommendations will be provided the week of 8/5.
 - v. **Action Item:** SRF to continue coordination with study team.
 - b. 8th Street/12th Avenue Study
 - i. Study is complete and is published online:
<http://www.cityofmoorhead.com/home/showdocument?id=5328>.
 - ii. **Action Item:** SRF to incorporate recommendations into current study.
4. Preliminary Cost Estimates & Implementation Plan
- a. SRF presented preliminary cost estimates. MnDOT noted the estimates should assume full reconstruction of US 10 and 75 corridors. **Action Item:** SRF to update cost estimates.
 - b. Implementation plan discussion was tabled for future meeting.

Actions Needed:

Actions Needed	Responsibility	Status
Prepare summary of Round 2 engagement	SRF	In progress
Provide raw survey data	SRF	Complete
Review summary of Round 2 engagement	SRC	In progress
Revise alternatives and prepare typical section	SRF	In progress
Prepare draft ICE reports	SRF	In progress
Develop and review additional alternatives for 8th Street	SRF	In progress
Continue coordination with 11th Street study team	SRF	Ongoing
Incorporate 12th Avenue study findings	SRF	Future task
Update cost estimates to assume full reconstruction	SRF	In progress