## Meeting Minutes

Project: I-29 Exit 77 ( $41^{\text {st }}$ Street) Interchange Study and Environmental Assessment
Subject: Carolyn Avenue Alternatives
Date: Thursday, November 17, 2016
Location: HDR Conference Room
Attendees: Chuck Gustafson - Pizza Hut Jason Kjenstad, James Unruh (HDR)

1. Landowner survey by Chuck G.
1.1 Chuck had informally discussed the Carolyn Avenue alternatives with these business managers: Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Bridal Gallery, Radco, Rainbow Play Systems, Microtel Inn, and Candlewood Suites. Chuck showed them the Carolyn Avenue alternatives from the 8/30/16 Carolyn Avenue landowners meeting. (None of these businesses were represented at the 8/30/16 Carolyn Avenue landowners meeting.)
1.2 All of the business managers preferred:

- Right-in/right-out alternatives
- Acquisition of the Red Rock Inn property. Chuck noted the high crime rate in the area that seems to originate from the Red Rock Inn.


## 2. Revised Carolyn Avenue alternatives review

2.1 HDR had made minor revisions to the Carolyn Avenue alternatives since the 8/30/16 landowner meeting. Revisions reviewed at today's meeting included:

- Westbound exclusive right turn lane was added from updated traffic analysis.
- $41^{\text {st }}$ Street raised median was reconfigured to reduce impacts to north side properties.
- "No Access to $41^{\text {st }}$ Street" signs were added to Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 (right-in only and cul-de-sac).
2.2 Discussion resulted in these proposed design features for the Carolyn Avenue Alternatives (see Attachment 1).
- For Alternative 3 (right-in only), show west side cul-de-sac with acquisition of the Pizza Hut property. This will allow for a turn-around for SB traffic.
- Add Alternative 6 with realignment of right-in/right-out Carolyn Avenue and acquisition of Red Rock Inn, Fryn' Pan, and Kings Mart properties. This is likely the only way that adequate separation from the interchange ramp could be provided. FHWA would probably only approve this $3 / 4$ access alternative.


## 3. Other Gustafson considerations

3.1 Pizza Hut's lease on Chuck's property expires in September 2017. Pizza Hut is concerned about the Carolyn Avenue site because of the out-dated building and small site size.
3.2 Chuck informed the group that the dual $42^{\text {" }}$ culverts under $41^{\text {st }}$ Street along the I-29 northbound ramp frequently plug up with debris and vegetation due to inadequate maintenance. Chuck stated that he has brought this to the attention of SDDOT. Photos provided by Chuck are in Attachment 2.

## 4. Next steps

4.1 HDR to get feedback from FHWA on acceptability of Carolyn Avenue Alternatives.
4.2 Hold another meeting with Carolyn Avenue landowners to achieve consensus on alternative.
4.3 Include revised alternative graphics with the meeting invitation.
4.4 Finalize Carolyn Avenue decision by mid-2017 as part of the environmental process.







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## Attachment 2

8/28/15 Post flood photos at 42 " culverts at I-29 NB ramp west of Carolyn Avenue


Photo looking south toward $41^{\text {st }}$ Street


Photo looking north along east side of I-29 ramp

