

Rethinking I-94 Phase 2 Community Leaders Meeting (Meeting 6)

Date: 04/27/2021 (10:00 am – 11:00 am) – UPDATED TIME

Location: Zoom Meeting

Participants: See end of document for list

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome

- a. Dan Pfeiffer (WSB) welcomed the group and provided an overview of the agenda.

2. Policy Advisory Committee Recap

- a. The PAC met on April 9th. This additional PAC meeting was not originally scheduled, but was called by Commissioner Anderson Kelliher to have a discussion on the topic “What is Rethinking I-94.”
- b. Dan gave a summary of the items discussed at the PAC meeting.
 - i. Discussion questions focused on what Rethinking I-94 means to participants and their constituents including priorities and challenges.
 - ii. Comments addressed need for low income and minority community engagement (also noted that MnDOT is not the only organization responsible for engagement), the need to think about the larger community,
 - iii. Stressed that the project was not yet at alternative stage, alternatives including BRT and removing the freeway were discussed
 - iv. Discussion of the desire to hire local workers and engage local businesses and the community the in construction of the project as well as the past and present social, economic, and environmental impacts of I-94.

3. Updates

- a. Livability
 - i. Gloria Jeff (MnDOT) gave an overview of the Livability initiative at MnDOT, background on the Livability workshops, and provided a summary of the outcomes from the first three Livability workshops.
 - ii. Workshop #1: Overview
 - iii. Workshop #2: Economic Vitality
 - iv. Workshop #3: Sense of Place
 - v. Workshop #4: Safety (coming up on April 29, 2021)
 - vi. Community priority highlights from workshops include:
 1. Reduction of VMT, vehicle trips overall
 2. Increase investment in transit
 3. Restorative justice
 4. Use neighborhood language (no jargon)
 5. Need for clarity on collaboration ramifications from the neighborhood

- 6. Not use the current transportation planning model
- 7. People over profit
- 8. Emphasis on local small businesses
- 9. Embrace multi-culturalism
- 10. Environmental concerns regarding emissions, climate change and sustainability
- 11. Improving walkability
- 12. Keep environmental and livability together
- vii. Workshops will be conducted on a monthly basis through September 2021.
- viii. Comment shared that the order of the workshops shown was different than in other locations.
 - 1. The order was changed from the original plan, this graphic will be adjusted.
- b. Question asked about whether spring/summer timeline for discussing alternatives was referring to this year or next year.
 - i. Answer provided was next year.
 - 1. Spring/summer 2022
- c. NEPA/MEPA
 - i. Jack Corkle (WSB) gave a status update on NEPA/MEPA process.
 - ii. Currently working with committees on establishing a process for developing alternatives.
 - iii. Beginning engagement with the public on draft materials.
 - iv. Clarification requested on whether there are separate alternatives committee.
 - 1. No separate committees, currently working with existing committees and working groups to establish a process for developing alternatives.
 - v. Question asked about whether committee membership is posted.
 - 1. Committee membership lists are not currently posted online – will be posted in the future
 - 2. Committees are not complete yet but are primarily made up of local government agency staff (cities, counties, MnDOT, Metropolitan Council, Metro Transit, etc.)
 - vi. Question asked about estimate of timeline for official release of P&N etc.
 - 1. Official public comment period will be as part of the Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document.
 - vii. Question asked about providing more frequent updates on changes to the document.
 - 1. The project team needs time to make updates. Need more engagement from the broader public before changes are made.
 - viii. Clarification - Adjustments to P&N should be expected in late 2021/early 2022?
 - 1. Yes, this is the current timeline.
 - 2. Information heard from the community during public engagement will be shared back to the Community Leaders group.
- d. Engagement
 - i. Dan outlined the process and schedule for gathering feedback from the public.

4. Future Community Leader Reporting

- a. There is a desire to focus more on having discussions at the PAC meeting rather than providing updates.
- b. Proposal: Provide written update to PAC on both ongoing project engagement and I-94 related engagement by groups represented by Community Leaders. This will help create a baseline understanding by PAC members of engagement efforts that are taking place and what is being heard.
- c. Dan provided a review of the Community Leader roles:
 - i. Exchange of information among group

