

Memorandum

To: David Chanski, Daniel Eick

From: Johnny Ware, Paul Sandy - WSB

Date: July 26, 2023

Re: Reconstruction Study – Open House #1 Summary WSB Project No. 022038-000

. Introduction

The purpose of this memo is to summarize the engagement activities that took place during the July 26, 2023 open house. The event included a meeting with residents of the City of Breezy Point and was the first open house of the reconstruction project.

The open house promotion included a mailed postcard to residents of the project area and a social media graphic that was posted on Facebook. (see *Appendix A*)

II. Open House

An open house was held on July 26, 2023, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Breezy Point City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to share evaluation alternatives with residents and solicit their feedback of the alternatives. In addition, the meeting was held to inform community members of the upcoming phases in the project development. The meeting followed a traditional open house format with informational boards (see **Appendix** *C*), opportunities to complete comment cards, and an aerial map of the project location for attendees to note comments or concerns with Post-it Notes.

A total of thirty-seven people signed in at the open house; some attendees opted not to sign-in. It's estimated that approximately 50-55 people attended the meeting. Based on staff discussions, most meeting attendees lived, owned property close to, or utilizes the study corridor regularly. Residents also participated in a survey focused on Buschmann Road improvements.

1. Surveys & Comment Cards

A survey specific to Buschmann Road reconstruction improvements and comment cards were available and dispersed throughout the room for attendees to share their thoughts or concerns. Returned surveys and comment cards were reviewed and compiled in *Appendix D*. The survey (shown in *Appendix A*) provided at the open house was extended to the project website for those who were unable to attend the open house. The City of Breezy Point will be collecting surveys until Friday, August 4.

2. Map Comments

An aerial map with the study corridor identified was displayed for attendees to provide location-specific comments or concerns. Attendees provided feedback via Post-it Notes. See *Appendix E* for comments received.



Appendix A: Open House Advertising

Image 1 – Social Media Graphic

Buschmann Road and Ranchette Drive Reconstruction Project



Image 1 – Postcard, front









Buschmann Road and Ranchette Drive Reconstruction Project

SURVEY

1. What would you suggest the speed	
limit be on Buschmann Road?	

a. 30 MPH

b. 40 MPH

c. 45 MPH

d. > 45 MPH

Comments:

2. Please guess the number of vehicles per day that use Buschmann Road.

a. 0-250

b. 251-520

c. 521-675

d. > 675

Comments:

3. Are you concerned about the condition

of the road?

a. Yes

b. No

Comments:

4. What would you rate the condition of **Buschmann Road?**

Bad Good 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Comments:

5. Are you concerned about heavy truck traffic on Buschmann Road?

a. Yes

b. No

Comments

6. Are you concerned about passenger vehicle traffic on Buschmann Road?

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b. No

Comments

7. Are you concerned about pedestrian traffic on Buschmann Road?

a. Yes

b. No

Comments





Buschmann Road and Ranchette Drive Reconstruction Project Survey

8. Have	you witnessed	accidents/	near
misses	on Buschmann	Road?	

a. Yes

b. No

Comments:

12. Have you used Buschmann Road as a biking/walking trail? If no, is there a reason why you would not consider walking or biking on Buschmann Road?

a.	Yes
b.	No

Comments:

9. When would you expect this road to be built?

a. 2 Years

b. 3 Years

c. 4 Years

d. Undecided

Comments:

13. How often do you travel on Buschmann Road?

a. Every day

b. Twice	a week
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c. Once a week d. Rarely

Comments:

10. Would you like to see Buschmann Road a major community collector road moving forward?

a. Yes

b. No

Comments:

14. Do you find yourself going over the speed limit on Buschmann Road?

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b. No

Comments

11. Are you a landowner on Buschmann Road?

a. Yes

b. No

Address (if you want to disclose or appreciate follow up):

15. Have you had issues with sight distance, deer, or other animals on Buschmann Road?

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b. No

Comments:

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Buschmann Road and Ranchette Drive Reconstruction Project Open House #1



Project Overview



Buschmann Road serves as an important east/west travel connector from the City of Breezy Point to the City of Pequot Lakes. The City of Breezy Point intends to reconstruct Buschmann Road and its intersection with Ranchette Drive to a supported local standard. The project aims to improve the safety and mobility of vehicles and pedestrians utilizing this high-volume traffic corridor.

