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Subject: RE: North Mendota Parkway Public Input Meeting 7-14-08; Westport Public Meeting Comments
Importance: High
Attachments: NMP NRA change map 080714.doc

Brian and NMP IOC Members,

On July 7, the Town of Westport held an open forum on the routes and NRA boundary you will be discussing tomorrow evening. There was really no comment on the NRA, but about 40 people appeared to comment on the proposed routes.

From the meeting, the following themes were pretty universal from our interested Westport residents and landowners:

1. The preferred route is north of CTH K.
2. That route should be built so it is well north of all of the homes and businesses in the CTH K corridor, and intersecting with US 12 north of CTH K and just south of the proposed NRA, depending on preferences by the Town of Springfield.
3. The route should begin back east enough on CTH M to avoid the CTH K and M intersection and so go north of the homes and businesses at that intersection without having to remove any of them.
4. Limit or eliminate any effect on homes and businesses.
5. Limit or eliminate any effect on farmers, choosing to use property lines or fringe farm areas for the roadway.

Other comments were regarding concerns over truck use, making sure the speed was high enough to promote commuter use, noise, effect on the Westport Town Center, and that a high speed roadway may be needed north of Waunakee in the future.

As for comments on the NRA boundary, I will simply provide here comments I previously sent to you and the attached hand noted map. If these changes were not already made for the NRA version being considered tonight, please consider making these changes now:

"There are several areas I would like to be reconsidered for adding or deleting. See Map A attached. For deleting, the areas marked Delete A I believe are consistent with what the City of Middleton has requested be revised in the NRAB. I agree and feel these areas should be deleted from the NRAB. This would be consistent with local adopted comprehensive plans and local intergovernmental agreements. There is also no compelling reason to add these to the NRAB here, especially considering the best road route alternatives, and that a connection from north to south in this area is still being maintained. These should be deleted. The areas marked Delete B should also be deleted from the NRAB. They are included in local comprehensive plans as growth areas and not preservation areas. The area furthest east in fact is almost all developed already (except for the Jackson Landing/Westshire Park areas)! To be consistent with adopted comprehensive plans, intergovernmental agreements, and zoning that is in place for these particular areas, these three areas should be removed from the NRAB. And based on the information in the comprehensive plans and zoning on the properties, there is no compelling reason for their inclusion in the NRAB, especially since much of the areas indicated here are already developed. These should also be deleted.

Map A also shows two areas that should be added to the NRAB. I am not sure why these areas were left out, but they should be added based on information in local comprehensive plans, local and County park plans, and based on the situation with the properties. These are shown as Add C on Map A attached. The northern area to add is the area along Woodland Drive for the County's very recent purchase of the Saddlebrook farm property. It is in local plans as long term open space and the County purchased the lands with Conservation Funds. There is no reason to exclude this property from the NRAB at this point. This area should be included. The area along CTH M east of Mary Lake Road and adjoining to the west with part of the NRAB should also be included. This area was recently purchased by the DNR for fish rearing, is a mapped wetland, and is in local comprehensive plans as conservancy lands. There is no reason to exclude this area from the NRAB. This area should also be included."

Please make this a part of the public testimony and record for the meeting. I will see you later as well. Thank you.

Tom Wilson

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Subject: North Mendota Parkway Public Input Meeting 7-14-08

7/14/2008

Just a reminder that the North Mendota Parkway Implementation Oversight Committee is holding a public input meeting, **Monday, July 14, 2008, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Middleton City Hall**. Copies of the agenda and a newsletter describing the proposals are now online at:

