

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

November 2, 2016

Members Present: Steve Ludwig, Blake Legatt, Sue Ek, Kurt Franke

Members Absent: Tama Theis, Caleb Dirckx, Ryan Daniel

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

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

Introductions were made by Board members to new member, Blake Legatt.

Franke moved to approve the October 5, 2016, minutes. Ek seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

Discussion ensued on the half cent sales tax funding for transportation. Foss would like to approach the funds similar to the way MnDOT does by starting with a portion of the funds going toward expansion and the rest toward preservation of the existing infrastructure. The Board decided to create a list of defined categories and the ratio of funds to go into each category. Ek questioned if emergency contingency funds need to be set aside. Foss will check to see if emergency contingency funds will need to be set aside. Foss questioned the Board as to what dollar amount they are comfortable with spending at a time (i.e. spend \$6M the first year then the next 3 years would be making bond payments). Ek commented that the Board should at some point ask for public input. This item will be put back on the December agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding the update with the downtown streetscape plan study, which is for area of 5th Avenue from TH 23 to St. Germain Street and St. Germain Street from 5th to 10th Avenues. The study is looking at the parking in this area, whether it is parallel or diagonal parking. The City will utilize this plan when doing any projects in this area. Franke questioned if they are looking at the speed limit. Foss stated that the average overall speed on St. Germain Street is fairly slow.

Foss gave an update with the alignment at TH 10 Frontage Road and Kwik Trip entrance. Anderson Trucking had recently questioned the City for use of the area west of 15th Avenue SE. Foss stated that the City was not going to let them use it at this time due to possibly changing the intersection. Ludwig asked Foss to keep the Board updated on any further information that would arise.

Franke gave an update on the Bicycle Friendly Community application process. He noted that there is a meeting on November 10th for the St. Cloud Committee. He noted that many other local communities are also interested in becoming bicycle friendly.

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Ludwig questioned the crossing on 2nd Street North near the County Administration building. Foss stated that it is not a true crosswalk. The City did remove the concrete piece of median in the area but it is not meant to be a crosswalk. Foss stated that there has been consideration of putting in a HAWK system in this area. Foss received data from the County on numbers of employees parking in the area on the north side of 2nd Street North and in parking lots.

Franke questioned the parking lot behind the post office near the railroad tracks. Foss stated that there is no right-of-way in that area. Right-of-way would need to come from the post office and the railroad.

Legatt questioned the left turn on 25th Avenue at Veterans Drive/8th Street North. Foss stated this area is in the CIP for mill and overlay and will review the striping for this intersection. This item will be put on the December agenda.

Franke commented that at Madison School, there is a white X in the crosswalk. Foss will look into this area. This item will be put on the December agenda.

Ek moved to adjourn the meeting, Legatt seconded and the motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.