Buschmann Road and Ranchette Drive has experienced a substantial increased role in the overall transportation system due to population growth and a significant increase in truck traffic due to the presence of local mining operations nearby. The corridor has become widely known as a "shortcut" to Trunk Highway 371 instead of traveling further south to County State Aid Highway 11. The substandard roadway width, tight curves, steep hills, and atypical intersection geometrics along Buschmann Road have created safety concerns, sight distance issues, and numerous intersection crashes. Poor drainage and nearby wetlands have also resulted in subgrade issues in specific locations along the route.

Project Goal

The previous studies on the corridor, the most recent being completed in 2022, have informed a local design standard that the City of Breezy Point is looking to implement looking forward. The goal of the project is to improve the safety of the corridor and its intersections, improve regional connectivity, and to identify and minimize construction, right of way, environmental, and financial impacts while producing a longterm and financially viable improvement to Buschmann Road and Ranchette Drive.



Buschmann Road and Ranchette Drive Reconstruction Project

OPEN HOUSE #1

Project Need

Why Is the Project Being Considered?

- Perceived and evident safety concerns and sight distance issues
- Numerous Intersection crashes and close calls
- Increasing traffic counts
 Failing road surface and subgrade
- conditions
 Stormwater management/drainage corrections
- Inconsistent right-of-way
- Corridor improvements have been studied since 2003
 - All studies document the purpose and need for proposed improvements to the roadway along with identifying increasing estimated costs for improvements
 - The multiple studies performed have documented an ever-increasing estimated cost to improve Buschmann Road and Ranchette Drive

Crash Data

Since 2020, crashes have occurred at a rate **164%** above the average crash rate for 2-lane undivided rural roadway with ADT < 1,500 veh/day.

NUMER OF	DAILY ENTERING	CRASH RATE*		
CRASHES	CRASHES VEHICLES	CALCULATED	AVERAGE**	CRITICAL
3	863	1.35	0.51	1.97

Since 2018, crashes have occurred at a rate 164% above the average crash rate for 2-lane undivided rural roadway with ADT < 1,500 veh/day.

NUMER OF	DAILY ENTERING	CRASH RATE*		
CRASHES	VEHICLES	CALCULATED	AVERAGE**	CRITICAL***
5	863	1.35	0.51	1.60

Since 2013, crashes have occurred at a rate **84%** above the average crash rate for 2-lane undivided rural roadway with ADT < 1,500 veh/day.

NUMER OF	DAILY ENTERING VEHICLES	CRASH RATE*		
CRASHES		CALCULATED	AVERAGE**	CRITICAL***
7	863	1.35	0.51	1.25

*Segment crash rates are expressed in crashes per million entering vehicles per mile * Average for rural 2-lane divided roadway segments under 1,500 ADT using MnDOT 2020 greensheets **Orthkal crash rates are expressed in crashes per million entering vehicles with 0.955 confidence leve

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Project Benefits

- Reduced motor vehicle accidents based on improved sight distance
- Increased pedestrian and bicyclist safety
- Emergency vehicle transportation and response time
- Locally established and
 supported standard
 roadway section
 Improved truck and traffic
- flow
- Improved roadway safety
 Improved mobility of the high traffic volume
- Connectivity between communities of Pequot Lakes and Breezy Point and the neighboring townships of ideal and Jenkins

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Appendix D: Returned Open House Comment Cards

Buschmann Rd to Ranchette Dr Open House



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Please share your thoughts about the project below: - don't Want any of this - Just overlay the Road + leavest done dan't Tauch the wetlands No speed increase -Cut Truck Traffie - no Solf Carto

Buschmann Rd to Ranchette Dr Open House



Name Shacon Swerson Address 7412 Buchman Rd. Email Address

Please share your thoughts about the project below:

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Buschmann Rd to Ranchette Dr Open House



Name Michele and Scott Zeidler Address 7999 White Over look Drive Email Address mszeidler @gmail.com

Please share your thoughts about the project below: 11 is the Highway route for aveling e locals do Crass USC the cut-across. We don't need peop Change road N

Who live in Crosslake. Repave the road. No need to add shoulders and widen it.

