

Des Moines City Council PS&T Committee Minutes - 10/13/08

Meeting called to order: 7:00 PM on October 13, 2008, in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue So., Des Moines WA 98198

Purpose/Agenda:

1. Capital Improvement Plan – Arterial Street

Attendees: Chairman Dave Kaplan; Dan Sherman, Mayor Pro Tem; Ed Pina, Councilmember
Staff: Grant Fredricks, PB&PW Director; Dan Brewer, Asst. Director Transportation & Engineering;
Cara Zemanek, Financial Analyst; Tony Piasecki, City Manager; Lorri Ericson, Assistant City
Manager; Erika Sullivan, Administrative Assistant

Discussion:

1. Capital Improvement Plan Arterial Street Funds (*see 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Plan – Arterial Street - Request Forms*):

- Representative Upthegrove is working on a staff presentation to add \$500,000 to the supplemental, but that was not built into the budget assumption.
- 509 right-of-way fund (\$78,000) and staff has a draft study to review.
- The City can choose a reduced pavement management program (no overlay) and eliminate the guardrail and sidewalk projects (frees up \$1,275,000 for 2009).
- Public Works Trust Fund Loan (PWTFL) \$2.5M includes these projects: match for the school on 8th, North Twin Bridge (with partial BRAC funds) and 216th and Marine View Drive South (assuming CDBG funds can purchase the car wash).
- \$2,466,000 in in-lieu fees must be spent on the Gateway project (some fees are based on the Des Moines Business Park). Staff could approach the Port regarding earlier payment.
- Committee members requested updated revenue projections.
- **North Twin Bridge**
 - Permanent footing repairs are underway and the plans will be ready by the end of November 2008.
 - The City is 85% finished with the preliminary engineering work, and if we get BRAC funds we can start next year. Even if we don't receive BRAC funds we still need to do this project because of safety issues.
 - This project could go to bid in the summer of 2009.
 - Committee members asked about the seismic work on this project.
 - Staff wants to see how the BRAC funding comes out on 11/04/08, but the seismic work could be delayed if necessary.
- **Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update**
 - Staff said this must be done in 2009 or the City may not be eligible for grant funds.
 - This includes downtown with a large piece on transportation and downtown parking.
- **Pavement Management Program**
 - Preventive maintenance will keep the streets in the good category.
 - Designing a 2010 pavement management system – we need to have the design done one year ahead (estimated cost if done in-house is \$100,000).
 - Committee members said if we proceed with operating expenses based on one-time monies, we could spend one-time monies on one-time expenditures.

- Staff would prefer to have the design on the shelf ready to go if the one-time monies arrive, however several committee members do not want to spend money on design.
- Having more design work on the shelf allows the City to choose more favorable bids. We have nothing ready now, but the work could begin in 2010.
- Committee members asked if the cost could be reduced from \$100,000 to \$50,000, and staff cautioned we are on a downhill slide on a slippery slope. In the short to intermediate term you can't recover. The original Pavement Management program achieves 73 PCI, which is optimistic considering the budget.
- Construction costs may go down if we are entering a recession, and staff said we will get better material costs.
- If the City doesn't start the design phase the project and uses a consultant, the project could cost 2.5 times more.
- The jail project could provide \$1.9M in fees and permits, which would replenish the Stabilization Fund.
- **South 216th Street Improvement Project – Phase 4**
 - The City will receive \$450,000 in CDBG funds, and also applied for a \$2M TIB grant (we will know the outcome for the TIB grant on 11/24/08).
 - TIB is incredibly competitive and Burbidge is the Committee Chair.
 - The TIB grant is subject to legislative ratification.
 - We will revisit the whole project if the City does not receive TIB funding.
 - The Port is trying to pull together for the Des Moines Creek Business Park (DMCBP). The Port and City are working together on the plat, and the Port could invest \$3.8M in infrastructure that supports the DMCBP.
 - There are issues on both sides, but the Port may be reluctant to spend the monies. If we do not get the developer back (Majestic) our Council may not support moving forward.
 - Staff said Council could still rezone to require retail, and Council still has to approve the Master Plan.
 - Subject to approval of the Master Plan, the City could move on the SEPA and save the next developer SEPA (substantial savings). The City could get money in hand for 216th, especially for retail.
- **8th Avenue South Sidewalk Project**
- **Des Moines Gateway Project (South 216th Improvement Project Phase 1 & 2)**
 - The City received \$1M grant for the Gateway Project (Phases 1, 2, & 3), the Board approved our application.
 - Public Works Trust Fund loan and the City will hear back regarding the TIB application for Phase 2 on 11/21/08. In-lieu fees are high because they cover frontage improvements.
 - The City is in negotiations with PROLOGIS for \$800,000 in fees.
 - The City has 18 months to deliver the preliminary design and start environmental; we do not have to do construction.
 - Committee members said that was \$4M out of arterial streets, and staff replied that could be the \$3.8M from the Port. No traffic impact fees have been identified for these projects.
 - Committee members and staff discussed a grant opportunity which could fund up to \$20M.
- **24th Avenue South Improvement Project**
- **Intelligent Transportation System** – voter approved project and ties us in traffic management. Public Works pays for installation of fiber line.
- **Saltwater State Park Bridge Seismic Retrofit**
 - There may be BRAC funds available for the seismic work and staff is hopeful there may be more federal money.

- The seismic study for the Saltwater Bridge is 70% complete however there are no funds for design or repairs.
- **Annual Guardrail Program**
 - Everything was deferred in 2008 and staff rolled funds forward to 2009. The City will replace any damaged guardrails.
 - Committee members asked if this should be less ambitious, and are there better uses for \$125,000.
 - Staff is concerned the City would be chipping away at a program.
- **Annual Sidewalk Program**
 - The City does not have funds for this in Arterial Streets in 2008.
 - This funds sidewalk rehabilitation and ADA design projects.
- **16th Avenue South Improvement – Phase 5**
 - The City has \$130,000 in-lieu fees and \$562,000 if Crestwood goes forward.
 - If Crestwood comes in, start moving forward.
- **Redondo Boardwalk Repairs**
 - No funds to move forward, but the City could use differential rates for out-of-town parking.
 - Seattle has parking zones for residents vs. out-of-town.
- **Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program**
 - *Action: (Grant) Red Light Cameras (Nov/Dec 2008)*
 - Committee members asked if traffic calming would make it easier to cross Marine View Drive, and asked about camera traffic devices.
 - Staff is waiting for the outcome of I-985 (Eyman ballot initiative) regarding red light cameras.
- **Des Moines Memorial Drive and South 200th Street Intersection Improvements**
 - Funds become available in 2010.
 - Committee members feel this is extremely important.
- **South 216th Street Improvement Project (Phase 3)**
- **Kent-Des Moines Road (16th Avenue South to 24th Avenue South)**
 - Committee members asked to keep this item on the CIP.
 - Staff prefers to remove the item at this time and no grant funds were available from TIB, STP and CMAC through PRSC for this project.
- **2008 Arterial Streets Fund**
 - 16th Avenue South improvements are almost complete (1 punch list item is left).
 - Des Moines Memorial Drive January 2006 repair is almost finished.
 - Transportation Comprehensive Plan Update is 65% complete.
 - Staff recommends redoing the impact fee structure in 2009 for S. 216th St. project corridor study, 24th Ave. S. corridor study and the SR-509 study.
 - South 216th St. (Phases 1 & 2) have been deferred until 2009.

Adjourned 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted – Erika Sullivan, Administrative Assistant