

**TRANSPORTATION MEETING**  
**Conference Room – Chamber of Commerce**  
**September 15th 2009**

PRESENT: Rick Utech, Tom Pagel, Dave Christy, Scott Thompson, Jim Hietzman

CHAMBER STAFF: Bud Stone & Kerry Larsen

APPROVAL OF JAN. 2009 MINUTES: Rick Utech made a motion to approve the Jan.2009 minutes; Jim Hietzman seconded; motion carried.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

CROSS RANGE EXPRESSWAY (HIGHWAY 169) MNDOT QUESTIONNAIRE – BUD:

Bud updated the committee on questions that were asked regarding the Cross – Range Expressway/Highway 169 in Itasca County and the remaining two-lane section of the roadway between Taconite and Pengilly. The questions that were asked consisted of how does MN/Dot count traffic? When do traffic counts typically occur? How is MN/DOT preparing for the development of Essar Steel and other proposed major projects? Why was the mill and overlay project on 169 chosen to be funded and others? Bud gave a handout that had twelve different questions with answers. Bud informed the committee that another set of questions has been developed. Bud also gave the committee members a handout of MN/DOT's Principles for Investments from HF2800. Bud announced a meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the Calumet City Hall with Congressman Oberstar's Staff and MN/DOT Staff and 169 corridor community leaders. Bud encouraged all committee members to attend.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

UPDATES & DISCUSSION

The committee members discussed:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Comprehensive Plan update
- Casper Construction alley/road
- Blandin Easements
- Bridge replacement highway 10
- Highway 2 Cohasset to Deer River
- Fairgrounds

ACTION: The committee discussed possibly adding the Blandin Easements to the November agenda. What are the laws and rules when dealing with a Blandin Easement and transportation arteries?

2010 COMMITTEE & GOALS:

Bud mentioned to the committee to begin to think about the 2010 Committee Goals & Mission statement.. At the November meeting a 2010 Chair will be discussed.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is November 17th 2009 at 12:00 noon @Chamber Conference Room

Meeting Adjourned