



WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation Transportation and Land Use Committee Meeting November 1, 2023

This meeting was held via Zoom.

Attending:

Paul Hardt, co-chair T&LU co-chair

Julia McColley, Executive Director, Fort Road Federation

Comm. Rafael Ortega, Ramsey County

Mike Rogers, Ramsey County Riverview Corridor

Ken Iosso, Assistant to Comm. Ortega

Christopher Bower and XXXXXXXX, MnDOT I35 Bridge Replacement

Joe Landsberger, Community Member; Station Advisory Committee, Riverview Corridor

- I. Call to order **6:35pm** by Paul Hardt, co-chair
- II. **Land acknowledgement** We respectfully acknowledge the sacred land upon which the Fort Road neighborhood resides. This is the traditional homeland of the Dakhóta Oyáte (Dakota People), unfairly ceded in the Treaties of 1837 & 1851, who stewarded it for millennia. The Ojibwe and other Indigenous nations have cared for this land as well. We invite all in attendance of this meeting to learn more about the true history of this land, and to search out the wisdom and stories of the Dakota, Ojibwe, and other Native people still here.
- III. **Introductions** (name and neighborhood) - [Digital Sign-In](#) for guests
 - A. **Agenda---we moved directly to the first item on the agenda.....I35 Bridge replacement.**
 - B. **Bridge replacement item was followed directly by status report on Riverview Corridor project.**

IV. Committee Business

A. Information

1. I 35 Bridge replacement. We heard a presentation by Chris Bower about this project. PPT slides are on file in the Google Drive for this presentation.

Link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UG0oTINev3Ea3SiKq5jG2tIMHfcFqqEn>

Paul H committed to contact Chris at MnDOT about getting regular updates on all MnDOT projects scheduled for the Fort Road Federation area.



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2. Riverview Corridor. We heard an update from Mike Rogers, Deputy Director, Public Works for Ramsey County. PPTs are on file in the Meeting Notes file on the Google Drive.

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Key takeaways:

1. Mill and Overlay project pushed out a year until 2028 and 2029.
2. Two principle alternatives: “Modern Streetcar” or “BRT”. There will be community input meetings in spring, 2024 where public can weigh in on their preferred alternative.
Expected final decision by Policy Advisory Committee (about 15 government entities)--Summer-Fall, 2024
3. “Modern Street Car”--
 - 2024: Conclude Engineering and Pre- Environmental Phase.
 - 2025-2026: Project Development Phase.
 - 2027-2030: Final Engineering Phase.
 - 2030-2033: Project Construction.
 - 2034: Begin Revenue Operations.

Station spacing has been changed from “every 2500 ft” to “every 1500 ft.”

4. “BRT”--

This project would be led by Metro Council. Finished sometime after 2030.

5. Questions:

Julia--question about trash cans and where they will be placed along the corridor / who will take care of them.

Unclear at this time.

Paul---Commits to contact Ramsey County for setting up regular updates. Also, he will follow-up to find out who, from the Federation area, represents us on the Community Advisory Committee.

Joe L—pointed out that some community members from the south end of the Federation area have easier access to Minneapolis than to downtown St. Paul.

V. Adjourn - 8:00pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Date – Regular meeting, December 6, 6:30pm, Chaired by Sara Fleetham