Appendix D: Returned Comment Cards Transcribed Text

Community Feedback Disclaimer: The comments below are written as provided by community members that attended the public meeting.

Name: Sandie Zeidler Address: 31540 Ranchette Dr Pl Email Address: sandie5847@gmail.com Comment: I don't want any of this – just overlay the road and leave it alone. Don't touch the wetlands. No speed increase. Cut truck traffic & no golf carts.

Name: Sharon Swenson Address: 7412 Buschmann Rd Email Address: --Comment: Need to resurface road for sure. No bike trail! Keep speed down! Every road doesn't need to be a fast one – or bike accessible. There are a lot of places already. No golf carts for sure.

Name: Michele and Scott Zeidler Address: 7999 White Overlook Drive Email Address: mszeidler@gmail.com

Comment: Highway 11 is the route for people traveling by car/bike from Pequot to Crosslake. The locals do not use the cut across. We don't need to change the road for people who live in Crosslake. Repave the road. No need to add shoulders and widen it.

Appendix D (continued): Returned Surveys Results (From Open House) & Transcribed Text

Answers	Votes (31 F	Participants)	Percentage	of Voters
1. What would you suggest the speed limit to be on Buschmann Road?	a. 30 MPH b. 40 MPH	c. 45 MPH d. > 45 MPH	a. 38.7% b. 38.7%	c. 22.5% d. 0%
 Please guess the number of vehicles per day that use Buschmann Road. 	a. 0-250 b. 521-675	c. 251-520 d. > 675	a. 12.9% b. 29%	c. 29% d. 29%
3. Are you concerned about the condition of the road?	a. Yes	b. No	a. 90.3%	b. 9.6%
4. What would you rate the condition of Buschmann Road?	a. 1—5 (Bad)	b. 6 – 10 (Good)	a. 93.5%	b. 6.4%
5. Are you concerned about heavy truck traffic on Buschmann Road?	a. Yes	b. No	a. 77.4%	b. 22.5%
6. Are you concerned about passenger vehicle traffic on Buschmann Road?	a. Yes	b. No	a. 41.9%	b. 58%
7. Are you concerned about pedestrian traffic on Buschmann Road?	a. Yes	b. No	a. 51.6%	b. 48.3%
8. Have you witnessed accidents/near misses on Buschmann Road?	a. Yes	b. No	a. 56.6%	b. 43.3%
9. When would you expect this road to be built?	a. 2 Years b. 3 Years	c. 4 Years d. Undecided	a. 36.6% b. 13.3%	c. 10% d. 40%
10. Would you like to see Buschmann Road as a major community collector road moving forward?	a. Yes	b. No	a. 26.6%	b. 73.3%
11. Are you a landowner on Buschmann Road?	a. Yes	b. No	a. 56.6%	b. 43.3%
12. Have you used Buschmann Road as biking/walking trail? If no, is there a reason why you would not consider walking or biking on Buschmann Road?	a. Yes	b. No	a. 26.6%	b. 73.3%
13. How often do you travel on Buschmann Road?	a. Every day b. Twice a wee	c. Once a week ek d. Rarely	a. 80% b. 16.6%	c. 0% d. 3.3%
14. Do you find yourself going over the speed limit on Buschmann Road?	a. Yes	b. No	a. 23.3%	b. 76.6%
15. Have you had issues with sight distance, deer, or other animals on Buschmann Road?	a. Yes	b. No	a. 73.3%	b. 26.6%

