



AGENDA ITEM #9.4

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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Subject: Highway 371 Update

Report: We want to update the Council on the following activities relating to the Highway 371 Expansion Project.

- Obviously, tree clearing has started.
- It is very important for the Council and Staff to funnel communications through Nancy; and then she will discuss with MnDOT. If MnDOT discusses something with me, somehow, some way, I copy Nancy. If you, as a private citizen have a question, then you can contact whomever. But if it is related to City business, it is best that Nancy is the focal point to minimize the chances of misdirection from the City.
- MnDOT anticipates public outreach / public meetings once grading starts.
- MnDOT has scheduled a pre-construction meeting for the middle of March. Mike and I plan to attend. We

will learn more at that time about schedules, etc; however, on construction projects, schedules can change almost daily.

- Mathiowetz did get back to us after the last City Council meeting to accept the conditions for the temporary re-route of CSAH 11. We now need to see their design drawings for specifics before getting signatures on an Agreement.
- Mathiowetz has been working on preliminary designs for addressing the City's existing wastewater forcemain under the new highway.
- An important item is coming up faster, maybe, than we think. MnDOT is looking at new signing, and they want to know what the City will rename the existing Highway 371. Remember, CSAH 11 already has City street names (Main and Front). The City will also need to look at a name for CR 112. I suspect the County E-911 folks will want to know, and it might take some time for businesses and residents to switch their addresses. So, the sooner the City makes a decision, the better.
- I would suggest that Nancy convene the Highway 371 City Coordination Team the week of March 14 or the week of March 21. They could possibly prepare some ideas of new street names for the Council to consider (just one way to approach this subject). But, with the above subjects starting to get more active, having the CCT meet prior to the April 5th Council meeting is probably warranted.

Council Action Requested: No Council action requested.