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Meeting Minutes - Approved LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 18, 2009

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Interim LRTPC Chair Gary Poulson called the 6-18-09 meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Committee to order.

Present: 5 -

Gary L. Poulson; Michael A. Basford; Steve King; Chris Schmidt and Mark N. Shahan

Excused: 2 -

Michael W. Rewey and Melanie Hampton

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 16, 2009 MEETING

Gary Poulson pointed out a typo on page 5. David Trowbridge said that he would make this change.

The Minutes of the 4-16-09 LRTPC meeting were then unanimously approved, on a motion submitted by Ald. Paul Skidmore/Mark Shahan.

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Shahan, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public wishing to speak in regard to future LRTPC agendas.

NEW BUSINESS

- 4 [14751](#) Approving the Environmental Assessment for the CTH M / Junction Road & Mineral Point Road project and approving the roadway geometry contained in the Environmental Assessment. (9th AD).

This Resolution was Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval

Ald. Paul Skidmore/Ald. Steve King submitted a motion to recommend adoption of Resolution ID 14751.

The Committee then voted 4-1 (with one abstention) to approve the motion, as submitted by Ald. Paul Skidmore/Ald. Steve King.

Excused: 2 -

Michael W. Rewey and Melanie Hampton

Ayes: 3 -
Steve King; Chris Schmidt and Mark N. Shahan

Noes: 1 -
Michael A. Basford

Abstentions: 1 -
Gary L. Poulson

Rob Phillips (City Engineering) said that the intersection design is quite detailed at this time, but that the next steps will be to complete the final design and finish the environmental approval process.

Chris Petykowski then provided an overview of the intersection design. He noted that several alternatives were considered, including (1) an advanced left turn intersection, (2) an offset split-grade intersection, and (3) a jug handle design. He said that, after much input from committees - including LRTPC - the revised design is a "modified jug handle".

Ald. Chris Schmidt asked why there is a pedestrian overpass and an underpass at the same general location within the jug handle portion of the intersection. Rob Phillips said that it provides some alternatives for pedestrians, as some people may not feel comfortable in an underpass (especially at night).

Chris Petykowski noted that Steve's Liquor would be impacted by the construction of the intersection, and would need to be taken. He said that five single-family homes along Junction Road would also be impacted. In terms of costs, Petykowski said that right-of-way would cost \$3-5 million and construction is estimated to cost \$8-11 million. He said that construction is proposed for 2011-12.

Rob Phillips said that roundabouts were considered at this location but that they would not be able to handle the volumes of traffic projected for the area. He also said that an at-grade intersection had been considered, but that it would have been too large and would not have pedestrian-friendly.

Phillips said that the design concept was to take one very large intersection and break it into several smaller intersections. He said that this is much better for pedestrians, noting that the buildout of the UW Research Park II will generate a good deal of pedestrian traffic. He said that employees in the area will have good pedestrian options for accessing businesses along Junction Road. He also pointed out that a transit lane is planned along Mineral Point Road.

Phillips also said that the intersection was designed with bicyclists and pedestrians in mind. He noted that other intersections are sometimes designed for traffic first, and then bicycle and pedestrian needs are accommodated after that (perhaps resulting in less-than-desirable conditions for those modes).

Mark Shahan asked about the roundabout design at the south end of Junction Road, and whether or not the radius had been tightened up. Chris Petykowski said that it had, and is now designed for 25 mph.

Gary Poulson asked about the accident rate for that intersection. Ald. Paul Skidmore said that it rated very highly in terms of need, and that it has been a high priority for some time.

Ald. Paul Skidmore/Ald. Steve King then submitted a motion to recommend adoption of Resolution ID 14751.

Ald. Steve King said that this intersections has been problematic for many years and his constituents have said that improving it has been a high priority for them.

Ald. Paul Skidmore wished to commend Rob Phillips (and City Engineering staff) and Brian Smith (Traffic Engineering) for their very good work in coming up with a workable solution. He said that the design accommodates many viewpoints and takes into consideration all modes of transportation through the intersection. Skidmore added that although one business would be taken, the owner has been cooperative throughout the process. Roger Bowden (478 Commerce Drive, Ste. 201) said that there is a n impact to his property, due to the change in grade, but that it can be acceptable.

Mark Shahan said that the appreciates the bicycle and pedestrian connections that have been provided to UW Research Park II, noting that the City has learned from past mistakes with office park development.

The Committee then voted 4-1 (with one abstention) to approve the motion, as submitted by Ald. Paul Skidmore/Ald. Steve King.

5 [08484](#) **INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBERS**

- Note: No Discussion of Specific Items

There were no other announcements or information submitted by the Chair or Committee members.

6 [08486](#) **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

David Trowbridge noted that the July 16th meeting (5:00 p.m., Room LL-110 MMB) would include consideration of the Northeast Neighborhoods Development Plan. Committee member Gary Poulson said that he would not be in attendance at the 7-16-09 meeting.

7 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:00 p.m.