http://www.countyofdane.com/plandev/planning/North_Mendota.aspx

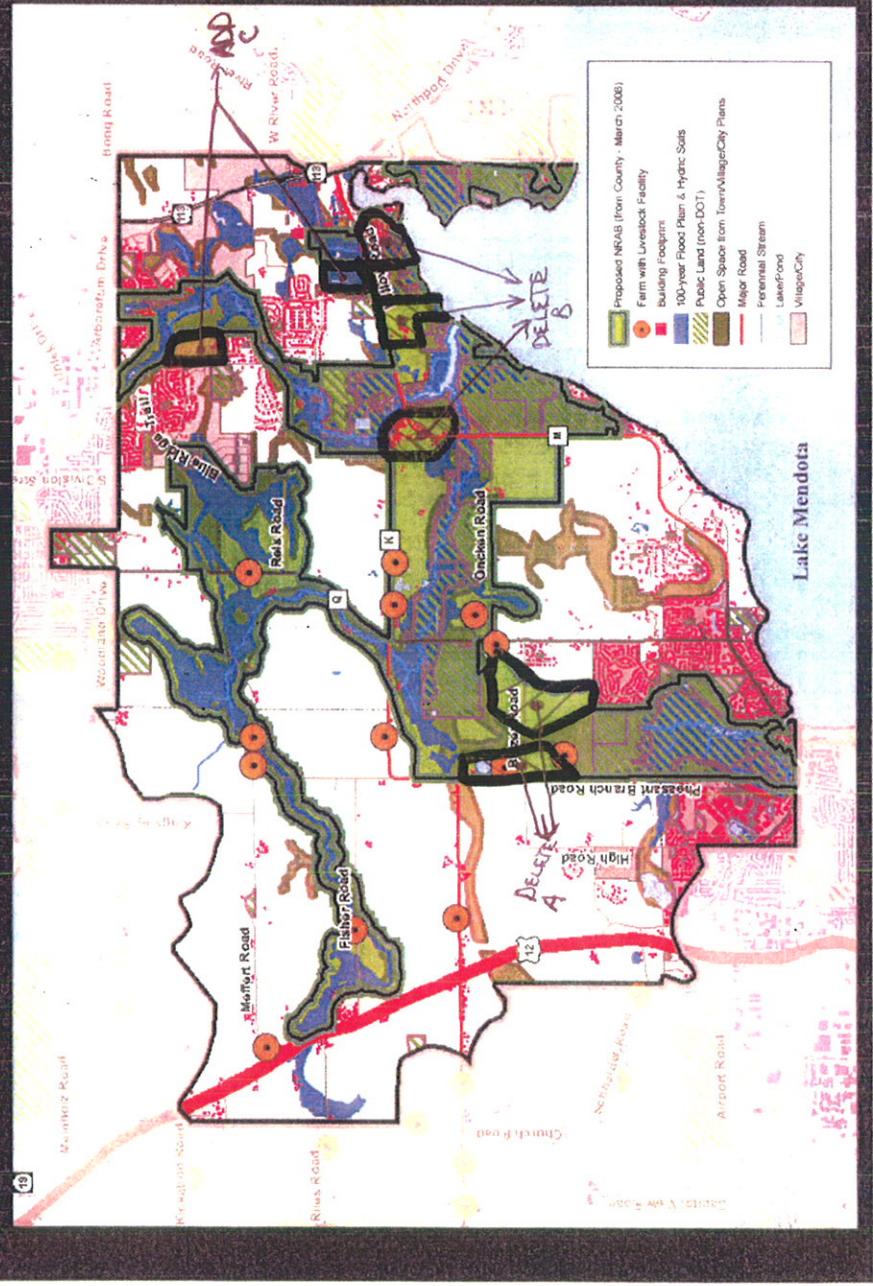
Comments, questions or input on either the proposed roadway corridor alternatives or the proposed natural resource area boundary are welcome. Please note, that to give everyone a fair chance to speak, speakers will be limited to 3 minutes apiece. Written testimony will also be accepted, either at the meeting, or by contacting me by mail or e-mail. I will forward any written testimony I receive before the meeting to committee members.

I hope this is helpful, and I look forward to seeing you next Monday.

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MAR 'A' - NRAB Suggested Additions | Deletions (Town)

10/2007 & New North E-way NRAB



Lynch, Tom

From: Elliott Long [elong100@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2008 6:54 AM
To: Elliott Long
Subject: NMPIOC Meeting

All,

Just a reminder that the North Mendota Parkway Implementation Oversight Committee (NMPIOC) is holding a public input meeting,

Monday, July 14, 2008, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Middleton City Hall.

Copies of the agenda and a newsletter describing the proposals are now online at:
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It is important to attend this meeting and let your opinions be known. You can speak for 3 minutes or submit your opinion in writing. As some of you may know I have gathered some information on community opinions toward the North Mendota Parkway (NMP) by going door to door and interviewing residents, sending out a postal questionnaire, collecting opinions by email and phone, and attending meetings.

Although several residents of Westport and Springfield are completely opposed to any road-building, most residents feel that a Northern Route around Madison is inevitable. A quick summary of the residents' opinions follows:

- Strong Opposition to connecting NMP to Highway 12 at the Greenbriar Exchange
- Strong Opposition to a NMP route that follows Highway K.
- Strong Support for a NMP route that follows property lines North of K.
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- Opposition to splitting up farms.
- Opposition to relocations and eliminating driveways.
- Opposition to using the NMP: locals don't need it, "forced upon us", ...
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- Concerns about making a decision that isn't forward thinking.
- Concerns about taking forever to make a decision.
- Concerns about noise pollution.
- Concerns about development.

Other Topics:

- Almost everyone that I talked to thought that Highway 19 should be considered for a Northern Route around Madison.
- Almost no-one was very concerned with the wet lands or natural resource areas, much more concerned about property issues.
- Almost no one trusts the County and State Departments of Transportation.
 - Feel that if road is built they will be cheated out of their land.
 - DoT has done very poor job in the past of controlling erosion and water ways.
 - Practice excessive or inappropriate road building.
 - Most people do not care for round-a-bouts.

