



**HIGHWAY 55**

CORRIDOR COALITION

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### **Full Membership Meeting**

Friday, December 9th, 2022 - 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

City of Independence Community Room (1920 CR. 90, Independence, MN 55359)

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call the meeting to order** – Commissioner Christine Husom, Chair
- 2. Introductions:**
  - Christine Husom, Wright County Commissioner
  - Marvin Johnson, Mayor of Independence
  - Kent Koch, Mayor of Loretto
  - Andy Mielke, SRF Consulting
  - Dan McNeil, SRF Consulting
  - Judy Johnson, Met Council
  - Rep. Kristin Robbins, MN House
  - Annette Kuyper, Wright-Hennepin Electric
  - Kevin Anderson, Hennepin County Commissioner
  - Greg Eckblad, Rockford Township
  - Tina Diedrick, Wright County Commissioner-elect
  - Linda Betts, Independence
  - Nadine Schoen, Wright County Commissioner-elect
  - \*Virgil Hawkins, Wright County
  - \*Sen. Ann Johnson Stewart, MN Senate
  - \*Renee Hafften, Mayor of Rockford
  - \*Mary Wetter, Wright County Commissioner
  - \*Zach Rodvold, Rep. Dean Phillips' Office
  - \*Scott Johnson, City of Medina
  - \*Andrew Lutaya, MnDOT Metro District
  - \*Adam Harrington, Met Council
  - \*Renee Eckerly, City of Maple Lake
  - \*Lynn Kissock, City of Maple Lake
  - \*Myles Aris, Senator Tina Smith's Office
  - \*Ned Carroll – Plymouth City Council
  - \*Chad Hausmann, Wright County
  - \*Brad Johnson, City of Greenfield
  - \*Tony Fischer, Met Council
- 3. Approve draft Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2022** - Motion by Mayor Marvin Johnson, second by Commissioner Kevin Anderson to approve the April 8, 2022, meeting minutes. Roll call of coalition members in attendance. Motion approved.

\*Indicates virtual attendance via Zoom.



**4. Agency Updates:**

- **Hennepin County:** Commissioner Kevin Anderson noted that Hennepin County and the City of Plymouth received approximately \$15 million dollars in Raise grant funds for Hwy 73/Hwy55 transit, mobility, and safety improvements. This project will help in the overall vision of the Highway 55 corridor. The County Road 73 Project is a wonderful improvement with significant multimodal efficiencies. Hennepin County has been completing road work on Hwy 12 and in the western suburbs.
- **Wright County:** Virgil Hawkins noted Wright County has \$24 million in road construction scheduled in 2023 and an additional \$32 to \$35 million in road work improvements anticipated in 2024. Most upcoming construction projects are located in the northeast part of the county.
- **City of Independence:** Mayor Marvin Johnson noted that roadwork on CR 92 over the railroad is completed, with ribbon cutting earlier this fall. This will end two years of detours on Hwy 12.
- **Met Council:**
  - Adam Harrington noted Metro Transit continues to struggle with workforce hiring and has recently implemented an 8% reduction in service across the system to meet staff capacity. Metro Transit is currently experiencing 60% ridership compared to 2019. BRT/LRT are growing ridership at a higher rate. Metro Transit hopes to add service in the coming months and continues to coordinate with the Hwy 55 Study (Phase 1 and Phase 2) regarding stations and BRT locations.
  - Tony Fischer noted the Met Council recently received regional solicitation applications The Transportation Advisory Board has made recommendation and will be forwarding recommendations to the Met Council in mid-December to disperse over \$300 million in regional transportation improvements.
  - Judy Johnson shared her support for coalition initiatives and willingness to help during the 2023 legislative session.

**5. Legislative Updates:**

- **Federal**
  - Zach Rodvold (Rep. Dean Phillips office) noted it is a quiet time in Washington D.C. and next year will have more clarity on the Federal Infrastructure Bill. Rep. Phillips' priority is ensuring as many dollars as possible reach our community. The congressman is happy to support the Corridors of Commerce application and to advocate for this project and others in this area. Rep. Phillips will maintain his committee roles during the next session. Please note, when seeking federal grant money, the congressman's office can lend letters of support.
  - Myles Artis (Sen. Tina Smith's office) noted December is a time of transition. Senator Smith's office wants to be a partner and resource. They appreciate the opportunity to support the coalition.



