



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### MEMORANDUM

Date: May 16, 2025

To: Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board of Directors

From: Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator *WI*

Subject: Minutes for MoPac East – Lied Connector Subcommittee Meeting

On Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:32 p.m., the MoPac East – Lied Connector subcommittee met in the Large Conference Room. Subcommittee members present: Luke Peterson-Chair, Melissa Baker, John Yoakum, and Tom Green. Director Bob Andersen was also present. LPSNRD staff were Mike Sousek, Eric Zach, and Will Inselman. LPSNRD legal counsel, Correy Wasserburger, and Andrea Gebhart from JEO Consulting were also present. There were three members of the public in attendance.

The first item discussed was the status of the state-appropriated MoPac funds. NRD staff provided an update that the legislature passed LB 261 the morning of May 15<sup>th</sup>, changing the appropriation for the trail to \$5.4 million. Staff clarified the requirements regarding the funds and existing agreement deadlines.

Next, the subcommittee discussed the actions that the Cass County Commissioners took at their May 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Staff provided the update that the Board took no action, and a subcommittee was formed to meet with LPSNRD to determine a feasible route. Staff provided an update that they had met with the Cass County subcommittee for the first time on May 13<sup>th</sup> and stated there was no cooperation from one of the two Cass County Commissioners to find a route he would vote on. Staff indicated that they would likely continue to meet with the other commissioners individually to figure out if they can find an agreeable alignment. Staff then fielded questions regarding the meeting, the process of getting the alignment back on a Cass County Board agenda, and timelines.

***It was then moved by Yoakum, seconded by Baker, and unanimously approved to move into closed session to seek legal advice from legal counsel to discuss the options of the District moving forward. Closed session commenced at 6:13 p.m.***

***It was moved by Baker, seconded by Yoakum, and unanimously approved to return to open session and follow the guidance provided to staff by Director Green. Closed session ended at 6:57 p.m.***

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

PC: MoPac East – Lied Connector subcommittee file