



Work Session Minutes

Planning Commission, Community Services Commission and
City Council

March 28, 2022

PC MEMBERS PRESENT:	Commissioners Brendan Kennealy, Eddie Holmwig-Johnsin, Benjamin Surma and Brett Stursa
PC MEMBERS ABSENT:	Chair James Rudolph, Commissioner Kathryn Quam.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Council Members Simon Trautmann, Mary Supple, Sean Hayford Oleary; and Ben Whalen
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mayor Maria Regan Gonzalez
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tessa Johanson
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:	Chair Kevin Wendt; Members David Benson, Stephanie Nwaudu, Ben Marx, Heather MacDonald, Meredith Bruzek, Jessica Johnson-Kreps, and Brooke Nelson
STAFF PRESENT:	Melissa Poehlman, Assistant Community Development Director; Nellie Jerome, Assistant Planner; Ben Manibog, Transportation Engineer
OTHERS PRESENT:	Lisa Austin, Amber Blanchard, and Andrew Lutaya with MnDOT

Commissioner Kennealy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ITEM #1 Members of the I-494 Project team will present an update on the progress made to date by the I-494: Airport to Highway 169 Project 1 Visual Quality Advisory Committee (VQAC) in their efforts to develop the project's Visual Quality Manual (VQM) and Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Guide which will guide aesthetic qualities of the project and the corridor's visual elements.

Lisa Austin, MnDOT's Visual Quality Project Manager for the 494 Corridor project, presented the Visual Quality Manual and Context Sensitive Solutions Framework for the *I-494: Airport to 169* project. Austin described the scope of the project and of the visual quality advisory committee. The context sensitive solutions framework identifies what aspects of the corridor can be added by the community at a later date, such as art or pedestrian infrastructure. Austin reviewed the visual aspects that were considered and ultimately selected for I-494 through engagement with the committee.

Council member Hayford Oleary asked about the city-funded aspects about fencing and bridges, and the MnDOT team clarified that all costs are covered for basic models of fences and designs. MnDOT also added that landscaping will take up to three years to implement after the infrastructure is done. Council member Hayford Oleary added that intersection design should be improved for pedestrian safety, especially at 66th Street and 35W.

MnDOT staff noted that they are working to keep all aesthetics within the state budget to avoid asking for any community contributions on top of the basic designs.

City Transportation Engineer Ben Manibog added that the City is working with Bloomington to finalize the lighting plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at **6:37 p.m.**

Brendan Kennealy

[Brendan Kennealy \(Apr 28, 2022 09:49 CDT\)](#)

Planning Commission Secretary






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