

## Victor Lund

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Thursday, November 16, 2023  
1:01 PM

### Attendees:

- Susan Herstad -Mayor City of Rice Lake
- Toni Blomdahl - City of Rice Lake
- Jamie Heim - City of Rice Lake
- Josh Stier - Bolton & Menk
- Robin Caufman - Bolton & Menk
- Corrin Bemis- Bolton & Menk
- Vic Lund - St Louis County
- Steve Krasaway - St Louis County
- Steph Boyum - St Louis County
- Tanja Mattonen - St Louis County
- Carl Osterberg - St Louis County Planning
- John Kelley - City of Duluth
- Matt Hemmila - St Louis County

### Notes:

- Last Agency PMT Meeting Aug 1st
- Accomplishments
  1. Hosted a business roundtable meeting with Apex at the Duluth International Airport on Tuesday, Aug. 29 to discuss the project and make connections with private industry to help support the project.
    - i. 25-30 Attendees
    - ii. Great connection to get the businesses aware of the project
    - iii. Potential support (Letter of support) - Vic needs to draft a letter of support to give to APEX to send out to their connections
    - iv. Important info on economic building
  2. Updated the project layout.
    - i. A lot of trail construction
    - ii. Trail will end at Stebner (need to update the layout) (Bolton & Menk)
    - iii. 2 Roundabouts
    - iv. New City Street
    - v. Tax forfeit driveway
    - vi. New private driveway
    - vii. Traffic calming at Stavenger (Left and Right turn lanes)
    - viii. Most driveways have dedicated turn lanes
    - ix. Thoughts - Rice Lake likes it!

3. Developed the preliminary construction cost estimate.
  - i. \$40, 097,798 (not including utilities for new city street)
  - ii. Asking \$25 Mil from the RAISE Grant
  - iii. Other funds: State Aid, Munciple State Aid, TST, CSAH
  - iv. City want to contribute for the city connector (to show commitment)? \$2.7 Mil - or anything they would want to contribute (would need Rice Lake City Council Approval) - 2027/2028 Construction
    1. Combined funding/support for the resolution
  - v. Part of the Transportation Sales Tax project
4. Hosted a public open house at the Rice Lake City Hall on Thursday, Sept. 21.
  - i. Provided postcards at National Night Out
5. Completed the risk assessment which documents project risks, probability of occurrence and potential impacts.
  - i. Appendix in the application
6. Began the economic analysis of known private development on and near the Rice Lake Rd corridor. This will be used to assess the potential benefit of the Rice Lake Rd Corridor Project.
  - i. Robin has been leading this
  - ii. Condense known development, known and future market value
7. Collected drone video of the project corridor.
  - i. Video and still photography
8. Conducted interviews of key stakeholders to potentially be used in the project promotion video.
  - i. Completed
9. Hired a video production firm and held the video production kick-off meeting.
  - i. Interviews, drone, maps, etc.
10. One Pager -
  - i. Asking for funding for legislators
11. Obtained resolutions of support from City of Hoyt Lakes, City of Aurora and Gnesen Township.
  - i. Making a map of all the townships/cities showing
12. High Level Intersection Study
  - i. Intersection of Martin and Stebner
  - ii. -if we don't do nothing - lots of delay
  - iii. St. Louis County will continue to monitor
    1. Single T intersection
    2. Green T Intersection
    3. Roundabout
    4. Roundabout with Westward bypass
13. Estimate total right-of-way acquisition.
  - i. 20 acres of impact
  - ii. \$750,000 total of ROW
  - iii. City street - \$250,000

Items yet to accomplish...

1. Estimate total wetland impacts.
  - i. Elevated trail with vehicle capability - Checks the box for Innovation as well as (winter construction/recycled plastic for decking)
2. Perform the benefit/cost computation of the final project scope.
3. Draft the funding application.
  - i. Skeleton has been produced
  - ii. Drafted in waves - accepting comments from everyone
4. Complete the project promotion video.
  - i. End of December
5. Request additional letters and resolutions of support for the project.
  - i. Businesses as well

- ii. Vic to draft
- 6. Host the next and final public open house on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 5:00 pm at the Rice Lake City Hall.
  - i. Large Layout Map
  - ii. Large Roundabout Layout (matchbox car model)
  - iii. Why are we doing Project/Timeline (screen)
  - iv. Historical Map (changes in development)

One Last Agency Meeting

- Lessons Learned
- Scroll through the application

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