▪ **State**

- Senator Ann Johnson Stewart noted her term is ending in the state Senate. Happy to help advocate for the corridor and may remain an active member of the coalition in a new role.
- Representative Kristin Robbins submitted a letter of support for the Corridors of Commerce application. If there is a bonding request, she plans to co-author and would be happy to support the coalition in future initiatives.

**6. Financial Report (see attachments)**

- 2022 Financial Report - Virgil Hawkins provided an overview of the 2022 Financial Report.
  - Motion to approve Financial Report by Mayor Kent Koch, second by Mayor Marvin Johnson. Roll call of coalition members in attendance. Motion approved.
- 2023 Proposed Budget - Andy Mielke provided an overview of the proposed 2023 Highway 55 Corridor Coalition budget.
  - Motion to approve 2023 Budget by Mayor Marvin Johnson, second by Greg Eckblad. Roll call of coalition members in attendance. Motion approved.
- 2023 Dues – Motion to approve the 2023 dues by Greg Eckblad, seconded by Mayor Kent Koch. Motion approved.
  - Dues will remain the same as what was requested 2022. A request was made to reevaluate dues at the April 2023 meeting.

**7. Coalition Activities: Hwy 55 Corridors of Commerce grant application**

- Andy Mielke noted the coalition has submitted a Corridors of Commerce grant application to MnDOT requesting Federal funds for a roadway expansion project from Medina to City of Loretto / CR 19. The project would improve safety and operations as the west metro continues to expand. The application included a project description with cost estimate as well as an updated project layout. The application was submitted to MnDOT at the end of November and the coalition has received confirmation from MnDOT that the application is under consideration. The coalition has received letters of support from Rep. Robbins and Sen. Limmer, and additional letters of support may be received. This project has been a priority for many years and is a worthy investment.
- The application included \$3.7 million in right of way acquisition and \$39 million in roadway design and construction. These cost estimates include inflation. The application is reviewed on a point scale with the higher scoring projects more likely to receive funding. It would help to receive bi-partisan support for the coalition and the COC application. Rep. Ginny Klevorn is not able to attend the meeting but has reached out to express support for the application and coalition initiatives. Brad Johnson noted that Greenfield has experienced growth and development constraints because of the lack of four lane access on Highway 55. This application can help remove an impediment to growth.



- Mayor Kent Koch shared additional background about the COC application. The Coalition submitted \$5 million in funding request in the latest bonding bill. The funding was not awarded and so the Coalition continued to pursue other funding opportunities based on the bonding bill request. As we prepared the COC application the Coalition leadership determined it was most effective to apply for the full project based on grant criteria. In the upcoming legislative session, the Coalition will modify the 2023 bonding request to include the full project funding during the next legislative session.

**8. Election of Officers for 2023**

- Mayor Marvin Johnson nominated Mayor Kent Koch as the Coalition chair. – Aye – motion passes.
- Mayor Kent Koch nominated Wright County Commissioner-elect Tina Diedrick as Vice Chair.
- Dan McNiel nominated Mayor Marvin Johnson as Secretary/Treasurer.
  - There was an open call for additional nominations. Chair Husom closed the nomination process.
  - Mayor Kent Koch elected as the Chair; Wright County Commissioner-elect Tina Diedrick elected as the Vice Chair; and Mayor Marvin Johnson elected as Secretary/Treasurer for the Highway 55 Corridor Coalition.

**9. Tentative 2023 meeting schedule**

- April 14, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.
- August 11, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. (tentative)
- December 8, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

**10. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



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Attachment 1.  
2022 Financial Report and  
2023 Proposed Budget

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## TH 55 Corridor Coalition Proposed 2023 Budget

<b><u>Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
2023 Dues (Anticipated)	\$7,525
Federal Funds	\$15,192*
2022 Carry-over Funds (estimated)	\$44,578
Misc. Revenue	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$67,295*</b>

<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Projects (All funds for projects have been used)	\$0
Professional Services	\$15,192
Misc. Expenses/Fund Balance	<u>\$52,103</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$67,295</b>

\*All Federal funds have been encumbered by MnDOT for use by the Hwy 55 Corridor Coalition and are distributed to Wright County as expenses are incurred. These funds were obtained through Federal funding and expire on July 26, 2025. This amount may change if additional funding becomes available.

