

**ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OPEN HOUSE WITH  
MN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
MARCH 7, 2018**

An Open House Meeting was held with representatives of MnDOT on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

City Councilmembers present included: Mayor Clinton Stoen; Councilmembers Mary Opsahl and Dennis Schnoor.

Planning and Zoning Commissioners Present: Clinton Stoen and Rick Galewski.

Economic Development Authority Commissioners Present: Mack Evans and Mary Opsahl.

Also Present: City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; City Engineer Chris Cavett, SEH Engineering; and multiple MnDOT District 7 Representatives including: Forrest Hasty, PE, Project Manager; Brett Paasch, PE – Traffic Engineer; and Shauna McIntire – Grad Engineer.

Also Present: Approximately 25 members of the public.

MnDOT representatives presented a new design concept that allows for safer pedestrian crossings on Highway 60 and reduces the speeds of motorists traveling through town. This concept would utilize medians and turn lanes. It also includes a frontage road to provide access to Second Street SE on the south side of Highway 60 and proposes the closing of two accesses – Fourth Street SW and Second Street SE, both north of Highway 60. This design would provide obstacles to slow the traffic and would provide a center line median which would provide refuge in the middle of the highway for pedestrians crossing. There would be a crosswalk at the intersection at Casey's and the Pit Stop but they would still be "unmarked" crosswalks.

Members of the public expressed concerns in closing the accesses and frustration that MnDOT would not just simply lower the speed limit and install crosswalks. There also was some renewed interest in a roundabout.

Next steps have yet to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Clinton Stoen, Mayor

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Lorri Kopischke, City Administrator