- ii. Assist MnDOT in identifying engagement and communication opportunities
 - iii. Beta test engagement and communications materials
 - iv. Provide feedback to MnDOT
- d. Overall objective of Community Leader reporting: Provide PAC members information on what is occurring along the project corridor, both through MnDOT and Community Leader organization efforts.
- e. Project staff are starting to look at exploring in person public engagement options.
 - i. Have organizations represented started talking about in person events this summer?
 - ii. What is the groups advice on doing intercept/pop-up engagement at this point in the community?
 - 1. Pat Thompson - SAPCC is not yet but the Creative Enterprise Zone will be holding outside events in May and in July and fall.
 - 2. Toya - Some of my orgs have talked outdoor events. However, I would continue to have zoom options as it helps solve multiple accessibility issues.
 - a. Virtual options will continue to be provided.
 - 3. Theresa Nelson - No planned in person events as of yet.
 - 4. Taylor Spreeman - Hallie Q. Brown plans to host small outdoor community events at our center this summer.
 - 5. Keith Baker- We are starting to discuss Sept timeline though we see this as a tentative. <http://reconnectrondo.com/engage> to register for 1 hour "Get Reacquainted with ReConnect Rondo" starting May 3 and Community Impact Workshop beginning May 11
 - 6. Mary Morse Marti - In-person engagement should be good as long as it's outdoors.
 - 7. Joshua Houdek - Sierra Club is not hosting outside events (nationally or locally) but will amplify outside event organized by other organizations or entities.
 - 8. Pat Thompson - This is preliminary but I have heard there is about to be a CDC announcement on outdoors.
 - iii. Dan asked that the group reach out to the project team regarding opportunities to present and/or have a presence at upcoming events.
 - iv. Community Leaders can also share summaries of events relevant to I-94 to be included in PAC member quarterly updates.
 - v. Question asked about how to invite a MnDOT representative to a neighborhood meeting.
 - 1. Can request via MnDOT website comment form/email address on project website or email Dan Pfeiffer directly.
 - vi. Question asked about how MnDOT would engage with people at an event with the public this summer? Survey? Presentation?
 - 1. Will depend on the type of event. Could give presentation, hand out materials, have boards explaining draft materials, and just have staff available to engage in conversations.
 - 2. Follow up question: What questions would be asked of the public?
 - a. Focus would be on what is missing, what people want to see, etc. through surveys.
 - 3. Question about whether the survey questions and engagement materials could be provided to Community Leaders group in advance?
 - a. Yes, materials could be sent in advance.
 - 4. Question: How will you ensure the questions are neutral and not leading?
 - a. Likely will tend to be more qualitative rather than quantitative.

- b. Example: Can ask about what people want to see in specific areas of the corridor. What are some examples of places that have characteristics that create a sense of place?
 - f. Keith Baker noted a schedule conflict between Community Leaders meeting and ReConnect Community Impact Workshop on May 25th.
- 5. Next steps**
- a. The next PAC meeting will be held on 5/7/2021 at 10:00 AM.
 - b. The next Community Leaders meeting will be held on 5/25/2021 at 10:00 AM.

Meeting Chat Comments/Questions with Responses

Below are the virtual meeting chat comments and questions. All comments will be included in the project's comment collection, review, and response process.

- 1. From Dan Pfeiffer to Everyone: 10:02 AM**
Can you type your name and organization into the chat?
- 2. From Glen Johnson to Everyone: 10:02 AM**
Glen Johnson - Elliot Park Neighborhood
- 3. From Sheldon Mains (He/Him) to Everyone: 10:02 AM**
Sheldon Mains, Redesign Inc, www.redesigninc.org
- 4. From Macalester-Groveland Community Council to Everyone: 10:02 AM**
Alexa Golemo, Macalester-Groveland Community Council
- 5. From Mikaela Ziegler to Everyone: 10:02 AM**
Mikaela Ziegler, WSB
- 6. From John R. Mazzitello to Everyone: 10:02 AM**
John Mazzitello - Ramey County
- 7. From Jack Corkle to Everyone: 10:02 AM**
Jack Corkle, WSB
- 8. From Taylor Spreeman (She/Her) to Everyone: 10:02 AM**
Taylor Spreeman - Hallie Q. Brown Community Center
- 9. From Debbie Meister to Everyone: 10:02 AM**
Debbie Meister, Neighborhoods First!
- 10. From Pat Thompson SAPCC to Everyone: 10:02 AM**
Pat Thompson, St. Anthony Park Community Council
- 11. From Theresa Nelson to Everyone: 10:02 AM**
Theresa Nelson, Move Minnesota
- 12. From Jenifer Hager to Everyone: 10:02 AM**
Jenifer Hager - Minneapolis Public Works
- 13. From Me to Everyone: 10:02 AM**
Austin Hauf, WSB
- 14. From Hannah (she/her) to Everyone: 10:03 AM**
Hannah Rank, MnDOT
- 15. From Anna Varney to Everyone: 10:03 AM**
Anna Varney, FHWA
- 16. From Pat Thompson SAPCC to Everyone: 10:03 AM**

Dan, I did not get the email with the link.

