

Corridor Improvement Program
March 16, 2017 Highway 10 Summit Public Comment

Highway 10 Plan

- Businesses are frustrated with these studies and a perceived lack of focus on existing businesses and stakeholders. Businesses will either be forced out of business or forced to relocate.
- What will happen to the parcels already purchased for right-of-way under the old Highway 10 Plan?
 - To the extent possible, those parcels were still used in the new Highway 10 Plan. For those that will no longer be needed, the City will sell unneeded portions with revenues going back into the RALF program. This step likely will not occur until construction of a project is completed.
- What is the status of the Mississippi River Crossing?
 - The Mississippi River Crossing remains in the Comprehensive Plans for the cities of Dayton and Ramsey. The Mississippi River Crossing is not on MnDOT's improvement plan nor the Metropolitan Council's regional transportation plan. The cities of Dayton and Ramsey will continue to plan for land uses with the river crossing in mind, but any plan is 20+ years in the future, if not greater.
- The right-of-way acquisition process has been arduous and onerous on property owners. The burden of the Highway 10 plan has been placed on too few people, primarily property owners.
 - The City is looking to adjust our official controls (Zoning Code) to attempt to ease some burden while retaining the necessary protection of future right-of-way.

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- Are dollars available for improvements to private sites?
 - The City does not have dollars specifically available for the image improvement initiative. This is a tactic that could be explored. The City is focused on incentive-based approaches.
- Stop wasting government dollars on assistance to private properties. City has no vision. Focus on vacant land and acquire vacant buildings.
- Take out vacant buildings and mow ditches and medians more frequently.
- If ordinances change, financial assistance to comply should be provided.
- Focus on low-hanging fruit; old and vacant buildings.

Post Meeting Suggestions

- Run mock scenario to relocate a business in the corridor.
- Complete a tax-base study for those businesses/uses to be removed.
- Complete Ramsey Highway 10 Plan (consolidated exhibit)