

CSAH 101 - Open House #2 Summary - May 2007

Hennepin County conducted a second round of public open houses with area residents to solicit feedback on preliminary project concepts. Minnetonka and Woodland residents were invited to a May 2, 2007 meeting, while Wayzata residents attended a meeting May 3, 2007. About 440 properties were notified of the meetings, including those with frontage property on Hwy. 101 and those who live in close proximity to the road.

Both open houses included introductions of project leaders from Hennepin County, Wayzata, Woodland and Minnetonka, as well as engineering design consultant URS Corporation. After a brief presentation that included the reasons for the project, a summary of comments received at initial public meetings, and general project concept descriptions, the meeting was opened for questions and answers.

Questions and comments could be received in a variety of ways. Residents were encouraged to write specific questions or concerns regarding their properties directly onto large-scale aerial photos and topographic maps showing proposed concepts as well as photo renderings of specific design elements. In addition, comment forms were distributed and many residents have subsequently provided comments via the forms. The county wants to include all residents who have an interest in the project, so if you or someone you know would like to be notified of future meetings and receive newsletters, please contact Lisa Basile at URS via phone: 612-373-6318 or e-mail: lisa_basile@urscorp.com

The following are descriptions of the design concepts which were presented at the meetings:

General Roadway Corridor

- **Option 1: 2 Lane with Continuous Center Left Turn Lane.** This concept is very similar to the roadway design currently being constructed south of Minnetonka Boulevard. The concept provides a center turn lane for left turn access to cross streets and properties.
- **Option 2: 2 Lane with Intermittent Center Turn Lane/Median.** This concept is identical to Option 1 with the incorporation of medians in locations where left turn access to side streets or driveways is not needed. The medians would reduce stormwater runoff and soften the look of the roadway. Potential median locations are generally located north of the Gray's Bay bridge and causeway in Wayzata.
- **Option 3: 2 Lane Parkway with Shoulders** (*This option has been removed from consideration*) This concept essentially replaces the center turn lane with a continuous median to create a parkway feel to the corridor. The concept results in most properties being accessible only by right turn movements.

All roadway corridor options include shoulders to facilitate right turns/driveway access as well as space for law enforcement and mechanical breakdown assistance. All options include an 8-foot off-road trail for bicyclists and pedestrians along the east side of Highway 101.

McGinty Road Intersection Options:

- **Option 1:** Four-way signalized intersection
- **Option 2:** Three-way “T” intersection (*This option has been removed from further consideration*)
- **Option 3:** Two-lane roundabout

Breezy Point Road Intersection Options:

- **Option 1:** Protected left-turn
- **Option 2:** Twin roundabouts (*Breezy Point and Grays Bay Roads. This option has been removed from further consideration*)
- **Option 3:** Single roundabout at Breezy Point Road

LaSalle Street Options

Option 1: Full access to Highway 101

Option 2: Right-in right-out access to Highway 101

Option 3: No access to Highway 101 (Cul de Sac)

The final decision regarding modifications to La Salle Street will be made by the city of Wayzata.

Note: Views of the design options will be available on the County’s Project Website.

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Note: Residents who are interested in driving actual roundabouts in the area may find a list on the County’s project website.

Resident Feedback from Open House

Below is a brief summary of responses received at the meetings:

General Roadway Corridor: Most favored Option 2 (Center Turn Lane with intermittent medians). There was strong sentiment against continuous medians (ie: parkway option) that would limit residential access to right turns only. For this reason, Option 3 has been removed from consideration.

McGinty Intersection: Most favored - Option 3 (Roundabout)

Breezy Point Intersection: Most favored - Option 3 (Roundabout)

Although Option 2 included a roundabout at the Grays Bay intersection and many local residents preferred that, upon further technical review, it was determined that a roundabout at this intersection was not feasible to construct due to space constraints, marina impacts and topography of the area.

A complete listing/summary of all comments received at the open houses will be available at the project web page on the Hennepin County Website.