

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING WITH MNDOT
OCTOBER 16, 2017**

The Elysian City Council held a workshop meeting with representatives of MnDOT on Monday, October 16, 2017 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Mayor Clinton Stoen; Councilmembers Robert Houlihan and Dennis Schnoor; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald. Absent: Councilmembers Tom McBroom and Mary Opsahl.

Also Present: City Engineer Chris Cavett, SEH Engineering; Forrest Hasty, Senior Engineer – Project Manager, MnDOT District 7; Shauna McIntire, Graduate Engineer, MnDOT District 7; and Brett Paasch, Senior Engineer – Traffic Engineer, MnDOT District 7; Kathy and Scott Roemhildt, owners Pit Stop.

MnDOT representatives provided an updated map that incorporated all the accepted suggestions from the September 26, 2017 joint meeting with the City Council related to the 2020 MnDOT project on State Highway 60. Marked and signed crosswalks and a roundabout were not added to the proposal and the access to 205 Highway 60 East is still proposed to be reduced. The current proposal does retain the access at Fourth Street SW.

Brett Paasch, MnDOT, explained that a roundabout was not a good fit here and that they are typically not used for speed control. Marked crosswalks in a high-speed limit area such as this result in higher crash rates between pedestrians and vehicles. At the higher speed, drivers cannot be expected to be able to stop once they see the pedestrian and the blinking light and marked crosswalks provide the pedestrian with a false sense of security that the driver will see them and be able to stop. An underpass would be an option but could be very expensive and MnDOT would not fund the underpass. There may, however, be funds available for the approach and for some type of trail system.

With the current MnDOT proposal, speed control and safety issues on Highway 60 will be addressed with enhanced gate signing and 11-foot through lanes. Curb, gutter and the approach will be installed at the crosswalks on Third Street SW and Second Street SE.

The reduced access at Pit Stop – 205 Highway 60 East was discussed. Concern was expressed due to the change in grade and limiting the access for semi-trucks with deliveries and campers into the campground. MnDOT representatives will look into this further and will perform an extra level of analysis to confirm turn radiuses.

It was also noted that the City of Elysian 2018 SUIP includes two water main crossings across Highway 60. It may be possible to include these in the 2020 Highway 60 project to reduce costs. City Engineer Cavett will look into this option.

On motion by Stoen, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Approved:

Clinton Stoen, Mayor

Attested:

Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator