



## **AGENDA ITEM #9.2**

# **REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

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**Date:** January 5, 2016

**Subject:** CSAH 11 Traffic Detour

**Report:** Attached are the public comments received thus far regarding the CSAH 11 traffic detour options during the Highway 371 expansion project.

- Option 1 – Tree Farm Road/Morehouse Drive
- Option 2 – Derksen Road

The Council should allow for further public comment prior to approving the detour option. Also, Tim Houle will provide a verbal update as to possible contingencies the Council may want to consider prior to approving the detour option.

**Council Action Requested:** Council motion approving Option 1 (Tree Farm Road/Morehouse Drive) or Option 2 (Derksen Road) as the preferred traffic detour of CSAH 11 during the Highway 371 expansion project based on contingencies as set forth by the City Council.

## **HIGHWAY 371 EXPANSION PROJECT CSAH 11 TRAFFIC DETOURS PUBLIC COMMENT**

Matt Kilian, Brainerd Lakes Chamber – No strong opinion on detour option, but temporary signage should be installed at the detour intersection. Signs should advertise downtown merchants and events. Size should be significantly larger and readable for tourists.

Ginger and Mark Hoffman, 31228 Eastwood Drive, Pequot Lakes – The temporary frontage road for 11 during construction should use Derksen Road; feel it would be safer and can the Industrial Park really handle that much traffic with buses and then summer visitors.

Bridget Larson, 8520 Red Oak Road, Pequot Lakes – I would recommend moving forward with detour route option 2 from CR 11 to Derksen Road as I have a daughter who currently uses Brenda Myers' ponies for horse lessons and would need to walk her horse across Tree Farm Road from the pasture to the riding arenas – this would be extremely dangerous.

Brenda Myers, 4778 Tree Farm Road, Pequot Lakes – As stated at the Council meeting, at the site visit and today at morning meeting the safest option would be to detour down Derksen Road as Tree Farm Road has children, elderly and houses and ponies and their caretakers who need access to cross the Tree Farm Road multiple times during each day.

Brad Myers, 4778 Tree Farm Road, Pequot Lakes – The detour down Tree Farm Road would be unsafe for our farm operations and also for residents with small children on that route and also the elderly who needs to back out of their garage at the town houses onto a busy highway. Proposal #2 to Derksen Road is much safer.

Tammy (Gravdahl) Bargy, 2152 52<sup>nd</sup> Street SW, Pequot Lakes – I would opt for Option 1 which was the original bid option and keeps all on budget. I am directly affected as others with these changes as I work at Landis + Gyr and live about 3 miles west of Pequot Lakes and travel this route many times a day. Thank you.

Damian Bonicatto, 5454 Sibley Lake Road, Pequot Lakes – I would prefer the CSAH 11 Detour along Tree Farm and Morehouse Drive.

James R. Tropp, 5996 Birchdale Road, Brainerd – I work at Landis + Gyr and use 11 at least twice a day. I have been traveling MN371 for over 20 years and have been looking forward to its widening. I would be opposed to Option 2 for a number of reasons:

1. Added expense of Option 2. If this goes over budget where is the money going to come from for the cost overrun.
2. Added length of time that CSAH 11 would be closed. The longer CSAH 11 is closed the more the public and the businesses in Pequot Lakes will be impacted by this inconvenience.
3. Safety in the winter of Option 2. With the added curves (5) in winter this would be a safety hazard.

Gary Bakken, 29464 Shore View Lane, Breezy Point – Option #1 saves \$ - No delay.

Chris Lindholm, Superintendent, 30805 Olson Street – Pequot Lakes Schools can and will make either the Morehouse Drive or Derksen Road detour options work in the coming months, however the Derksen Road option is the preferred option for three reasons:

1. With several school bus stops along Morehouse Drive buses will hold up traffic during the most congested time of day
2. The Derksen Road option will allow us to route buses straight across Hwy 371 as they move between the two schools twice each day (buses enter the secondary campus from South Oak Street). This would significantly streamline traffic flow in the downtown area and on Hwy 371 during those times.
3. With the Morehouse option, southbound Hwy 371 traffic waiting to turn left onto Morehouse Drive may stack up beyond the Super Value entrance – especially when the buses are going to Eagle View Elementary. This will present a significant safety concern at an intersection that is already difficult to navigate. Consider Friday afternoons in September (with northbound traffic from the cities) as buses and cars wait to turn left onto Morehouse and other northbound cars try to turn left into the Super Value...

Feel free to contact me with any questions!

Jeff and Kay Johnson, 31439 Wildwood Lane, Breezy Point – Currently there are several residents along County Road 11, so with that in mind we feel that it is more important for the city to stay on budget and with the timeline outlined in Option 1. With the temporary signal light at 371 and Morehouse Drive and speed limit postings it should address the safety concerns along the detoured route.

