

**PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2006
7:00 P.M.
BOARD ROOM
WASHINGTON STREET EDUCATION CENTER
500 WASHINGTON ST., CHELSEA, MI**

Members Present: Chairman Chris Rode, Joel Abramson, Ann Valle, Chris Pick
George Kinzer, Peter Feeney

Members Absent Rik Haugen, Walter Bolt, Casey Blair,

Others Present: Planning & Zoning Administrator - James Drolett, City Council
Trustee - Cheri Albertson, City Engineer - Chris Linfield

Others Absent: City Planner-Carl Schmult (It was not necessary for him to
attend)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rode called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

MASTER PLAN TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION

The primary function of tonight's meeting is to show any changes in the transportation section of our Master Plan. Brad Strader from LSL passed out a map that shows future road deficiencies. As of 2005, M-52 and Old US 12 East bound were already over capacity.

There was discussion at tonight's meeting on past studies that have shown alternate routes on both the east and west side of town that would route traffic around the downtown area. The City wants to keep that small town feel, and not get rid of downtown parking, and to stop some of the traffic going through residential areas. It was mentioned that there was a study done on truck traffic in the downtown area, and that Terri Blackmore may have more information. Some of the routes discussed are as follows:

- Past studies have shown that the eastern route had too many problems such as environmental concerns like wetlands and topography.
- Gary Adams said that there had also been some discussion of a regional route that went up Fletcher to Lima Center Road.
- Bob Polens from Sylvan Township said that their current Sylvan Township Master Plan shows a western route about ¼ mile further west of the one that was shown at tonight's meeting. However, they are still 6 to 8 months away from hitting transportation issues in Sylvan Townships Master Plan. They are just starting to review it.



**CITY OF CHELSEA
CHELSEA PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF WORK SESSION**

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea City Planning Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Washington Street Education Center at 500 E. Washington St. Chelsea, Michigan.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the following items:

- **TRANSPORTATION SECTION OF THE MASTER PLAN –**
Discussion about transportation in the Master Plan with the Road Commission and Watts.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations due to disabilities in order that the meeting is accessible to them, are requested to notify the Chelsea Planning Commission of such disability no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the meeting.

Chris Rode, Chair

