

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

May 7, 2014

Members Present: Steve Ludwig, Kurt Franke

Member Absent: Abdi Hassan, Tama Theis, Brian Alsaker, Hazel Youngmann, Ryan Daniel

City Staff Present: Steve Foss and Cheryl Malikowski, Recording Secretary

Chairperson Ludwig called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Franke moved to approve the March 5, 2014, minutes. Ludwig seconded and the motion passed.

Franke moved to amend the language in the November 6, 2013, minutes to state "...the neighborhood is excited that the rebuilding of University Drive connection to TH 10 is not scheduled in the Capital Improvement Plan." Ludwig seconded and the motion passed. Ludwig suggested sending a letter to Ms. Johnson stating the amendment.

Foss stated that the Capital Improvement Program has been updated and approved. Ludwig questioned Project 19.01 of the CIP (area between Kilian Boulevard and 12th Avenue SE and between University Drive and Minnesota Boulevard) under the neighborhood revitalization projects regarding whether the University Drive Study would influence the design of the project. Foss advised that the avenues will be rebuilt as they are presently configured. There will not be cul-de-sacs added at the intersections with University Drive. Ludwig then brought up the current 13th Avenue SE water main break project and how that area will be affected in the CIP. Foss stated it will still be in the CIP as only the water main on 13th Avenue SE is being completed with the repair work. The City will not be assessing for the repair work. Assessments will happen in 2019 if the project gets ordered by the City Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the Lake Wobegon Trail status. The study was adopted by the Planning Commission and Park and Recreation Board but has not yet been to the City Council. It is in the CIP under the Parks section for 2015 and 2016. It will be included in the local option sales tax with the aquatic center and regional airport improvements. The City will know more after the November election if the local sales tax is extended by the voters. Foss mentioned that the trail may be something that the Board may be reviewing and giving a recommendation.

The Board received a letter from Judith Logue regarding Metro Bus. Ludwig will speak with Daniel regarding the letter as it pertains to the Metro Bus.

The Board discussed the upcoming informational meetings for the 22nd Street South Improvements and the Raymond Avenue NE Neighborhood Improvements.

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Franke commented on the surface of the pedestrian path in the middle of the diverging diamond, which seems to be somewhat spalling. Foss will contact Stearns County regarding this issue.

Franke questioned the blue and white street name signs that have been placed for private streets and how these signs can be placed in other areas of the City. Foss stated that the associations for the private streets would need to contact the City.

Ludwig asked after the status of the discussion with MnDOT regarding an acceleration lane being added to TH 10 for traffic going northwest on TH 10 from DelTone Road. This would facilitate the increased traffic from the added air service at the Airport. Foss stated that MnDOT "took it under advisement". Foss will speak with the Towle, Airport Manager, about how this was considered in the planning for the added air service.

There was discussion regarding the Board's letter to member, Abdi Hassan, as no response was received. It was decided to have administration contact him.

Ludwig questioned the sealcoat and overlay process. Foss stated that the streets should be sealcoated within the first five years of being reconstructed. The City has not been doing sealcoating or overlaying in the last few years; however, it is being brought back beginning in 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.