

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

December 14, 2016

Members Present: Steve Ludwig, Blake Legatt, Sue Ek, Kurt Franke, Ryan Daniel, Caleb Dirckx

Members Absent: Tama Theis

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

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

Franke moved to approve the November 2, 2016, minutes. Legatt seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

Discussion ensued on the half cent sales tax funding for transportation. Foss discussed the 33rd Street South expansion project timelines in conjunction with the new Tech High School. The City is looking at bonding for the expansion improvements and using the sales tax funds to pay the bonds. Ludwig stated he would like to see the funds going toward preservation and other improvements versus just expansion. Ek inquired if some of the funding can be used for replacing equipment. Foss stated that funds for equipment replacement should come from state aid funds and other sources. This funding is supposed to be used for regional transportation improvements. Franke questioned whether the Wobegon Trail was still on schedule as the Neenah Creek Park Improvements seemed to be taking more precedence. Foss stated the 33rd Street South expansion had no negative effect on the Wobegon Trail timeline. Ludwig asked the Board for input on guidelines for the funding. Discussion ensued. Ek commented that maybe Foss should decide the funding percentage and the Board would review it. Foss will bring forward at a later date an outline with improvement types and funding for the Board to review.

Foss stated that in the current CIP, 25th Avenue from 3rd to 8th Street North is scheduled for 2017 and 25th Avenue from 8th to 12th Street North is scheduled for 2019. He suggested that in 2017 the City would possibly stop the improvements at 7th Street North and in 2019 start at 7th Street North to 12th Street North, which will include the intersection with 8th Street North to update the utilities and signal at that time.

Foss stated he could not find the crosswalk at Madison School that Franke had questioned. Franke will get exact location and send to Board. Foss stated that these types of crosswalks are for traffic to stay back and allow for turning into a school and/or business.

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Franke reported that committee members would like a resolution of support from the Board. Franke made a motion in support of the Bicycle Friendly Community application. Ek seconded and the motion unanimously passed. Malikowski will get a resolution of support ready for Ludwig to sign.

Ludwig stated that the traffic signal at St. Germain Street and 12th Avenue was removed and a 4-way stop was installed. Foss stated that it will remain a 4-way stop at this time.

Foss had a handout with the Downtown Streetscape Plan. He stated that there appeared to be support from the Downtown Streetscape meetings for converting parking from diagonal to parallel. This would give businesses more room to use the area for patio dining or events. There is no programmed year to do improvements on West St. Germain Street but 5th Avenue from TH 23 to West St. Germain Street is planned for 2017. The study would be utilized when improvements are approved for these areas. The plan for 5th Avenue is having 3 lanes to accommodate the delivery vehicles downtown. Discussion ensued on the streetscape planning. Daniel noted that the MTC is looking at updating their bus stop to go with the new look downtown.

Daniel moved to adjourn the meeting, Legatt seconded and the motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.