Bruce Weaver, 30690 Rainier Drive, Breezy Point – The cost of option 2 outweighs the safety concerns of approximately 8 people that would be affected. It would be good business sense for the state and the City to stay on budget and timeline. I would choose option 1 because the city and state elected officials have an obligation to the tax payers to stay in budget and on a proper timeline. If there is a way to make this option safer than that should be explored as well.

Pam Morrison, 3823 Hubbard Street, Pequot Lakes – Stay with option 1 budget. The timeline & cost of option 2 will hurt the taxpayers.

Bryon Drown, Pequot Lakes Baptist Church, 30028 Old Highway 371, Pequot Lakes – If Derksen Road detour is constructed do you anticipate impacts beyond the 66' right-of-way to accommodate a state aid highway? If the Derksen Road option is chosen we would request to be contacted by someone from the project team to go over the planned construction and timing so we can notify our congregation of traffic changes ahead of them being implemented.

Lance and Robyn Bragstad, 1679 – 52<sup>nd</sup> Street SW, Pequot Lakes – We prefer the Tree Farm/Morehouse detour option.

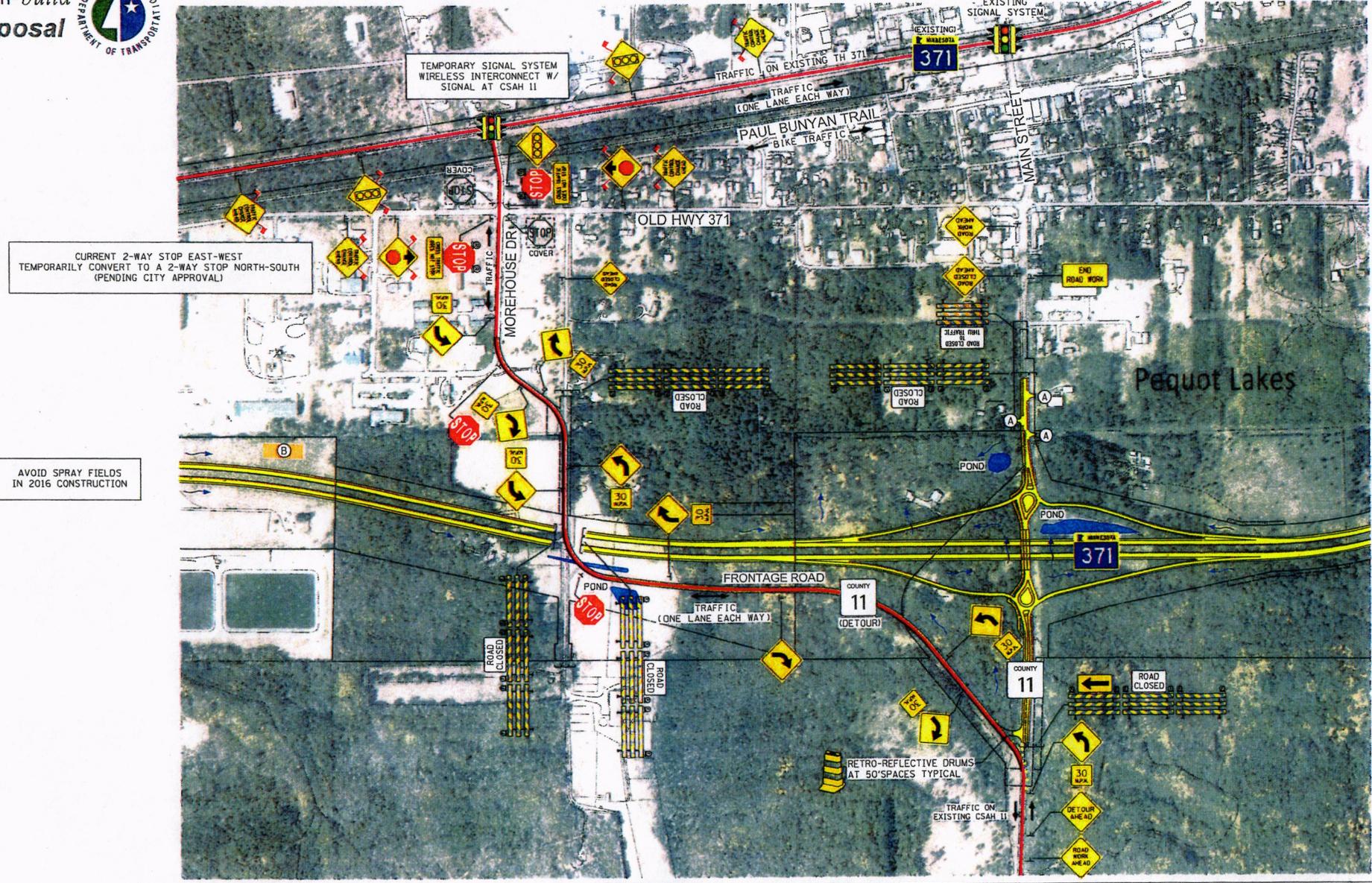
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David Kennedy, 29064 Voyagers Pass, Pequot Lakes – Please do not approve either presented option for a detour. Instead, ask the contractor to explore a route that skirts the interchange and enter town on CR 11.