1. What would you suggest the speed limit to be on Buschmann Road?

- [30 mph] current concluded [45 mph] when fixed
- Most people go 5-8 mph over speed limits and this track should not be faster due to safety!
- At times, 40 [mph] seems too fast
- 45 mph or slower. Lots of big trucks
- With signs for trucks "No Jake Brake"
- [40 mph] max
- 2. Please guess the number of vehicles per day that use Buschmann Road.
 - A is Applicable for weekdays. B is most applicable for weekends
 - A lot of trucks hauling
 - Too many dump trucks
 - [How many are] residents versus thru traffic?
 - Traffic between 11 and 371 is high dump trucks
 - Depends on the time of year
 - This can fluctuate due to operations at the pits
- 3. Are you concerned about the condition of the road?
 - The road is in disrepair which causes undue wear on vehicles
 - Functional except in spring with potholes
 - Traffic is dodging potholes. Lots of swerving cars.
 - Poor patch job, narrow, hilly, poorly maintained. Wash out at Ranchette filled in with sand to wash out into a holding pond or to the roadway
 - Potholes and basic maintenance
 - A little could use a new surface. Does not need widening or shoulders or trail
 - Deep potholes from high traffic
 - [It is] deteriorating quick. [It is] very unsafe
 - Concerned that residents [will] repair but trucks [will] keep destroying [the] road...what will change?
 - Only thing that has been done in years is fill in the pot holes besides Anderson repairing the corner by Buschmann/Akerson and Nelson

- 4. What would you rate the condition of Buschmann Road?
 - No shoulder, pavement is not in good condition
 - Considering that its 30+ years old, it could be worse
 - Worst in the spring months
 - Potholes and curves are hard to navigate
 - Too many trucks and bad road conditions
 - Nothing has been done in 20 years besides fix pot holes with some hot mix
- 5. Are you concerned about heavy truck traffic on Buschmann Road?
 - Anderson Bros should do this for a reduced cost
 - Too much now
 - It's pretty much a commercial road
 - The issue is not the trucks, it is how narrow, rough, and hilly the road is
 - I understand that they need to access pits but they should provide more money in tax to roads
 - Should not allow the gravel trucks [because] they speed
 - Negative impact on residents/residential growth
 - Best option would be to avoid Ranchette
 - Most dump trucks seem to slow down and be respectful
 - There is a way high number of truck traffic especially when they have the hot plant operating – at times I have [?] a heavy dump truck or semi – ever 30 to 60 seconds

6. Are you concerned about passenger vehicle traffic on Buschmann Road?

- Somewhat
- Mix with heavy truck traffic during summer
- Residential area improvements will increase traffic too much [find a way to] bypass the City of Breezy Point
- Too much too fast
- They drive too fast
- Road needs to be wide enough for trucks & vehicles to safely travel without going off the road
- Currently, the way the road is designed vehicle traffic speeds are too fast and also not enforced

7. Are you concerned about pedestrian traffic on Buschmann Road?

- Including cyclists & golf carts
- Currently very dangerous
- Pedestrian traffic is rare
- Rarely do I see pedestrians on this road
- Too many hills
- There isn't a lot
- No one walks or bikes on Buschmann due to the current condition. Too busy of a road to add bikes and walkers
- Pedestrians have alternative routes in and out of the area
- Bikes should use county road 11. It was built with wide shoulders for that reason
- Not many walkers at all
- Pedestrian/bike use/seems very unsafe
- It is dangerous to travel on foot
- No pedestrians should be on Buschmann. There are enough side streets to walk, bike, and ride
- With all of the truck traffic we have not allowed our kids to walk or bike on it due to traffic and visibility. Including speeds of trucks and cars
- 8. Have you witnessed accidents/near misses on Buschmann Road?
 - On Ranchette hill when vehicles turn left onto Buschmann attempting to climb the hill in the winter
 - Regularly
 - 3x a week
 - Speed! Alcohol- cars
 - Every time we travel and meet another traveler. No center lines makes people hang in the middle [while driving]
 - Have not seen one in the 30+ years I've lived here
 - Blind approaches
 - Never in 10 years
 - At least once a month I see a near miss
 - Ranchette/Buschmann. Corner of Buschmann and Robinhood. Buschmann/Akerson/Nelson