**Highway 55 Corridor Coalition**  
**Financial Report**  
**12/5/2022**

**Revenue**

<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>Entity</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Initial Payment (2001)	Hennepin County	\$10,000.00
Initial Payment (2001)	Wright County	\$10,000.00
Dues and Memberships		
	2002	<u>\$10,025.00</u>
	2003	<u>\$9,195.00</u>
	2004	<u>\$10,235.00</u>
	2005	<u>\$11,825.00</u>
	2006	<u>\$10,525.00</u>
	2007	<u>\$10,425.00</u>
	2008	<u>\$10,500.00</u>
	2009	<u>\$10,175.00</u>
	2010	<u>\$9,150.00</u>
	2011	<u>\$8,400.00</u>
	2012	<u>\$8,525.00</u>
	2013	<u>\$7,300.00</u>
	2014	<u>\$5,775.00</u>
	2015	<u>\$7,150.00</u>
	2016	<u>\$6,650.00</u>
	2017	<u>\$6,650.00</u>
	2018	<u>\$6,150.00</u>
	2019	<u>\$6,025.00</u>
	2020	<u>\$6,275.00</u>
	2021	<u>\$5,250.00</u>
	2022	<u>\$7,525.00</u>
Total Dues and Memberships		<u>\$173,730.00</u>
Reimbursements	[See Attached Sheet A]	\$285,422.14
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u><u>\$479,152.14</u></u>

**Expenditures**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Entity</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
2001 Payments	Hennepin County	\$3,035.93
2002 Payments	Hennepin County	\$6,964.07
	Sub-Total	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
2001 Payments	Wright County	\$3,035.93
2002 Payments	Wright County	\$10,453.32
2003 Payments	Wright County	\$13,712.06
2004 Payments	Wright County	\$13,620.29
2005 Payments	Wright County	\$44,599.13
2006 Payments	Wright County	\$22,190.22
2007 Payments	Wright County	\$33,748.64
2008 Payments	Wright County	\$33,768.66
2009 Payments	Wright County	\$29,820.92
2010 Payments	Wright County	\$18,918.33
2011 Payments	Wright County	\$9,831.50
2012 Payments	Wright County	\$12,625.71
2013 Payments	Wright County	\$16,881.70
2014 Payments	Wright County	\$18,032.40
2015 Payments	Wright County	\$8,514.15
2016 Payments	Wright County	\$5,714.38
2017 Payments	Wright County	\$14,625.24
2018 Payments	Wright County	\$7,342.71
2019 Payments	Wright County	\$41,235.47
2020 Payments	Wright County	\$33,893.96
2021 Payments	Wright County	\$16,817.72
2022 Payments	Wright County	\$15,191.72
	Sub-Total	<u>\$424,574.16</u>
	[See Attached Sheet B]	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u><u>\$434,574.16</u></u>

**Fund Balance** \$44,577.98

**Highway 55 Corridor Coalition**  
**Revenue Detail**  
**12/5/2022**

DATE	MEMBERSHIP NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	AMOUNT
2016 Dues					<u>\$ 6,650.00</u>
2017 Dues					<u>\$ 6,650.00</u>
2018 Dues					<u>\$ 6,150.00</u>
2019 Dues					<u>\$ 6,025.00</u>
2020 Dues					<u>\$ 6,275.00</u>
2021 Dues					<u>\$ 5,250.00</u>
2022 Dues					
	City of Annandale	30 Cedar Street P O Box K	Annandale	55302	\$ 250.00
	City of Buffalo	212 Central Ave	Buffalo	55313	\$ 1,000.00
	City of Corcoran	8200 Cty Rd 116	Corcoran	55340	\$ 250.00
	City of Independence	1920 Cty Road 90	Independence	55359	\$ 250.00
	City of Loretto	259 North Median St PO Box 207	Loretto	55357	\$ 250.00
	City of Maple Lake	P O Box 757	Maple Lake	55358	\$ 250.00
	City of Medina	2052 Cty Road 24	Medina	55340	\$ 250.00
	City of Plymouth	3400 Plymouth Blvd	Plymouth	55447	\$ 250.00
	Buffalo Township	3405 56th St NE	Buffalo	55313	\$ 250.00
	Corinna Township	9801 Ireland Ave NW	Annandale	55302	\$ 250.00
	Maple Lake Township				\$ 250.00
	Rockford Township	3039 Dague Ave SE	Buffalo	55313	\$ 250.00
	Hennepin County Public Works	1600 Prairie Drive	Medina	55340	\$ 1,000.00
	Wright County	3600 Braddock Ave NE	Buffalo	55313	\$ 1,000.00
	Bolton & Menk Inc	2040 Hwy 12 E	Willmar	56201	\$ 500.00
	55 Corridor LLC	P O Box 2316	Maple Grove	55311	\$ 25.00
	Chatham Township				\$ 250.00
	Safe Communités of Wright County	P O Box 339	St Michael	55376	\$ 250.00
	SRF Consulting Group Inc	One Carlson Parkway North Suite 150	Minneapolis	55447	\$ 500.00
	Wright Hennepin Cooperative	PO Box 330	Rockford	55373	\$ 250.00
					<u>\$ 7,525.00</u>