Thanks for reading,

Elliott Long

7/14/2008

Lynch, Tom

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Subject: Springfield Stance

July 10, 2008

Springfielders,

During the "Public Input" Springfield Town meeting held on June 25, 2008, there was a request for having the Springfield Town Board revise and publish its official stance on preferred routes for the North Mendota Parkway. There seems to be a misunderstanding going on with regard to what the Springfield Town Board actually favors. The revised statement does not need to select a route it simply needs to clear up the miscommunication that currently exists. There is a need to have this accomplished immediately, it's already been two weeks since the request was made and now is the time when input to the NMPIOC is most effective.

A statement exists in Springfield's "land use" document, not sure of the exact name, that reads something like: **[Springfield wishes to remain rural in nature ... and favors that development stay south of K]**. This statement, actually somewhat vague, was probably simply intended to help prevent Springfield from developing, but in the absence of a more clear statement, is being interpreted by Planning Engineers and the NMPIOC committee to mean that **Springfield officially favors Highway K for the NMP route and is opposed to routes North of K**. An interpretation that is exacerbated by Jim Pulvermacher's vote against "option 4" in the last NMPIOC meeting. Actually the Springfield statement was called the PRIMARY reason for route selections that favor K. It appears that a more concrete meaning is being applied to this statement than was probably originally intended, or at least there is some confusion about Springfield's "official" stance. Some town board members seemed even unaware that this statement existed. Additionally, this is a legacy stance that was made at a time when conditions were very different from the existing situation and new developments have made NMP routes south of K no longer likely.

Multiple speakers at the June 25th meeting requested that the Town Board draft a clear stance. A clear position is very important because the NMPIOC and Planning Engineers are looking to the Township for clear input. The revised statement doesn't need to recommend a precise route it simply needs to clear up the mis-interpretation and let the NMPIOC know that Springfield is open to routes that make sense to the residents of Springfield and that Springfield does not insist on a route that follows Highway K. This information should be made available for the following groups:

- Residents of Springfield
- North Mendota Parkway Implementation Oversight Committee
- Strand Associates
- Nearby Townships, particularly: Westport, Waunakee, Middleton.

A suggestion for the new revised statement toward K is as follows:

Springfield is open to NMP options that are North of K as long as these options factor in the well being of Springfield residents and follow all of the other guidelines: environmental, feasibility, Ag-land consumption, ...

Additionally, despite the stance of the Springfield Town Board most residents polled in Springfield are opposed to a NMP route the follows Highway K.

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7/14/2008

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Subject: FW: Public Meeting on North Mendota Parkway (July 14)

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From: Opitz, Mark forward
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See comment below for tonight's NMPIOC meeting.

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From: Mary Warren [mailto:warrenmary@tds.net]
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To: Mark Opitz
Subject: Public Meeting on North Mendota Parkway (July 14)

Hi Mark,

In "Sustainable Times" it says: 'The North Mendota Parkway Implementation Oversight Committee will meet from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, July 14, in the City of Middleton Common Council Chambers, 7425 Hubbard Ave., Middleton.'

I will not be able to attend the meeting tomorrow night but wanted to get a comment to the committee via email. Can you assist me by forwarding this comment?:

"One of the long-standing concerns here in Middleton has been diverting through traffic headed for other destinations away from Middleton's local neighborhoods. I hope the committee will take into account the impact each of the proposed routings might have on traffic volumes on Highway Q, Pheasant Branch Road, and High Road. The location of Pheasant Branch Road directly abutting the Pheasant Branch Conservancy makes it a particular concern to many, and over the years there has been strong public interest in retaining the road's present character. What measures can be taken in conjunction with each routing to discourage through traffic from

trying to use Pheasant Branch Road and other local roads as short cuts?"

Thanks for your help, Mark. Please note that my e-mail address is now: warrenmary@tds.net

Sincerely,

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7/15/2008

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July 8, 2008

North Mendota Parkway Committee
c/o Brian Standing, Senior Planner
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Dear North Mendota Parkway Committee Members,

After holding two public hearings with our town residents in the last couple weeks and extensive consideration by the Springfield Town Board we are requesting that the NMPIOC consider the following:

- ❖ With the recently released information of a Freeway conversion study for USH 12 it is imperative that the connection of the NMP and CTH K be in the vicinity of the current CTH K or provide other options that incorporate access for CTH K.
We must involve WiDOT in the planning process now, not later.
- ❖ The proposed connection at Parmenter St. /Greenbriar Rd. is offensive to area residents and is not adequate for a high volume road. The Springfield Town Board cannot support a Parmenter St./Greenbriar Rd. connection for the NMP as shown in Options 1,2 &3, rather all those options should show a joint connection with the NMP, US Hwy 12 and CTH K.
- ❖ If the NMP is off line of CTH K the road needs to be high speed with limited access.
- ❖ Has Option #4 (brown line) truly been studied (i.e. environmentally, etc) or merely mapped? The Town Board has not seen any information.
- ❖ Need to have at least three (3) viable options to present to the public for review and discussion purposes.
- ❖ WiDOT must address the NMP Committee as a whole directly on the intersection options for CTH K, US Hwy 12 and the NMP.

Thank you for allowing us extra time to gather valuable input from our residents.

Sincerely,

The Springfield Town Board