- 9. When would you expect this road to be built?
 - Never
 - 2 years ago!
 - Hopefully never
 - It needs repair ASAP
 - Never would be good
 - 20 years ago
 - Hopefully never

10. Would you like to see Buschmann Road as a major community collector road moving forward?

- Maybe if it is cost effective
- Improve the whole thing
- Not every road needs to be fast
- We are a residential area!
- Serving the same purpose it currently serves
- Just fix the road. Do not make it a major byway
- 11. Are you a landowner on Buschmann Road?
 - I am also one of the commercial drivers who uses this road every day for work. If you would like a truckers/residents point of view you can call me at xxx-xxx-xxxx
 - Nearby resident
 - Ranchette owner
 - Not in favor of the pathway being added. Too many vehicles. Better places to add walking/bike paths
 - Grew [?] but we know what impacts one impacts all!
 - I have property on Ranchette
 - Northwoods Lane

12. Have you used Buschmann Road as biking/walking trail? If no, is there a reason why you would not consider walking or biking on Buschmann Road?

- I have no reason to bike/walk on Buschmann Rd
- Winter only
- Big trucks
- There already are lots of trails in the area
- Track is too bad
- I'd prefer the separate walking/bike paved option
- No separation
- Too much fast traffic
- It's a commercial road, not residential
- Too hilly
- Too dangerous
- I used to walk I never bike
- Not safe with truck traffic. I would not want to see this trail added. It is not a quiet enjoyable road
- There are better other roads (alternative) trails etc. This is a trucking road
- Because County Road 11 already has wide shoulders for biking. There are plenty of other places to walk
- I walk on my own street
- Safety/vision
- No where to go. [It is] too narrow.
- Lots of trucks. I enjoy walking/biking the backroads. It's quiet and love the nature
- It is not safe!

13. How often do you travel on Buschmann Road?

- I am a commercial driver at one of the local gravel pits
- 2-5x a day
- 3-4x a week
- To and from work. Make a road we can use to access County Rd 11
- Ranchette also
- It's the only access to my home

14. Do you find yourself going over the speed limit on Buschmann Road?

- A bit, 45 mph
- We have a consistent police force
- 40 mph seems too fast

15. Have you had issues with sight distance, deer, or other animals on Buschmann Road?

- Slow moving vehicles/cyclists and slow-moving vehicles for example: golf carts
- Deer and turkey
- Bumps and hills
- [No] though animals are frequently in the area
- Stop truck traffic
- Golf carts
- Hills make it difficult to see even when leaving our driveway
- But if you know the deer and turkey areas, it is not difficult [to navigate] and if you drive the speed limit
- No problem if you drive the posted speed
- Rarely ever see injured/deceased animals
- Very hard to see

General Comment:

Reclaim the existing roadway and leave the rest as is. No trail and avoid wetland impacts

Appendix E: Returned Post-It Notes Transcribed Text

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Layout 1 (Figure 1) Comments

- o Save the wetland
- $_{\odot}$ Save the wetland
- Westlands do not disturb



Layout 1 (Figure 2) Comments

- Move traffic exiting from Buschmann. Will need caution going left on 11; cars are moving fast in that turn
- Maybe extend length of turn lane from 11 to Buschmann?



Layout 2 Comments

- Possibility of moving Ranchette West?
- No bike trail!
- $_{\odot}$ $\,$ Keep shoulders & lanes as to impact speeds lower $\,$
- o Sidewalk does not add to any walking access to a destination for walk/bike
- Work with Anderson on road through west side?
- Extend survey limits? Road limits on Ranchette
- o Path/trail on Ranchette seems more useful for residents
- Not necessary
- Do not go through wetland keep as is & build up low area.
- o Prefer to save the wetland
- o Roundabout?
- No roundabout
- o Don't need trail
- No roundabout. Save the pond
- o No!