**CITY OF NEWPORT**
**SPECIAL JOINT WORK SESSION WITH NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL AND NEWPORT PLANNING COMMISSION, PARKS BOARD, AND HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION**
**NEWPORT CITY HALL**
**JUNE 28, 2012 – 5:45 – 6:45 P.M.**

| CITY COUNCIL | PLANNING COMMISSION | PARKS BOARD | HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION |
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| Mayor Tim Geraghty | Susan Lindoo | Mary Ann Newman | Linda Michie |
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| | | Laura Duffey | |

## AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. REVIEW THE PRELIMINARY SITE DESIGN FOR THE RED ROCK TRANSIT STATION

3. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

1. Open House for Transit Station at City Hall July 18, 2012 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Washington County

**Public Works Department**

**Donald J. Theisen, P.E.**
Director

**Wayne H. Sandberg, P.E.**
Deputy Director/County Engineer

June 21, 2012

Mr. Brian Anderson
City Administrator
City of Newport
596 7th Ave.
Newport, MN 55055

**Re: Newport Transit Station Design Update**

Dear Brian,

Thank you for scheduling a workshop with the City of Newport Planning Commission on June 28th at 5:45 pm. to review the preliminary design for the Newport Transit Station.

The Washington County Regional Rail Authority (WCRRA) purchased the former Knox Lumber site in 2009 for a future transit station. The design phase of the project is now underway. The project consists of demolition of the existing buildings on the site, constructing an approximately 2,000 square foot transit facility building and paving a 200 stall park-&-ride. The remainder of the site that is not needed for a transit purpose will be restored and positioned for redevelopment consistent with previous and ongoing station planning efforts.

A technical working group (TWG) consisting of City of Newport, Washington County, Metro Transit and other agency staff has been meeting for the past 4 months to oversee the develop of the project. The design phase is expected to last through the end of the year. The demolition and construction will start early 2013 with opening for initial bus service in the fall of 2013.

At the workshop with the Planning Commission, the County lead project team will provide an overview of the project, a summary of the key project elements including the site plan (draft version attached), the building design and other site features. Feedback on the preliminary design from the Planning Commission and other City representatives will be important in advance of the public open house to be held on July 18th from 6:00 – 7:30 at Newport City Hall where broader input from the public will be sought.

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We look forward to meeting with you to discuss this important project. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Andy Gitzlaff, AICP
Senior Planner

Att. Preliminary Newport Transit Station Site Plan

C: Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator
Donald J. Theisen, Public Works Director
Wayne H. Sandberg, Deputy Director / County Engineer
Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Planning Manager

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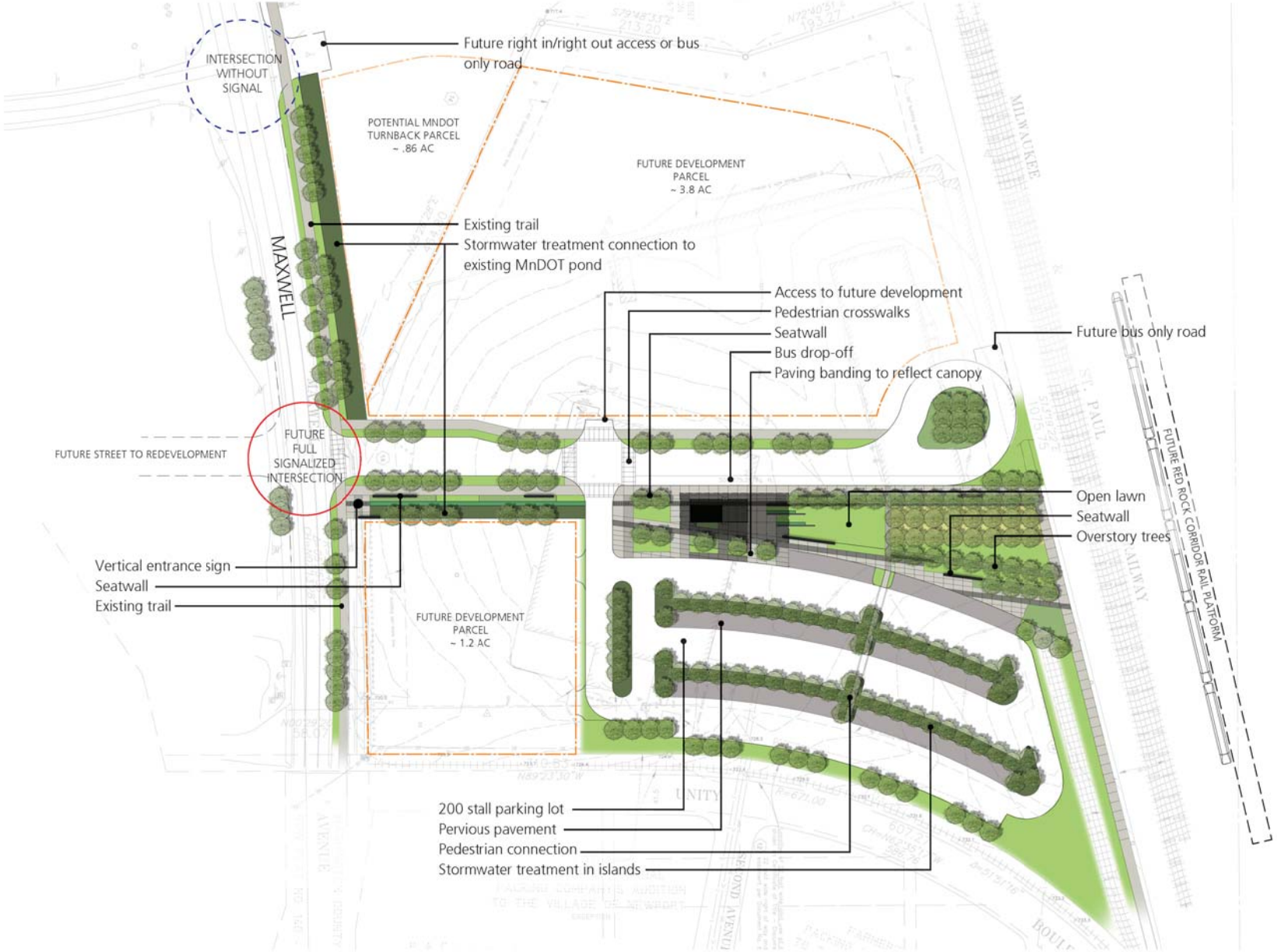


Newport Transit Station

Washington County, Minnesota

Concept Plan

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