

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

September 3, 2014

Members Present: Ryan Daniel, Kurt Franke, Tama Theis, Steve Ludwig

Member Absent: Brian Alsaker, Hazel Youngmann

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

Others Present: Jeff Howe

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

Franke moved to approve the August 6, 2014, minutes. Theis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Foss explained the process for the input study of the traffic signal at 12th Avenue/St. Germain Street. The results were 50-50 for removing/leaving the traffic signal. Most of the comments received for leaving the signal concerned pedestrian safety. If the signal was removed, the intersection would be controlled by a four-way stop. The public understood that if the signal was removed, it would be an uncontrolled intersection. Foss commented on the importance of better communication when asking for public input. Therefore, the comments regarding pedestrian safety would no longer be a concern as it would still remain a controlled intersection. The City also looked at the costs to remove or continue to maintain the signal. The signal no longer operates efficiently and would be costly to upgrade. Theis questioned if a signal would then be placed at the intersection of 14th Avenue/St. Germain Street. Foss stated that at this time the City was not intending to place a signal there but stated he would review this intersection.

Ludwig suggested the area of the Frontage Road along TH 10 for an overlay. Franke suggested 14th Street North between Northway Drive and 12th Avenue North. Foss stated that the area by the hospital will likely stay on the list – 6th Avenue North from 12th to 15th Street North and 13th Street North from 6th to 9th Avenue North. Foss is also looking at the Goettens Way Addition for a thin overlay project. Foss stated that the City is looking at establishing eight different overlay zones within the City which would be divided by lane miles in each zone. It was decided to bring this item back in November to view the different zones that were established.

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Theis questioned whether the City put up deer crossing signs. There are multiple deer crossing 33rd Street South near the Southwood Heights addition. Foss stated he would discuss it with Blake Redfield, Traffic Systems Manager. Daniel commented that he has seen multiple deer on the road to and from the Airport.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of different kinds of left turn arrows. Ludwig noted that the turn arrows on 9th Avenue at 1st Street South and at St. Germain Street are not the same. Franke noted the turn arrow on East St. Germain at Wilson Avenue should also be looked at.

The Board was in agreement to put the Board elections on the October agenda. Franke and Youngmann were reappointed at the August 11th City Council meeting. There has been no replacement yet for Abdi Hassan.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.