

DATE: February 10, 2014
TO: Comprehensive Planning Committee
FROM: Allen Lovejoy
RE: West Midway Working Agreement

As we discussed briefly at the Committee meeting last Friday, the next step in the West Midway work is to develop a Working Agreement among the implementing parties, particularly PED, PWD, DSI and the Port Authority. I thought it would be a good starting point to look more critically at the Implementation Matrix and go from there (please see below). In the next few days I will be working on reformatting of the Matrix and trying to turn it into a meaningful agreement for your review next Tuesday. I will send you some semblance of a draft by Thursday.

Thank you.

IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX: Implementers - Port: Saint Paul Port Authority; PED: Department of Planning and Economic Development; PWD: Department of Public Works; MnDOT: Minnesota Department of Transportation; MC: Midway Chamber of Commerce; B: local businesses; DC: District Councils; PC: Planning Commission; DEED: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development; CRWD: Capitol Regions Watershed District

Strategy #	Summary-Name	Implementers	Term/Difficulty or Cost
B-1	Define needs of business	Port, PED, MC	Short/Medium Staffing
B-2	Industrial Area Partnership		
i	Outreach interviews	MC, B, Port, PED	Short/High Staffing
ii	Def. freight movement needs	PWD, MC, B	Short/Medium Staffing
iii	Promote inter-business cooperation	Port, PED	Ongoing/Medium Staffing
B-3	Participate in Regional Economic Development Strategy		
i & ii	Participate in/review regional THRIVE MSP 2040	PED, Port, PC	Short/Low Staffing
iii	Promote aggressive approach to workforce training	PED, Port, B	Mid-range/Low Staffing
iv	Changes to/simplification of State Tax Code	Port, PED, B	Long-range/Low Staffing
v	Promote first-rate transportation system	PED, PWD	Ongoing/Low Staffing
B-4	Relations w/U of M, bldg. owners	PED, Port, MC	Ongoing/Low Staffing
B-5	Initiate “Business-Neighborhood Dialog”	PED, Port, MC, B, DC	Ongoing/Medium Staffing
B-6	Expand workforce preparedness		
i	Expand conversations with Workforce Investment Board	Local Universities & Colleges, Port, Ramsey County	Ongoing/High Staffing
ii	Specific training for high tech industry groups	Local Universities & Colleges, MC, St. Paul Chamber, Port, Ramsey County, DEED	Ongoing/High Staffing
iii	Enhance coordination on all training	Local Univ & Coll, MC, Port, Ramsey County, DEED	Ongoing/High Staffing

B-7	Environmental Sustainability		
i-a	Stormwater retention practices on private property	CRWD, Port, PWD, B	Ongoing/Low Staffing
i-b	Stormwater retention practices in public realm	CRWD, PWD, PED	Ongoing/Low Staffing
ii	Access by alternatives to auto: transit, bike, walk	PWD, PED	Ongoing/Medium Staffing
iii	Energy efficiency within existing buildings	Port, Xcel, PED	Ongoing/Medium Staffing
iv	Reuse of older buildings – Greenpoint Model	Port, PED, B	Ongoing/Low Staffing
B-8	Promote development/redevelopment of sites		
i	Assemble parcels of sufficient size	Port, PED, Metro Council, Legislature	Ongoing/High Staffing/\$\$\$\$
ii	Value Capture techniques – e.g. TIF	Legislature, Mayor, Port, PED, MC, B	Mid-range/Medium Staffing
iii	Eminent Domain exploration	Legislature, Mayor, PED, Port, MC	Long-range/Low Staffing
PI-1	Protect industrial land from other uses	PED, Port	Ongoing/Low Staffing
PI-2	Street & roadway network improvements		
i	Broaden MnPASS project on I-94 to include Highway 280 Interchange	PWD, MnDOT	Ongoing/\$\$\$\$
ii	Continue study of managed lanes on I-94	PWD, MnDOT	Ongoing/Low Staffing
iii	Improve direct access for trucks to I-94 & Hwy 280		
a	Rebuild Ellis: Transfer to Vandalia	PWD	Mid-term/Medium Staffing/\$\$\$
b	Designate Territorial as Truck Route	PWD	Short-term/Low Staffing
c	Resurface Territorial w/bike lanes and quiet pavement – Carlton to the west	PWD	High/Low Staffing/\$\$
d	Redesign/Resurface Vandalia w/sidewalks	PWD, Port	Mid-term/Medium Staffing/\$\$\$
e	Install Trailblazing to I-94 & Hwy 280	PWD, MnDOT	Short-term/Medium Staffing/\$
f	Reconstruct Territorial – Carlton to the east – Loading Dock issues	PWD, Port, B	Mid-term/Medium Staffing/\$\$
g	Reconstruct Vandalia Bridge/Interchange w/I-94 with improved capacity for semi-trailers	PWD, MnDOT	Long-term/Medium Staffing/\$\$\$\$
h	Periodically reassess usefulness of new N/S connection over the BNSF RR tracks	PWD	Long-term/Low Staffing
iv	Seek better options for truck movement in	PWD, Minneapolis	Short-term/Medium Staffing/\$ -

