UMore Park Sand and Gravel Resources EIS – TAC Meeting 5
May 7, 2010
10 a.m. – 12:00 noon
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, Kurt Chatfield – Dakota County; Andy Brotzler, Kim Lindquist, Eric Zweber – City of Rosemount; Brian Hilgardner – Empire Township; Lanya Ross, Jim Larsen – Metropolitan Council; Lynda McPherson – Dakota County Technical College; Chuck Rickart – WSB (Rosemount Consultant); 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
   A. Chris Hiniker, senior planner, Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc., provided an overview of the meeting purpose; which was to focus on presenting the technical updates to the environmental investigations associated with the expanded ancillary use facility (AUF) area and the traffic impact study.
   B. Hiniker described the study area boundary amendment that resulted from the desire to create a more efficient layout for operations within the AUF. The total study area boundary increased from 1,656 acres to 1,722 acres, while the net acreage (removing right-of-way and non-University property) increased from 1,608 acres to 1,656 acres.

II. Environmental Investigation Update
   A. Jim Aiken, senior environmental consultant & hydrogeologist, Barr Engineering, presented the updated information gathered as part of the environmental investigations for the expanded AUF area. Jim indicated that the AUF has been moved completely outside of the future drinking water supply management area (DWSMA) for the City of Rosemount. The future DWSMA is based on projected development included in the City’s Comprehensive Plan.
   B. Aiken indicated that the underlying soils in AUF area are a confining layer, which will protect against possible groundwater contamination in the event of an accidental spill.
   C. Additional environmental investigations have occurred as part of the EIS process for Site of Concern (SOC) 4 and SOC 5. These sites are being handled in accordance with the Army’s previous investigations. Aiken described the methodologies of the analysis and indicated that ongoing investigations will be conducted to determine the extent of possible contamination. As part of the project implementation and permitting, response action plans (RAP) and emergency contingency plans (ECP) will be developed. These documents are subject to MPCA review and approval, and the content will define how the operator(s) working on site will address any unearthing of contaminated soils.
III. Traffic
A. George Calebaugh, Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc., presented the updates to the traffic impact study (TIS). Calebaugh stated the update was required to address changes in the proposed access points to the site. While the trip generation from the site has not changed, the distribution of trips onto the roadway network will change due to the revised access points.

B. The analysis concludes that the proposed action does not generate any significant traffic impacts, but that growth in the background traffic (traffic from surrounding land uses/development) will generate the need for some transportation improvements in the study area. Calebaugh presented recommended transportation improvements for both the No-Build and Build conditions:
   1. Under the Build condition, future improvements to Akron Avenue are anticipated by the year 2030. This will include paving Akron Avenue and realigning the southern section of the road near the intersection with County Road 46 to eliminate the existing 90-degree curves.
   2. Other recommended improvements under the Build condition include future installation of left and/or right turn lanes at the proposed access points and at several intersections within the study area. Also, based on forecast traffic volumes, new traffic signals at up to four intersections may be required. However, the traffic signals would only be installed if and when standard warrants are met.

C. The TAC discussed the issue of paving gravel roads intended to serve heavy truck traffic. In addition, it was mentioned that 170th Street is being considered as a primary access point to the planned County Park located east of the UMA. Calebaugh indicated that the access permit process provides the opportunity to define the type and extent of improvements to roads that will service gravel truck traffic.

D. The TAC discussed how the 2011 forecast traffic volumes at the Biscayne Avenue/County Road 42 intersection were developed. It was noted the traffic forecasts were based on land development included in Rosemount’s Comprehensive Plan. The recommendation for a new traffic signal at this location in 2011 is derived from the traffic forecasts. However, as noted previously, no new traffic signals will be installed until such time that signal warrants are actually met.

IV. EIS Update
A. Chris Hiniker reviewed the anticipated EIS approval and distribution timeline. The schedule for distributing the public copy of the Draft EIS is June 28th. A public hearing/open house is set for 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on July 22nd at the Rosemount Community Center. Based on this schedule the public/agency comment period will remain open until August 5th. The entire EIS process is expected to be concluded by November/December 2010.

B. Updated copies of the technical reports are being finalized and will be placed on the UMore Park website.

V. Next Meeting
A. The next TAC meeting will be scheduled at a later date. It will likely occur in either July or August.