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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 30, 2024

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, July 25th, 2024, at 5:31 p.m., the MoPac East – Lied Connector subcommittee met in the Large Conference Room. Subcommittee members present: Ray Stevens-Chair, Christine Lamberty, Tom Green, Luke Peterson, and Seth Hawkins. LPSNRD staff in attendance were Mike Sousek, Jodi Delozier, Eric Zach, and Will Inselman. Andrea Gebhart was present representing JEO Consulting Group, and two members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting provided updated information on the connector study and to prepare subcommittee Directors for the upcoming public meetings. There were no action items presented.

First on the agenda was an update on the route evaluation study. JEO provided the subcommittee with an update of the evaluation to date that will be provided to the public at the July 30th public hearing. JEO and staff provided the four alternative routes selected through the technical review by Toole Design Group and discussed the evaluation matrix provided by Toole to give an indication on the suitability of each trail.

Next on the agenda was the key messaging strategy for the upcoming July 30th public workshop. Staff and JEO provided the subcommittee with a glimpse of all the documents that will be provided to the public at the workshop. Staff discussed the presentation of the four routes, evaluation matrix, and the survey/comment form that the public will use to provide input. Staff indicated that the goal of the July 30th meeting is to gather more public feedback on the four alternative routes to be used in the process of selecting a preferred route.

Lastly, staff and JEO provided timelines for after the upcoming public meeting. Staff indicated that there will be more frequent meetings as we start to narrow down to one preferred route. There will also be another public input session once that preferred route has been identified.

Lastly staff provided an update to the subcommittee that staff had requested and received its first reimbursement from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for costs incurred on the connector study with JEO.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

PC: MoPac East – Lied Connector subcommittee file