**REFUNDS / REIMBURSEMENTS**

DATE	MEMBER / VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2004	<u>\$ 6,091.59</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2005	<u>\$ 35,308.41</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2006	<u>\$ 20,225.63</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2007	<u>\$ 26,494.91</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2008	<u>\$ 17,792.38</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2009	<u>\$ 19,727.08</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2010	<u>\$ 19,377.09</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2011	<u>\$ 10,731.23</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2012	<u>\$ 8,772.06</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2013	<u>\$ 12,594.61</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2014	<u>\$ 1,959.25</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2015	<u>\$ 4,200.70</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2016	<u>\$ 7,126.13</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2018	<u>\$ 10,418.59</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2019	<u>\$ 7,211.77</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2020	<u>\$ 39,286.37</u>
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2021	<u>\$ 9,740.26</u>
3/29/2022	State of Minnesota	86-595-003 VO# 19	22,984.34
4/27/2022	State of Minnesota	86-595-003 VO# 20	1,528.57
5/9/2022	State of Minnesota	86-595-003 VO# 21	2,035.47
6/2/2022	State of Minnesota	86-595-003 VO# 22	1,815.70
	State of Minnesota	Reimbursements 2022	<u>\$ 28,364.08</u>

**TOTAL TO DATE:** \$ 285,422.14



**Highway 55 Corridor Coalition  
Expense Detail  
12/5/2022**

Mo/Yr Paid	Vendor	Description	Amount
		<b>Total Expenses for 2001-2011</b>	<b><u>\$ 233,699.00</u></b>
		<b>Total Expenses for 2012</b>	<b><u>\$ 12,625.71</u></b>
		<b>Total Expenses for 2013</b>	<b><u>\$ 16,881.70</u></b>
		<b>Total Expenses for 2014</b>	<b><u>\$ 18,032.40</u></b>
		<b>Total Expenses for 2015</b>	<b><u>\$ 8,514.15</u></b>
		<b>Total Expenses for 2016</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,714.38</u></b>
		<b>Total Expenses for 2017</b>	<b><u>\$ 14,625.24</u></b>
		<b>Total Expenses for 2018</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,342.71</u></b>
		<b>Total Expenses for 2019</b>	<b><u>\$ 41,235.47</u></b>
		<b>Total Expenses for 2020</b>	<b><u>\$ 33,893.96</u></b>
		<b>Total Expenses for 2021</b>	<b><u>\$ 16,817.72</u></b>
01/21/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	3,745.95
01/21/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	306.47
02/11/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	1,495.92
03/11/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	379.79
03/11/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	35.00
04/08/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	127.34
04/08/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	2,417.00
05/20/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	119.57
05/20/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	2,150.05
07/15/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	325.53
07/15/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	70.00
08/12/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	35.00
08/12/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	395.18
09/16/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	1,207.44
09/16/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	35.00
10/14/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	35.00
10/14/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	953.39
11/14/22	SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	Consulting Fee	1,358.09
		<b>Total Expenses for 2022</b>	<b><u>\$ 15,191.72</u></b>
		<b>TOTAL TO DATE:</b>	<b><u>\$ 424,574.16</u></b>