

U.S. HIGHWAY #30 COALITION MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2009

The U.S. Highway #30 Coalition met on Friday, December 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Story County Administration Center, Nevada, Iowa. There were 25 members and guests present.

Chairwoman Edith Pfeffer opened the meeting and called for introductions. Coalition members were welcomed by host County Supervisors Jane Haliburton and Wayne Clinton.

Mrs. Pfeffer then asked for approval of the Secretary's Minutes of October 2, 2009. Renae Becker moved acceptance of the report. Pam Wood then moved to amend the agenda to allow Chris Whittaker to present the U.S. Highway #30 study with priority rankings in the agenda, second Gerald Claussen. ayes all.

Treasurer's Carol Lamont reported checkbook balance of \$3,417.45 with all bills paid to date. Mrs. Pfeffer will present a bill for mailings. The report was placed on file.

Department of Transportation Director Nancy Richardson was introduced and spoke on the prospects of additional funding by the Iowa Legislature. She warned not to expect any revenue generating action in the upcoming session. However, we should continue discussions about additional funding to focus on highway needs and to keep the legislators aware and engaged. Mrs. Richardson commented that the DOT has cut 500 positions since 2001, reducing spending by 17 million dollars. On the federal level, she stated that the multi-year reauthorization has not received much action, and that a continuing resolution will be needed. She opined that it could be one-year before the bill will be done. Highway #30 projects moving forward in the 5-year plan are Tama-Toledo and Clinton. She also reported that the Commission placed Hwy. 218 to 21 in the five year plan at the June, 2009 meeting. Mrs. Richardson explained that the Gap Map, (those miles between communities that are not 4-laned), is used for planning. DOT Commissioners are facing a little less money through 2020. She further stated that there are opportunities to do public education of the highway funding needs.

Chris Whitaker, Region XII COG, presented a draft report of the U.S. Highway 30 Corridor Study for the members. He requested that we define our priorities before publishing the final report, to be done by March 1, 2010. He explained that the study listed priority levels A, 1, 2, 3, and 4. Level A are those U.S. Highway #30 segments already included in the DOT 5 year plan: Colo to #330; Tama-Toledo By-pass, and Clinton-Liberty Square. The next set of highways given priority 1 ranking area, along with annual average daily traffic counts: Carroll to Glidden, Highway 21 to US 218, Lisbon/Mount Vernon, Missouri Valley By-pass, and Ogden to US 169 N. The next highway grouping ranked at #2, along with their annual average daily traffic counts are: Lisbon to Mechanicsville, Logan to Missouri Valley, Calamus to US 61, Tama to Highway 21. The next highway grouping ranked at #3 along with the annual average daily traffic counts are: Woodbine to Logan, Glidden to Ralston, Grand Junction to US 169N, and Mechanicsville to Clarence.

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The next group of highway segments ranked #4, along with their annual average daily traffic count are: Dow City to Denison, Clarence to Calamus, Carroll to Denison, Ralston to Jefferson, Woodbine to Dunlap, Dunlap to Dow City, and Jefferson to Grand Junction.

It was noted that the traffic counts in Western Iowa were recorded in 2008, while those in Eastern Iowa used 2005 traffic counts. The latest counts for Eastern Iowa are due out by June, 2010.

There was discussion about the projects and their rankings. A motion was made by Gerald Claussen to adopt the priorities as outlined in the draft without ranking within priorities. Second, Dr. Watt. A motion to amend the ranking of Tama to Hwy. 21 was made by Lindi Roelofsein. The amendment failed on a vote of 6 for, 7 opposed. The original motion passed.

Chair Pfeffer thanked both presenters. She then reported on the October 13, 2009 IDOT Public Input Meeting in Davenport. She attended the meeting thanking the Commissioners for U.S.#30 projects and reiterated our priority projects.

She urged each community to contact their own Congressional Representative and Senators to request funding from the new transportation bill. She advised to coordinate with DOT staff Cathy Cutler, Dale VanderShaff, and Dan Franklin.

TIME 21 LOBBYING DAY AT THE CAPITOL IS SET FOR JANUARY 27, 2010 IN DES MOINES. WE WILL MEET AT 9:30 a.m. WITH OTHER COALITIONS AT THE WALLACE STATE OFFICE BUILDING AUDITORIUM.

The Annual Ice Cream Social is set for March 10, 2010 at the Capitol at 3:00 p.m. This is U.S. Hwy. #30 Lobbying Day.

Edith will work on the 2010 Finance/Membership letter. She requested \$500.00 for expenses to travel to Washington, D.C. to lobby for Highway #30 projects. Moved to approve, Ron Buch, second Pam Wood, ayes all.

The meeting was closed with Mrs. Pfeffer reading a letter from the City of Mt. Vernon, Mayor Paul Tuerler, on record urging a four lane by-pass not more than 1 mile outside the cities of Mt. Vernon and Lisbon. Safety issues were cited. (The letter in its entirety is posted on our website.)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Next Meeting will be on February 19, 2010 by teleconference at 9:00 a.m. To participate please dial in 218-339-4300. Julie Allesee access code is 102876*. Participant, (those calling in), access code 102876#

Submitted by,

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