

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

September 7, 2016

Members Present: Ryan Daniel, Caleb Dirckx, Sue Ek, Kurt Franke

Members Absent: Tama Theis, Steve Ludwig

City Staff Present: Steve Foss, Cheryl Malikowski, Recording Secretary, Mayor Kleis (arrived at 4:20 p.m.)

Vice-Chairperson Daniel called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Ek moved to approve the August 3, 2016, minutes. Franke seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

Franke questioned the proposed HAWK system for the intersection of University Drive SE and 13th Avenue SE. Foss commented that with neighborhood and school input, this project will not be moving forward at this time. The City will be putting some type of pedestrian enhancements at this intersection to help with pedestrian traffic in the area.

Dirckx questioned the timing of the 12th Street North project with school in session. Foss stated that projects were staged due to timing and staffing. Another project on 33rd Avenue North near 12th Street North was also proceeding with construction at the same time. Dirckx also noted that all of the pedestrian crossings were closed near North Junior High School from 25th to 29th Avenue North on 12th Street North.

Franke noted that he had the opportunity to ride bicycle with MnDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety coordinators in preparation of a St. Cloud conference.

Franke commented about the striping and painting of bicycle lanes/crosswalks in the SCSU area near Barden Park. Foss stated that the City does striping once a year so if it was done in early spring, it may become faded by the end of the year. Some of the striping in the SCSU area is done directly by SCSU but he will have City staff take a look at this area.

At this time, Mayor Kleis entered into the meeting and thanked the Board for their participation and showed remembrance of Hazel Youngmann in her passing. The Mayor noted that in 2019 the half cent sales tax will kick in which 60 percent of this tax is going toward roads, 20 percent is for buildings of regional significance (i.e. MAC, Aquatic Center, Whitney Center, River's Edge Convention Center) and 20 percent for parks and trails. He would like the Board to look at projects going forward into 2019 and have a plan for the use of the sales tax money.

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Franke questioned the Mayor about the Wobegon Trail. The Mayor noted that this has already been programmed in 2019 with the \$10M voter approved money which is separate from the City's portion of the sales tax. It was part of a joint cities effort to connect the Wobegon Trail to the Beaver Island Trail.

Dirckx commented that there are a couple of pedestrian poles that are loose at the intersection of 25th Avenue North and 3rd Street North, where he was almost hit by a vehicle. Malikowski informed the Traffic Systems Manager.

Ek moved to adjourn the meeting, Franke seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.