

## Victor Lund

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**Attachments:** Rice Lake Rd Corridor Planning Project Issues\_Visioning Map.pdf; Rice Lake Rd Corridor Planning Project Issues\_Visioning Map Narrative.docx

Hi Vic,

Below are the notes that I took during this meeting. Thanks!

## 4/24/2023

Monday, April 24, 2023  
10:37 AM

### Attendee List:

Suzanne Herstad, Mayor, City of Rice Lake  
Jayme Heim, City Councilor, City of Rice Lake  
Toni Blomdahl, Clerk, City of Rice Lake  
Josh Stier, Bolton & Menk  
John Kelley, Planner, City of Duluth  
Kevin Cornick, Supervisor, Canosia Township  
Carl Osterberg, St. Louis County Planning  
Anja Hogan, St. Louis County Land & Minerals  
Stacy Caldwell Melcher, St. Louis County Land & Minerals  
Brea Archer, St. Louis County Public Works  
Steve Krasaway, St. Louis County Public Works  
Matt Hemmila, St. Louis County Public Works

### Background:

- ICE Study
  - Traffic congestion
  - Key commercial for development
- Ridgeview Rd (Turn Lanes, realignment)
- West Calvary Rd (Round About, new west leg, raised median)
- Martin/Rice Lake (Round About)
- West Tischer Rd (Nothing)
- Last year we built a concept of what that would look like
- RAISE Grant - 2022 (Unsuccessful) ask 13.5 Mil, total would be 18.5 Mil
- Rural Transportation Grant - (Unsuccessful)
  - Received a debrief on why we weren't successful - will use this to make the application for **Feb 2024** better

- County can't fund in entirety
- RAISE Awarded June 2024

## Issues and Visions Map

- Airport Business Development
  - MN Power relocate North of AP
  - Cirrus: take over old Northwest
- Rice Lake Road Trail
  - Want to focus on multi modal
  - Old application - West Calvary to second to last intersection (problem it doesn't connect to anything)
  - New - Extend West Calgary to Technology Drive (2.5 Mi)
    - analysis of how many miles of sidewalk we opened up
    - Provide connection to AP Rd to access the Duluth AP - should we consider adding a trail? (or put in the application saying we will do it in a future AP Road project)
  - Parking Lots to use the trails/add EV charging stations?
- City of Duluth Comp Plan
  - Development to showcase
  - Potential Comp plan in Appendix (talked about and acted on it)
  - Zoning (are there efforts of City of Duluth going above and beyond for developments)
- Ridgeview Development
  - Interest? By who?
  - Letter of commitment-is this serious?
  - Impact on intersection control Rice Lake Rd
- Roundabout Benefits
  - Travel time - what it is today? (corridor- Ridgeview to Pallet Factory)
    - Estimate the new travel time with proposed improvements
  - Impact on Emissions
    - State of MN goals (will it meet this?) - can estimate this
  - Increase of Capacity
    - Can we absorb \_\_\_\_ cars a day? (support future development)
- Rice Lake Rd Development
  - Talked to owner (Darrel Johnson) - marketing for development (need to touch base to see what development)
    - Jobs expected etc.
- City of Rice Lake Comp Plan
  - Changes for development?
  - Rely on this to see potential businesses
- EV Charging Stations
  - Fed govt is looking at these for the application
  - Could there be a deal with the below entities (work out a deal before the application)
    - MN Power (build it)
    - Third Party vendor (operating)
    - Boomtown/Kwik Trip
- Martin Road/W Calvary Rd City Street Connection
  - Utilities eligible? (RAISE)
- East Martin Rd Trail
  - Connection to Stabenger Rd
- Residential Development (Martin Rd)
  - Estimating living units (benefit for application)
- Veterans Memorial
  - Great showcase for Application
  - City Center Project

- Rice Lake Rd Residential Development City Street Connection
  - Rice Lake Road to Parcel Line with utilities (build street)
- West martin Rd
  - Work with Duluth AP (1996 annex agreement with Kenosia township) City of Duluth owns that
  - Extend trail along Stebner
- Stebner Rd Intersection Improvements
  - ICE Study
- Duluth Transit Authority or Arrowhead Transit
  - Include a transit park and ride station in Rice Lake Rd

#### **Discussion:**

- Utilities is key (City of Duluth)
- EV charging stations - increase of electric vehicles, would we need more for the future? (put one in at the AP?)
  - State has a plan to add more stations (rest stops up 35) - Carl to look into
- MN Power - job creation or replaced job
- Writing the Grant Plan around Prospective Business Development
  - What if those don't go through? Talk to the potential and give the confidence level (try to be as transparent as possible)
- Trails - wetland Impact, parcel, challenging locations
- Corridor impacted not only Rice Lake but for the region
- RISK assessment at the end of the process
  - Estimated cost of a low/high number
- VMT - will it go down if people don't need to leave the area?

