

Envision 2035 Task Force Meeting Minutes

Date: June 13, 2013

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Task Force Present:

Deb Bunde, Bonnie Duffy, Larry Haug, Bruce Aljets, Shannon Nordstrom, Steve Becker, Ron Klingenberg, and Kris Swanson

Advisory Board Present:

Todd Schuver, DJ Buthe, Brooke White

Others Present:

Todd St. Sauver

Staff Present:

Project Manager - Ryan Streff

County Planning - Pat Herman

Item 1 – Discuss Transportation Chapter

Pat Herman presented the chapter on transportation. The task force contemplated gravel roadways which may need to be upgraded to county highways due to the amount of traffic utilizing the roads. These included 466th Ave. between State Highways 17 and 42 and East Maple Street.

Safety on the roadways was discussed and the task force endorsed the use of stop signs with flashing light emitting diode (LED) lights embedded such as those installed at the intersection of County Highways 130 and 137 south of Crooks.

Instead of traditional intersection design the task force debated the use of roundabouts. Highway Superintendent D.J. Boothe explained that roundabouts have proven to reduce collisions. Roundabouts also present quite a cost savings as they do not require traffic signals. Currently the County does not have plans to construct roundabouts but the SDDOT is in the planning stages to install them in the northern part of the State.

The task force discussed the importance of rail in the County and completed an exercise in selecting appropriate sites for development next to the rail lines. These locations will be included on the future land use map. Todd Schuver discussed the importance of rail and the increase interest in properties abutting rail lines.

Ryan Streff announced that he had taken a job with Arden Hills and that this would be his last Envision 2013 meeting. Pat Herman will take over management of the project. There is no meeting scheduled for the month of July.

