



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION WORK SESSION
BARTHOLOMEW ROOM
JANUARY 14, 2020
5:45 PM**

Call to order

1. Transportation Engineer Jack Broz will present the historical and current I-494 Vision including the interchanges and supporting roadways.

Adjournment

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REPORT PREPARED BY: Jack Broz, Transportation Engineer

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REVIEW: Kristin Asher, Public Works Director/City Engineer
1/7/2020

OTHER DEPARTMENT REVIEW:

CITY MANAGER REVIEW: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager
1/8/2020

ITEM FOR WORK SESSION:

Transportation Engineer Jack Broz will present the historical and current I-494 Vision including the interchanges and supporting roadways.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The I-494 Vision concept (from the Minnesota River to I-394) developed in the early 1990's included expanded capacity on the I-494 mainline, reconfiguration of the interchanges and development of a supporting parallel local roadway network along 77th Street in Richfield (including the future 77th St. Underpass) and American Boulevard in Bloomington. This vision led to construction of the improvements you see along the present day I-494 from Highway 100 to I-394 and the improvements made to 77th Street & the Penn and Lyndale Avenue interchanges.

Two separate studies were undertaken in 2009 and 2014 by MnDOT staff and stakeholders that studied the I-494 & I-35W interchange. The outcome identified an interchange type that allowed for phasing of the reconstruction as well as reduced costs and impacts from the original vision developed in the early 1990's, however, right-of-way impacts associated with the future vision still remain.

In conjunction with potential Corridors of Commerce funding, MnDOT began a process to update the I-494 Vision. The new process identified 3 study areas which include I-494 capacity improvements, access changes and the I-494 & I-35W interchange.

MnDOT has created a Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) to provide the approvals related to the three study areas for the current I-494 Vision. Mayor Regan Gonzalez and Councilmember Trautmann are voting members of the PAC.

DIRECTION NEEDED:

This is an informational presentation for City Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A. HISTORICAL CONTEXT

See executive summary.

B. POLICIES (resolutions, ordinances, regulations, statutes, etc):

The information presented for discussion is consistent with the Richfield Comprehensive Plan dating back to the early 1990's.

C. CRITICAL TIMING ISSUES:

The I-494 Policy Advisory Committee will be tasked with approving the I-494 & I-35W Interchange Vision at the February 2020 meeting.

D. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

- MnDOT has a construction cost-share policy that applies to any funded project identified for construction.
- The City's actual cost-share for the I-494 Vision would be established as any portion of the vision is funded for construction.
- At that time, a detail design (including final right-of-way impacts) and Richfield's municipal consent are part of the project approval and permitting processes.

E. LEGAL CONSIDERATION:

None as it pertains to this work session.

ALTERNATIVE(S):

None

PRINCIPAL PARTIES EXPECTED AT MEETING:

MnDOT West Area Manager - April Crockett