UMore Park Sand and Gravel Resources EIS – TAC Meeting 6
October 12, 2010
10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
UMore Park Administration Building

Meeting Chair: Chris Hiniker, Senior Planner, Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH, Inc.)

Minutes by: Bob Rogers, Planner, Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.

Present: Karen Kromar – MPCA; David Swenson, Jill Trescott – Dakota County; Andy Brotzler – City of Rosemount; Dean Johnson, Brian Hilgardner – Empire Township; Lanya Ross, Jim Larsen – Metropolitan Council; Steven Lott, Janet Dalgleish – University of Minnesota, Jim Aiken – Barr Engineering, Chris Hiniker and Bob Rogers – SEH, Inc.,

Copies to: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

I. Introductions

II. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Update
A. Chris Hiniker, Senior Planner, SEH, Inc. explained that the purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on the EIS process since the last TAC meeting in May 2010. Furthermore, the meeting was intended to provide an opportunity for TAC members to share any preliminary comments regarding the Final EIS.

B. Hiniker reviewed the past actions including the publication of the Draft EIS in June 2010 and the public hearing that was held in July at the Rosemount Community Center. The Draft EIS comment period expired on August 5, 2010. Since that time the University of Minnesota, along with the consultant team, has conducted two neighborhood meetings and further coordinated with several agencies regarding comments received on the Draft EIS.

C. Hiniker indicated that the primary difference between the Draft EIS and Final EIS, published October 4, 2010, was the addition of a Response to Comments section in the Final EIS document. The TAC discussed the Final EIS review and comment process and indicated that no major issues relative to completing the EIS process and proceeding into the permitting phase were anticipated. The public/agency comment period for the Final EIS will remain open until Tuesday, October 19, 2010. The University’s Board of Regents is expected to make an adequacy determination on the EIS at their November 11-12 meeting. This determination will be documented in a Record of Decision that will be distributed following their action.

III. Schedule
A. Chris Hiniker indicated that the Adequacy Determination and Record of Decision issued by the Board of Regents would not represent approval to proceed with aggregate mining, but would mark the conclusion of the environmental review process. The University acknowledges the need for ongoing reviews and coordination with local entities and resource agencies as the project transitions into the permitting and approval stage.

B. The TAC is not expected to meet again, but as stated above, continued coordination will occur with specific entities.