17. From David Juliff to Everyone: 10:03 AM

David Juliff, Be Civil, Inc. , ReConnect Rondo

18. From David Frank to Everyone: 10:03 AM

David Frank, Prospect Park Association

19. From Elliot Park Neighborhood to Everyone: 10:03 AM

Vanessa Haight, Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc.

20. From Torri Hampton to Everyone: 10:03 AM

Torri Hampton MnDOT

21. From Barb Thoman (she/her) to Everyone: 10:03 AM

Barb Thoman, Union Park District Council

22. From Keith Baker to Everyone: 10:03 AM

Keith Baker ReConnect Rondo

23. From Alex Burns to Everyone: 10:03 AM

Alex Burns, Sierra Club North Star Chapter

24. From John Levin, Minneapolis/St. Paul to Everyone: 10:03 AM

John Levin, Hamline Midway Coalition

25. From Dan Pfeiffer to Everyone: 10:04 AM

Pat - I will check and update the calendar appointment after the meeting so you have the series.

26. From cyrusknutson to Everyone: 10:05 AM

Cyrus Knutson, MNDOT Community Connections

27. From Mai Chong Xiong (she/her) to Everyone: 10:10 AM

Hi everyone! Sorry, I'm joining late. I hope you all have been doing well.

28. From Mary Morse Marti to Everyone: 10:10 AM

Mary Morse Marti, Move Minneapolis

29. From Mai Chong Xiong (she/her) to Everyone: 10:11 AM

Mai Chong Xiong, she/her, Legislative Aide to Council member Dai Thao in St. Paul's Ward 1 City Council office.

30. From Maura Brown, she/her, The Alliance to Everyone: 10:18 AM

Maura Brown, she/her, The Alliance

31. From Alex Burns (he/him) to Everyone: 10:25 AM

Would you mind putting the livability registration link in the chat?

32. From David Juliff to Everyone: 10:25 AM

It appears that the order of the Livability Framework Meetings shown on the slide is different than the actual schedule.

Got it - Thanks!

33. From Hannah (she/her) to Everyone: 10:26 AM

If you didn't receive a link to Thursday's registration here it is:

<https://minnesota.webex.com/webappng/sites/minnesota/meeting/info/44c87c6306d34eff9c608bd0432ef8da?isPopupRegisterView=true>

34. From Mai Chong Xiong (she/her) to Everyone: 10:26 AM

Is there a plan for direct community engagement with folks who live along the project area?

35. From Glen Johnson to Everyone: 10:27 AM

Are the Livability Meetings open to any registrant or a select group?

36. From Keith Baker to Everyone: 10:30 AM

What are the alternative working committees? did I hear this correct

got it.

37. From Alex Burns (he/him) to Everyone: 10:30 AM

Is the membership for those committees posted?

38. From Barb Thoman (she/her) to Everyone: 10:31 AM

What is your estimate of the timeline for the official release for public comment of the Purpose and Need statements, goals statement, etc.?

39. From Keith Baker to Everyone: 10:33 AM

We should expect to see any adjustments to P&N decision docs in late 21 early 22?

40. From Pat Thompson SAPCC to Everyone: 10:42 AM

SAPCC is not yet but the Creative Enterprise Zone will be holding outside events in May and in July and fall

41. From Toya Lopez to Everyone: 10:42 AM

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47. From Pat Thompson SAPCC to Everyone: 10:44 AM

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48. From Mary Morse Marti to Everyone: 10:48 AM

If there are any upcoming public events we should point out during our May 18 Summit, please let me know. We expect a few hundred guests, many from freeway-adjacent communities. <https://moveminneapolis.org/green-transportation-minneapolis/2021-transportation-summit-revisiting-the-urban-interstate/>

49. From David Frank to Everyone: 10:50 AM

To whom should we send an email to invite a MnDot representative to a nbhd meeting?

50. From Theresa Nelson to Everyone: 10:51 AM

In what way would MNDOT engage with people at an event with the public this summer? Survey? Presentation?

51. From Keith Baker to Everyone: 10:51 AM

Overlap conflict of MnDOT Com Leaders meeting with ReConnect Community Impact Workshop on May 25th.

52. From Alex Burns (he/him) to Everyone: 10:54 AM

Could you send the survey questions and engagement materials in advance?

53. From Theresa Nelson to Everyone: 10:55 AM

Thanks Dan.

54. From Debbie Meister to Everyone: 10:57 AM

How will you ensure these questions are neutral and not leading?

A few years ago I was asked by MnDOT at a community meeting how I would like Ayd Mill Road to be connected to I-94. Not should AMR be connected?

