



**WORK SESSION
VIRTUAL MEETING HELD VIA WEBEX
FEBRUARY 8, 2022
5:45 PM**

Call to order

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Adjournment

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2/8/2022

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2/1/2022

OTHER DEPARTMENT REVIEW: N/A

CITY MANAGER REVIEW: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager
2/2/2022

ITEM FOR WORK SESSION:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The MnDOT I-494: Airport to Highway 169 Project 1 team convened the VQAC in November 2021 to finalize the aesthetic elements for the upcoming I-494 project. Members of the VQAC include local agency representatives as well as community members who live or work along the corridor.

The VQAC conducted a context sensitive solutions evaluation to identify how the project would integrate with the culture of the communities and to identify potential locations for future public art. The committee has met roughly two times per month which will continue through the end of March 2022 when the final VQM will be submitted for inclusion in MnDOT's design-build process for Project 1. This process has provided several ways for the public to engage which include online surveys, virtual listening sessions, and pop-up events at community destinations.

DIRECTION NEEDED:

This work session is intended to provide an informational update on the work of the VQAC and no direction is needed at this time. The work session is an opportunity to view some aesthetic concepts and ask any questions that may arise.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A. **HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

See executive summary.

B. **POLICIES (resolutions, ordinances, regulations, statutes, etc):**

None.

C. **CRITICAL TIMING ISSUES:**

The I-494 Project VQAC is nearing the conclusion of its work and an update is timely.

D. **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None as it applies to this work session.

E. **LEGAL CONSIDERATION:**

None.

ALTERNATIVE(S):

None.

PRINCIPAL PARTIES EXPECTED AT MEETING:

Members of the I-494 Project team/VQAC