Lynne Clement, business 4484 Main Street, home 4002 Blueberry Lane, Pequot Lakes – Morehouse Drive would be the best for local businesses!

Sarah Blaeser, Latte' da Coffee & Gift, 31039 County Road 112, Pequot Lakes – Morehouse detour is definitely the best choice for the businesses in town. We would lose a lot of business to Nisswa with the other detour.

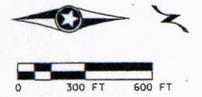
Trunk Highway 371 (Option 1)



CURRENT 2-WAY STOP EAST-WEST  
TEMPORARILY CONVERT TO A 2-WAY STOP NORTH-SOUTH  
(PENDING CITY APPROVAL)

AVOID SPRAY FIELDS  
IN 2016 CONSTRUCTION

TEMPORARY SIGNAL SYSTEM  
WIRELESS INTERCONNECT W/  
SIGNAL AT CSAH II



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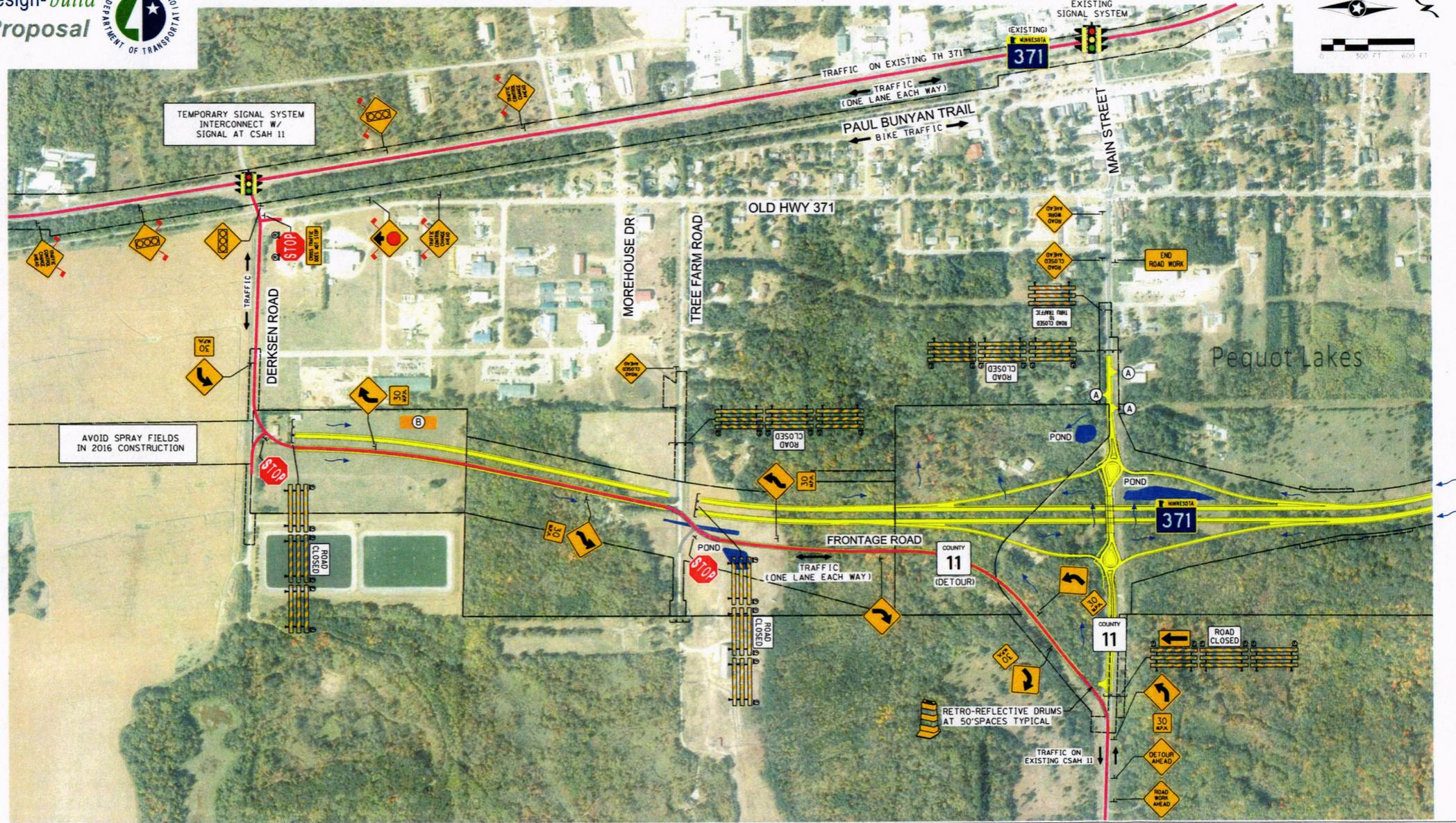
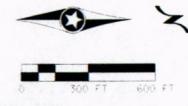
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