

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

October 1, 2014

Members Present: Ryan Daniel, Kurt Franke, Hazel Youngmann, Steve Ludwig

Member Absent: Brian Alsaker, Tama Theis

City Staff Present: Steve Foss, Steve Lawrence (Assistant Public Works Director) and Cheryl Malikowski, Recording Secretary

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

Daniel moved to approve the September 3, 2014, minutes. Ludwig seconded and the motion passed with Youngmann abstaining.

Ludwig asked for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Board. Youngmann nominated Ludwig for Chair. Ludwig was voted Chair unanimously. Youngmann nominated Daniel for Vice Chair. Daniel was voted Vice Chair unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the member vacancy of the Board. As of now, no appointments have been made to fill the vacancy.

Ludwig announced the ribbon cutting ceremony for the MTC Training Center to be held on November 7, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. to Noon.

Youngmann commented that 2nd Street along the MTC bus route is rough. She will get better description of area for next meeting. Foss stated that the frontage road along TH 10 (mentioned by Ludwig at previous meeting) was a possible candidate for the overlay project. Foss reviewed the left turn signal on Wilson Avenue and East St. Germain (mentioned by Franke at previous meeting) and explained why it runs the way it does. Foss stated that the crossing by Northway Drive (mentioned previously by Youngmann) isn't a great situation but hesitated to modify this area as it's the best solution to the crossing. Foss explained that 33rd Avenue North from TH 23 to 8th Street North (mentioned by Youngmann at previous meeting) may also be a possibility for an overlay.

Foss commented that they are moving forward with overlaying 9th Avenue South from University Drive to 22nd Street South in 2015. The City is also looking at 6th Avenue North by the hospital as a possibility for the overlay project.

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Lawrence and Foss discussed the process of a street maintenance plan. All streets are being reviewed and given a condition rating, which should be done by November 1st. They should have a preliminary report for the November meeting. Ludwig wants to see how it was organized and the maintenance expectations on the report. Youngmann commented on considering the age of the infrastructure when looking at the streets. Lawrence and Foss agreed with Youngmann. Discussion ensued about educating the community, soliciting input from the community and funding of the projects.

Franke commented on the parking allowed on 3rd Street North near Cooper Avenue North on the south side of the street. Foss stated that this was a compromise with the property owner.

Daniel questioned the status of the airport signage. Foss stated that the City has met with MnDOT and is still in discussions with them. The City is trying to get better Airport signage directing traffic from I-94 to the Airport.

Discussion ensued regarding deer crossing signs. Foss commented that MnDOT is phasing out their signs and not replacing them as they are become damaged.

Daniel commented that the MTC is accepting applications for the Riders Advisory Committee. It's a new committee and the purpose is to provide feedback to improve their service. The first meeting is planned for December.

Franke moved to adjourn and Daniel seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.