

Public Safety and Transportation Des Moines City Council Committee Minutes
12/13/07

Meeting called to order: 6:20PM on December 13, 2007, in north conference room @ 21630
11th Avenue So., Des Moines WA 98198

Purpose: Discuss Transportation Items

Attendees: Dave Kaplan, Chairman; Ed Pina, Councilmember; Tony Piasecki, City Manager;
Grant Fredricks, PB&PW Director; Dan Brewer, Asst. Dir. Transportation &
Engineering; Linda Wright, Secretary [Dan Sherman, Councilmember was absent]

Guests: None

Minutes of November 8, 2007 were approved.

Discussion Items:

1. Update on Des Moines Slide Projects. Map was handed out indicating the 3 slide areas. Discussed funding issues. Est. 13.5% will be from City funds - rest will be federal ER funds. Working to get unused Marine View Drive Bridge funds reappropriated to cover the City's costs on the other slide projects. Working to get the information to Representative Uptegrove.
2. Paving map with 2 suggested paving/patching areas was handed out. Discussion ensued as to whether to pave just patched areas or to do the entire area from Flag Triangle to S. 208th St. (City Limits). It was felt at a minimum patching should be done now to further preserve the road and prevent additional damage. Funding is available from the 2007 Pavement Management CIP Budget, but additional contract authority is required. Ultimately Chairman Kaplan recommended completing DMMD paving from S. 208th St. to S. 212th St. at this time, and looking to complete the remaining section of DMMD (S. 212th St. to Marine View Drive) after the slide repairs were completed.
3. Saltwater Bridge Update: Estimate it will re-open on 1/9/08. Delay attributed to the as-built drawings from the mid 30's not reflecting actual conditions at the bridge end, so modifications had to be made to the location of reinforcing steel on the new sheet pile cap. In addition, concrete strengthening is taking a little longer due to cold weather; asphalt plants will close down for holidays so would not be able to do final paving and striping.
4. 16th Avenue Project: Working on curb, gutter, driveway approaches, left turn lane @ 260th, sewer punch list, median and then the final asphalt lifts and striping - expect to be completed on time by May 2008. Chairman Kaplan wants to acknowledge Salvation Army and Woodmont Elementary with a Resolution acknowledging their property dedication and cooperation on the project. Also wants to have some kind of neighborhood celebration when done to thank the citizens for their patience and cooperation.

5. King County Rapid Ride: Handout was furnished summarizing current status of work effort. Discussion regarding the transit signal priority [cities participating are Federal Way, SeaTac, Kent and Des Moines along the Pacific Highway South corridor]....a 10% reduction in transit travel time along the corridor will be awarded by 5000 hours of transit to the partnership. Need to look @ Metro Route 189 and Marina service. Will eventually have a fiber maintenance agreement - Transit \$. More meetings to follow. Will need to do a full Council briefing when more information is known during 1st half 2008.

NOTE: Dave Kaplan suggested a Council Retreat just for Transportation Items....too many to cover in a regular Council meeting. Transportation maintenance plan, Comp plan, standards.

6. Passenger Only Ferry Service: Dan Brewer attended Puget Sound Leadership Ferry Summit with Councilmember Susan White. Need to find out more about Puget Sound Regional Council and King County Ferry District. There are several entities talking about it but it's been difficult to get any real facts. Information needed:

When are they planning to run?

What sites/route?

Parking?

Associated Costs?

Marina improvements?

What Council Committee or an Ad Hoc Committee?

Many questions need to be answered but feel there is interest and Des Moines should be finding out more information, but not to make any commitment until more details are learned.

7. S. 260th St. cross section (between 16 Ave S and Pac Hwy) discussion about bike lanes, on-street parking, etc. Cross-section map handed out showing current striping, proposed, alternate proposal, other possibilities. Discussion on lane width, marking designated bike lane, eliminating parking or parking on one side. Preferred "Alternate Proposal" without on-street parking was selected by the committee. Chairman Kaplan requested that citizens be notified in area that on-street parking will be eliminated.
8. Street Lighting Policy - Currently in standards have street light every 200'. Electricity bill is approximately 25% of streets operating budget (~\$250,000 per year). Need to look @ possibility of changing street lighting policy; establish different lighting standards for different types of streets; continue research on LED street lights; working with PD on high crime areas for area lighting; disposal of old street lights.
9. Transportation Benefit Districts (TBD): State law permits the formation of Transportation Benefit Districts with taxing authority up to \$100 per vehicle. These can be established regionally (as was proposed by last November's RTID Proposition 1 ballot measure. With failure of RTID, King County is permitted to establish a County-wide TBD, but they must make such a decision by May or cities are allowed to establish TBD covering all or parts of cities. A City-wide TBD can adopt a \$20 vehicle charges without a City-wide vote. Vehicle charges between \$20 and \$100 must be approved by voters.

Action Items/Responsible Party:

Dave Kaplan: Revise Consent Motion to ask Council for authority to pave from Flag Triangle to So. 208th.

Dan Brewer: Resolution when 16th is done (Salvation Army/Woodmont Elementary) Also a neighborhood celebration.

Dan Brewer: Council Briefing - Metro Rapid Ride

Dan Brewer: Notify citizens in neighborhood of S. 260th "No Parking"

Dan Brewer: Present some ideas, ramifications, etc. for Policy decisions re lighting

Dave Kaplan: Transportation Council Retreat

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Wright, Secretary