	Westgate Industrial Park area	PWD	\$\$\$\$ - unknown
v	Monitor traffic in Westgate Industrial Park area	PWD, Minneapolis PWD	Short-term – ongoing/Low Staffing
vi	Outline potential relievers of such traffic	PWD, Minneapolis PWD, MnDOT	Short-term/Medium Staffing
PI-3	Physical environment improvements that benefit businesses – streetscaping, curb & gutter, lighting	B, PWD, Port	Mid to Long-term/High Staffing/\$\$\$
PI-4	Physical environment improvements that benefit workers		
i	Improve sidewalks throughout area	PWD, B	Mid- to Long-term/Medium Staffing/\$\$\$
ii	Create bike facilities on selected streets	PWD, Parks	Mid-term/Low Staffing/\$\$
PI-5	Physical environment improvements that benefit neighborhoods	PED, DC, Port, MC, B	Medium
i	See B-4 i Reduce conflicts with trucks – build sidewalks		
ii	See B-4 ii Build inter-neighborhood and regional bicycle connections		
iii	See SD 1-13 thru 1-18, SD 2-7 thru 2-8 Improve problematic edges between industry and residences		
PI-6	Bike and Pedestrian improvements		
i	Ensure adequate walkways from Green Line	PWD, PED, B	Mid-term/Medium Staffing/\$\$\$
ii	See B-4 ii Create bicycle links through industrial area		
iii	See B-4 i Fill in grid of sidewalks		
iv	Ensure sufficient street lighting	PWD, B	Mid-term/Low Staffing/\$
SD 1-1	See PI-2 iii a Reconstruct Ellis		
SD 1-2	See PI-2 iii c Rehab Territorial		
SD 1-3	See PI-2 iii c Rehab Vandalia		
SD 1-4, 2-1	See PI-2 iii e Pathfinder Signage to Interstate		
SD 1-5	See PI-2 iii g Reconstruct Vandalia Interchange at I		

	-94		
SD 1-6	For larger developments, consider on-site ponding	CRWD, PWD, B	Ongoing/Low Staffing
SD 1-7	Stormwater holding/planting in boulevards	PWD, CRWD	Ongoing/Low Staffing/\$\$
SD 1-8	Consider ponding on existing private developments	B, MC, Port	Low
SD 1-9	Consider “community” stormwater ponding areas	CRWD, PWD, MC	Long-term/Low Staffing/\$\$\$
SD 1-10	Consider a “community” pond – N end of Vandalia	CRWD, PWD, MC	Long-term/Medium Staffing/\$\$
SD 1-11, 2-6, 2-9	Sidewalk Infill to connect with Green Line	PWD, PED	Medium
SD 1-12	Implement West Midway Sidewalk Infill Program	PWD, PED	Phase I complete/Long-term/Medium Staffing/\$\$\$
SD 1-13	Create/improve buffer: Pierce Butler from Snelling to Prior	PED, PWD, DC, CRWD	Mid-term/Medium Staffing/\$\$
SD 1-14	Create/improve buffer: Prior Alley from Pierce Butler to Minnehaha	PED, PWD, DC, CRWD	Short-term/Medium Staffing/\$\$
SD 1-15	Create/improve buffer: Minnehaha from Prior to Fairview	PED, PWD, DC, CRWD	Mid-term/Medium Staffing/\$\$
SD 1-16	Create/improve buffer: Robbins from Raymond to Hwy 280	PED, PWD, DC, CRWD	Short-term/High Staffing/\$\$
SD 1-17	Create/improve buffer: Raymond from BNSF RR Bridge to Bradford	PED, PWD, DC, CRWD	Mid-term/Medium Staffing/\$\$
SD 1-18	Create/improve buffer: Hampden from Raymond east to Carleton extended, south to Charles, east to Hersey, south to University	PED, PWD, DC, CRWD	Mid-term/Medium Staffing/\$\$
SD 1-19	E/W Bike connection: between Minnehaha @ Prior west to Territorial @ Vandalia	PWD, Parks	Long-term/High Staffing/\$\$\$
SD 1-20	N/S Bike connection: Transfer between I-94 and Pierce Butler	PWD	Mid-term/Medium Staffing/\$\$
SD 1-21	N/S Bike improvements: Raymond from University Avenue to BNSF tracks	PWD	Mid-term/Low Staffing/\$
SD 2-1	See PI-2 iii e Trailblazing to I-94 via Vandalia		
SD 2-2	See PI-2 iii e Trailblazing to NB Hwy 280 via Territorial		

SD 2-3	See B-7 I a Consider ponding on private property		
SD 2-4	See B-7 i b Stormwater recharge along Vandalia street improvements		
SD 2-5	See B-7 i a Encourage private businesses to add planting areas		
SD 2-6	See PI-4 i Implement Sidewalk Infill Plan		
SD 2-7	Create/improve buffer: Prior from St. Anthony to University Avenue	PED, PWD, DC, CRWD	Short-term/Low Staffing/\$\$
SD 2-8	Create/improve buffer: Emerald from Wabash to University	PED, PWD, B, CRWD	Mid-term/Medium Staffing/\$\$
SD 2-9	See PI 4-i Sidewalk infill program		
SD 2-10	E/W bike connection on Franklin between Mpls and University; enhance connections on Pelham, Myrtle and Raymond	PWD, B	Long-term/High Staffing/\$\$
SD 3-1	Monitor traffic in Westgate	PWD, PED	Short-term/Medium Staffing
SD 3-2	Evaluate possible relievers to truck traffic in Westgate	PWD, PED	Short-term/Medium Staffing
SD 3-3	See SD 1-6		
SD 3-4	See SD 1-7 For larger developments, consider on-site ponding		
SD 3-5	See SD 1-8 Consider ponding on existing private developments		
SD 3-6	Sidewalks integrated into all new industrial development	PWD, DSI, PED	Medium

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