Meeting Participants

Community Leaders

Present	Last Name	First Name	Organization
	Alper	Becky	Move Minneapolis
	Armon	Alec	Hamline Midway Coalition
x	Baker	Keith	ReConnect Rondo
	Barobs	John	Move Minneapolis
	Berger	Scott	Union Park District Council
x	Burns	Alex	Sierra Club North Star Chapter
	Cashman	Kerry	Seward Neighborhood
	Check	Nick	Saint Mark Parish
x	Frank	David	Prospect Park Association
x	Golemo	Alexa	MacGroveland Community Council
x	Gunderman	Amy	Lexington Hamline Neighborhood
x	Haight	Vanessa	Elliot Park Neighborhood
x	Houdek	Joshua	Sierra Club North Star Chapter
x	Johnson	Glen	Elliot Park Neighborhood
x	Juliff	David	Be Civil – ReConnect Rondo
	Kershaw	Sean	Wilder
	Khalif	Farhio	St. Paul NAACP
	Klebsch	Angelica	Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio
x	Levin	John	Hamline Midway Coalition Transportation Committee
	Levins Holden	Olivia	Hope Community
	Liban	Mohamed	Somali American Partnership
x	Mains	Sheldon	Seward Redesign, Inc
x	Morse Marti	Mary	Move Minneapolis
	McLaughlin	Chris	Seward Neighborhood Group
x	Meister	Debbie	Neighborhoods First!
	Mudge	Kate	Hamline Midway Coalition
	Murray	Kathryn	St. Anthony Park
	Narayanan	Ashwat	Our Streets Minneapolis
x	Nelson	Theresa	Move Minnesota
	Pleskovitch De Canedo	Amanda	Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio
	Royce	Caty	Frogtown Neighborhood Association
	Selle	Dawn	Hallie Q Brown
	Singer	Andy	Saint Paul Bicycle Coalition
	Schwantes	Lindsay	Hamline Midway Coalition
	Scott Knox	Tiffany	Wilder
	Smaller	Martine	Northside Residents Redevelopment Council
x	Spreeman	Taylor	Hallie Q Brown
	Tabbut	Julie	Prospect Park Association
	Taitel	Sam	Seward Neighborhood Group
x	Thoman	Barb	Union Park District Council
	Thomas	James	Pastor – Mount Olivet Baptist Church
x	Thompson	Pat	St. Anthony Park Community Council, District 12
	Wako	Abdulrahman	Union Park District Council
	Watson	Shannon	St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce
	Weinhagen	Jonathan	Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce

	Werner	Jens	Summit-University Planning Council
	Wilson	David	Green Minneapolis

Guests/Unknown Affiliation

Present	Last Name	First Name	Organization
x	Brown	Maura	The Alliance
	Gallatin	Kevin	Sustain Saint Paul
x	Lopez	Toya	Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate
x	Wagenius	Peter	Prospect Park (also Sierra Club)

Technical Advisory Committee or Policy and Planning Committee Members

Present	Last Name	First Name	Organization
	Agosto	Kelly	Hennepin County
	Cox	Colin	Hennepin County
	Gottfried	Jason	Hennepin County
x	Hager	Jenifer	City of Minneapolis
	Harper	Cyndi	Metro Transit
	Harrington	Adam	Metro Transit
	Hiniker	Cole	Metropolitan Council
	Isaacson	Brian	Ramsey County
	Kershaw	Sean	City of St. Paul
	Mandell	Paul	Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board
x	Mazzitello	John	Ramsey County
	Musty	Peter	Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board
x	Newton	Randy	City of St. Paul
	Nix	Noel	City of St. Paul
	Schoenecker	Ted	Ramsey County
x	Stark	Russ	City of St. Paul Mayor's Office
	Vanhala	Joan	Hennepin County
	Vennewitz	Amy	Metropolitan Council
x	Xiong	Mai Chong	City of St. Paul, Legislative Aide to Councilmember Dai Thao

FHWA/MnDOT/Consultant Staff

Present	Last Name	First Name	Organization
x	Austin	Lisa	MnDOT
x	Barnes	Melissa	MnDOT
x	Chavez	Mike	WSB - consultant
	Chiglo	Jon	WSB - consultant
	Cho	Joanne	WSB - consultant
x	Colas	Josh	MnDOT
x	Corkle	Jack	WSB - consultant
x	Crockett	April	MnDOT
x	Goff	William	MnDOT
	Gray	Kirsten	WSB - consultant
x	Hampton	Tori	MnDOT
x	Hauf	Austin	WSB - consultant
x	Jeff	Gloria	MnDOT
x	Kauppi	Sheila	MnDOT

x	Knutson	Cyrus	MnDOT
x	Pfeiffer	Dan	WSB – consultant
x	Rank	Hannah	MnDOT
x	Varney	Anna	FHWA
	Washington	Lyssa	4rm+ula - consultant
x	Ziegler	Mikaela	WSB – consultant