

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

December 3, 2014

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

Member Absent: Hazel Youngmann

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

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

Discussion ensued regarding appointment of new members to the Board. Foss explained that most Boards in the City have vacancies right now. The City advertised to fill vacancies but didn't receive enough applications for all Boards. Foss asked if Board members knew of organizations or neighborhood coalition groups that may have someone interested. Applicants would have to be residents of the City.

Daniel moved to approve the October 1, 2014, minutes. Franke seconded and the motion passed.

Lawrence did a presentation on the City's road maintenance plan. Maps were distributed showing ratings of each street in the City with red representing bad, green being good and blue being in-between. The City will be divided into 8 districts with an 8-year cycle of road maintenance along with other departments that may have maintenance work to do in each district (i.e. parks, signage, sidewalk). There is also a District 8a which is segments of properties in east St. Cloud. Streets will be looked at to receive a seal coat, overlay or total recondition. Lawrence noted that revenue from the voter-approved half percent local sales tax will be used for transportation improvements beginning in 2019. Ludwig suggested that infrastructure should be reviewed when looking at an overlay. Lawrence will be taking the plan to the City Council. He suggested reporting back to the Board on the maintenance plan next year. It was suggested to the Board to pick two roads from each red/blue/green category and review the ratings. Ludwig suggested that Lawrence pick the roads and they will drive them in the spring for review.

There was discussion on the CIP projects and having the maintenance plan implemented into the CIP. The first public input meeting for the CIP is December 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Franke will report back on the condition of the Diverging Diamond at the January meeting.

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Daniel commented that he is in the process of creating a winter operations plan for the MTC and questioned Lawrence on the City's snow plow route. Daniel would like to coordinate having the bus routes taking precedence over side streets in the City. Lawrence stated there is a Council directed policy from 1996 that is still in place. Arterial roads and primary transportation routes get first priority along with downtown community. Foss stated that Daniel could get the map listing the arterial roads from Engineering so he would know which roads have more priority.

Discussion ensued on vehicles cutting through business parking lots as part of their route instead of waiting for left turn lights.

Ludwig stated that the APO is almost done with their long range transportation plan. He would like to see the final plan and have discussion with the Board.

The Board decided to have a presentation from Nick Musachio regarding his concept of the Always Green Traffic Control be put on the January 7th agenda. Franke will contact Musachio to schedule the presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.