

## Des Moines City Council PS&T Committee Minutes – 10/08/09

Meeting called to order: 6:02 PM on October 8, 2009, in North Conference Room @ 21630 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue So., Des Moines WA 98198

### Council Members

Dave Kaplan - Chairman  
Dan Sherman - Mayor Pro Tem  
Ed Pina

### Guest

Nelson Davis, KPG, Gateway Consultant

### City Staff

Tony Piasecki - City Manager  
Lorri Ericson - Asst. City Mgr.  
Grant Fredricks - Director PB&PW  
Dan Brewer - Asst. Dir. Transp. & Engineering  
Linda Wright – Administrative Asst.  
Len Madsen - Gateway Project Manager

### **Purpose/Agenda:**

1. Approve PS&T Minutes July 2, 2009
2. Gateway Project Briefing:
  - Schedule; Overview Preliminary Design Report
  - Scope: Plan, Profile and Lane Configuration (Offset Alignment) - 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. & S. 216<sup>th</sup> St.
  - Staging Plan: Initial Design; Cost Estimate; Technical/Community Comments
  - Full Council Briefing and Action

- 
1. Minutes of July 2, 2009, were unanimously approved.
  2. Gateway Project Briefing (handouts provided to all):
    - Len Madsen passed out a Project Schedule indicating the timeline for 30% design to full 90% by the end of 2010 and ready for construction early 2011, i.e.
      - Environmental Studies
      - NEPA/SEPA Approvals and Permitting
      - WSDOT Channelization Plan Approval
      - Franchise Utility Coordination
      - Right of Way Acquisition
      - Final Plans and Specifications
      - Final Cost Estimate
      - Secure Funding
    - Question was asked about funding. It's a Public Works Trust Fund 5-year loan to take project from Concept through Design.....does not include Construction funds. Design is to be completed within 24 months and the loan to be paid from Arterial Street Funds set aside for this project which included Prologis Impact Fees.
    - Coordinating with Utilities and preparing for Right of Way Acquisition.....best chance of grant money if a project has right-of-way finalized. City staff is working with the Port for a dedication.
    - **Staff will give full Council briefing October 22, 2009. - A need decision from Council will be requested on November 12, 2009, including a motion to move for final design contract & contract management. Emphasize that design is funded 100%. 90% specifically earmarked Capital Funds (PWTF, in lieu fees, bonds) - only about 10% comes from Transportation Arterial Street Funds.**
    - Design Report was handed out and Len briefly went over the general contents, i. e.

Overview and Description  
Existing Conditions  
Design Criteria  
Traffic and Accident Data  
Proposed Improvements  
Conceptual Treatments  
Alternative Analysis and Public Involvement  
Probable Costs and Funding Considerations

- Map was spread out across the table and hung on the wall indicating how the Offset Alignment would affect right-of-way requirements and roadway. Project is scheduled to be done in phases with the last stage being east of the SR99 intersection.. Because of the 2-lane bridge over I-5 and connection with Military Road all of which fall in SeaTac, recommendation is that the road transition down to two lanes at about 29<sup>th</sup> until such time as SR509 and Sound Transit Light Rail become realities in that area.
- Currently working on Technical Information Report, Traffic Analysis, Illumination and Undergrounding with Utilities, Turning Movement Analysis and Landscape Design. Staff will recommend that urban design and landscaping elements be the topic of a Council study session in January, 2010.

Reminder by Councilmembers to consider ongoing maintenance costs as a project criteria (landscaping etc).

In that light, Len indicated that the focus was maintaining the “open view” down S.216<sup>th</sup>, there would be a median with some landscaping on 24<sup>th</sup> south of 216<sup>th</sup> in the transition area to differentiate that section of 24<sup>th</sup> as a neighborhood and discourage by-pass or cut-through traffic.

- Len explained that the Pacific Highway S. intersection was a challenging part of the project. EB/WB U-turn pockets have been incorporated to maintain business access. However the owner of the Des Moines Convenience Center located in the Safeway complex is opposed to restricting left turns into the center. The restriction is needed to accommodate forecasted left turn volumes and minimize turning conflicts. The owner indicated he has an open access easement across the Safeway property and would welcome establishing a common driveway further west on S. 216<sup>th</sup> St if the adjoining property redeveloped. Dan indicated that such an access requirement could be a City condition of redevelopment.
- Question was asked if there was enough room for utilities to underground. About 3 feet plus 4 foot planter...won't be cemented in....will allow for fire hydrant and utilities. Some concern that Port is being required to dedicate property for the utilities under the Offset Design...benefit of both the Port and City. Details have to be worked out.

Committee members were told that the tall high voltage transmission wires cannot be undergrounded, which is consistent with the DMMC, and is the same as was done on Pac Highway.

Comment re LED energy saving design. LED lighting has not been proven to meet roadway lighting standards at this point, but may in the near future.

- Want to extend the concept from the Gateway @ Pac Hwy and S.216<sup>th</sup> down through the intersection @ Marine View Drive and S.216<sup>th</sup> sidewalk improvement project for design

continuity. Some simple elements are being included in the Segment 4 (MVD to 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.) design and construction plans.

3. Chairman Kaplan wanted to know about 2 items for next PS&T meeting: Update on Bond Proceeds where spent/how much -- Dan Brewer said would put info in his box this week. The other item was update on North Twin Bridge - Dan Brewer indicated that were working on final plans - almost to 100% design. Construction would be completed spring/summer 2010. Items concluded.

Adjourned 6:50 PM

Respectfully submitted – Linda Wright, Administrative Assistant