



WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation Transportation and Land Use Committee Meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2024

This meeting was conducted virtually.

.Call to order **6:35pm**, by Paul Hardt

.**Introductions** (name and neighborhood) - [Digital Sign-In](#) for guests

Paul Hardt, Chair

Meg Duhr, President, FRF

Julia McColley, Executive Director, FRF

Sara Fleetham, Board Member

Seth Smiglewski, Board Member

Joe Landsberger, Community Member

Guests:

Kevin Walker and Mike Corbett, West 7th Project team, MnDOT

Agenda

No objections to the agenda.

Recording:

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III. Community

Community Inputwas received in the course of the meeting.

V. Committee Business

Action Items

1. **Update from MnDOT on West 7th projects.** Slides from MnDOT to be received later.

First phase of mill and overlay project will be Munster to St. Clair—2028

Second phase will be St. Clair to Olive Street—2029

Mike reviewed the history of the project...design, community input. Some patching will be done in advance of the main project.

Sara asked about the Bennett's intersection. Mike was not going to get too specific, but he has passed along concerns from the Board about pedestrian safety.

Possible improvements may include:

- Wider boulevards
- Curb extensions
- Pedestrian crossing upgrades
- Bicycle lanes
- Shared use paths
- Raised medians

Public open house March 6, 4:30-6:30pm, Palace Community Center

Paul brought up the topic of possible complete reconstruction on West 7th, which was mentioned at the Policy Advisory Committee in January. The complete reconstruction could happen, if a streetcar option is adopted. MnDOT would be willing to do this, if there was a turnback to the City. The City and perhaps the County would then be totally responsible for street maintenance.

Project could still proceed, if streetcar option is adopted by the PAC.

Joe Landsberger was glad MnDOT did resurfacing on Smith and 149. He pointed out the safety and appearance problems at the Sibley Plaza area. Joe pointed out problems with the St. Clair overpass. He thought the presentation of the bus depictions took care of problems on West 7th.

There was a discussion about involvement of City Councilmembers about the project. It was pointed out that Rebeca Noecker has long been aware of the project. She is very committed to the project. Nothing known right now about Councilmember Josts' involvement.

2. Equitable Development Scorecard

Paul showed his drafts of possible formats for the Equitable Development Scorecards. Response was positive to the drafts. Meg pointed out problems "translating" detailed conversations on the T&LU Committee to the whole board. Paul pointed out the draft of a "write-up" on a possible project proposal that he created.

Joe wanted to see the "character" of the West 7th neighborhood included in the scorecard. Several members agreed. Joe included characteristics of the working class nature of the neighborhood, pedestrian traffic, and historic context.

Paul mentioned his experience as a former resident of Frogtown, when LRT was built on University. He pointed out the subterranean parking ramps on Grand were built. Paul did not offer this idea as an official position of the Federation.

Meg pointed out the importance of including the District Plan Design Standards in the Scorecard.

Meg offered examples of items included in a Scorecard from other Districts.

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<https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transportation/transit-corridors-studies/riverview-corridor/meetings-events>

VI. Adjourn – 7:45 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS:

- **2/2024, 7pm-** FRF Board meeting
- **2/29/2024, 9:30am, Union Depot** Policy Advisory Committee
- **3/6/2024-** Community Input meeting, 4:30-6:30pm Palace Community Center
NO March Committee meeting
- **April Meeting**—Wednesday, April 3, 2024