



CITY OF LE SUEUR
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jasper Kruggel, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Main Street Discussion Process

DATE: For the City Council Meeting of Monday, March 18, 2019

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Evaluate the process outlined by staff to gather input and move forward a discussion about the opening of Main Street in Le Sueur between Bridge and Ferry Street.

SUMMARY

City Staff has been working on developing a scenario where the parties involved, which includes the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Le Sueur County, and the City of Le Sueur has the option to open Main Street back up to traffic between Bridge and Ferry Streets. That option is now available, and staff would like to provide a process update and key dates to look for specific milestones regarding this discussion.

The opening of Main Street will involve many public/private partnerships that staff has mapped out. These partnerships are essential to the discussion occurring about the possibility of opening Main Street.

The opening of Main Street was identified as the number one priority during the 2040 Le Sueur Comprehensive Plan process. Although it was identified as the number one priority, there are still numerous steps that need to occur to make this vision a reality.

Process and Key Dates

1. City Staff along with the Economic Development Authority has applied for a grant to assist with the demolition and renovation of properties affected by a potential opening of Main Street. Staff should hear back regarding the status of this grant application by April 1st.
2. Staff has been invited to participate in a meeting during the beginning of April with current Valley Green Square Mall ownership and leasing tenants to discuss the potential opening of Main Street and the effects that may occur.
3. At the April 8th, Regular City Council meeting staff will provide a formal update on the grant application and develop a process for citizen engagement and public discussion about the possibility of opening Main Street.
4. At the April 22nd Regular City Council meeting, staff will propose possible funding mechanisms for the opening of Main Street, incorporating potential outside funding sources and other internal

funding mechanisms to produce a viable project.

5. After the April 22nd Regular City Council meeting, staff will work with City Council and the Economic Development Authority to schedule joint meetings that will engage discussion on the opening of Main Street.

Staff would like to use this time to engage City Council to develop expectations related to this process. There are a lot of moving parts and staff will make sure the City Council and the public receive factual information promptly.

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Staff would like to engage City Council in a discussion about the process to discuss the opening of Main Street and would solicit feedback on the proposed preliminary and initial processes.