

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday 5/7/2019 @ 7:30 PM

Location: Town of Stanton Shop. E1940 890th Avenue, Knapp WI

Attendees: Corey Green, Matt Feeney, Bob Anderson, Kevin Finder, Mona Finder, (Kevin and Mona's Son, I did not get name written down) Kenneth Finder, Kenneth's son, Tyler Rongstad, James Koenig, Gary Krug

Notes:

- Bob Anderson begun meeting with 3 major concerns
 - Access for Kenny and Kenneth farm operations
 - EMS & Fire access
 - Problems with communication on the project
- Bob asked how the DOT was able to get the project to final design without holding a public information meeting. We explained the history on the project moving around the program and the due to competing bridge needs and the need to coordinate with the I-94 projects.
- Matt Feeney (Boyceville EMS) stated he had never received a letter and requested that WisDOT correct the statement in the Tribune Press Reporter.
- I told the room that I don't want to point fingers about prior communication on the project. The important thing is that we are all here discussing the issues now so that an informed decision can be made on the project.
- Matt Feeney stated there was not good routes to EMS to navigate around the site. The proposed local detour has difficult terrain and would slow down response time. Matt stated that a helicopter would likely need to be called in if an event occurred in this area. I asked Matt about potential sharing of work with neighboring EMS services and Matt said the services provided by other EMS units were not the same as his and could not respond to all the same incidents that ~~Matt~~ Boyceville EMS is qualified for. The other potential providers are Spring Valley or Woodville United. Matt did not think that Spring Valley could provide timely service because they are a volunteer force. He also had concerns that Woodville would respond in a timely manner because their workload is much higher.
- Corey Green had concerns if a fire was in this area he would not be able to get water to the site due to the same difficult terrain concerns that Matt had. I asked Corey about the potential for sharing the area with United Fire – Woodville and Corey thought that since it is past a county line they would not be able to service the area.
- We asked questions to Kenny and Kevin regarding the possibility of having the bridge completed by June 1st. Talking to Kenny they are already making multiple (20+) trips per day across Wilson Creek Bridge. To detour around it would be hundreds of extra miles of driving, increase wear on farm equipment, loss of time / production due to the increase in haul distance and potentially unsafe due to the terrain that would need to be traversed on the alternate routes. The shortest detour length is approximately 8 miles in length on unpaved town roads. The Finders primarily use tractors and wagons to haul material for their farming operation.
- We discussed the minimum widths needed if we decided to do the structure half-at-a-time or with a temporary bypass. It sounds like 14-foot of clear width would be sufficient for both EMS, fire and farm equipment.

- Bob Anderson stated that the temporary bypass on the north side of the existing structure is his preferred option. He stated Kenny and Kevin would be more than willing to sell TLE/PLE for a bypass in this location. I informed Bob that Kenny and Kevin do not own this property. It is owned by Tony & Mary Andraschko and Cronk Rentals LLC.
- We discussed that the project (if built under detour) would not be built in 2020 due to adjacent construction on IH 94 so the early date would be pushed to 2021. If the project gets built half-at-a-time or with a temporary bypass it could still go as early as 2020.
- If the traffic is maintained on USH 12 during construction, then this provides more flexibility for scheduling this project in regard to the I-94 projects.
- Bob Anderson asked if we got his record request. As of 5/7/2019 we had not received the request.
- Bob Anderson stated he was considering scheduling a meeting with a local representative regarding the project.
- Bob Anderson stated he has a meeting with Paul Conlin (WisDOT Chief) regarding the project.
- WisDOT committed to analyzing the single lane bypass and the half at a time TMP. The meeting was adjourned with no final decision. WisDOT will discuss the concerns further and come up with a decision on which way to go with the project.