

Public Safety & Transportation Des Moines City Council Committee Minutes
4/3/08

Meeting called to order: 6:05 PM on April 3, 2008, in north conference room @ 21630 11th Avenue So., Des Moines WA 98198

Purpose/Agenda:

1. Review and approve minutes from March 20 and January 17, 2008 and December 13, 2007.
2. 2008 PS&T committee Work Plan (pre-Council Retreat Draft)
3. Project Updates: a) 16th Ave Paving b) Slide Repairs c) N.Twin Bridge d) State Budget Funding
4. Sound Transit II
5. Street Design/Construction Policy Issues (Initial Discussion)

Attendees: Dave Kaplan, Chairman; Dan Sherman, Mayor Pro Tem; Ed Pina, Councilmember; Grant Fredricks, PB&PW Director; Dan Brewer, Asst. Director Transportation & Engineering; Tony Piasecki, City Manager; Loren Reinhold, Asst. Director Environment & Utilities; and Linda Wright, Secretary

Discussion:

1. Minutes Approved by Dave Kaplan and seconded by Ed Pina

2. Work Plan was modified based on input from other Councilmembers at the Retreat on Saturday March 29, 2008, discussion tonight @ meeting.

- Red Light Camera Enforcement will not happen as accident history didn't justify.
- Emergency Management Plan was reduced to 1 hour Committee time
- PMS Pavement Management System - removed April; added 1' to Council when sites have been selected.
- Rapid Ride/Fiber Agreements reduced to 1' Committee time and 1' Council time to clarify, and tweak agreements as to City's benefits/concerns.
- Transportation Comp (TCP) & Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - stay the same
- Street Design and Construction Standards - believe can reduce Committee and Council time considerably.....will come down to Policy direction items only. Engineering issues are technical and should be left to Engineering. Chairman Kaplan felt the policy issues would come down to three aspects involving specific types of street issues:
 - Major Arterials
 - Minor Arterials/Collectors
 - "Quirks" or special situations i.e. 8th, 7th, where clarification and Council input will be required - would probably have the most discussion on these.
- Staff to come with framed questions for policy guidance
- Need to prioritize TCP issues - may need own Committee/Council time regarding:
 - Des Moines Creek Business Park (DMCBP) Transportation Infrastructure Links
 - 24th/216th
 - SR 509

Chairman Kaplan asked what would be some items that need policy discussions?

Dan Brewer responded: Street lights: such as where do we want to provide? How many?

Streetscape: grass, trees, rocks due to maintenance costs. Also: what format do you want a deviation or exception in?

Discussion ensued as to at what point would Council Committee or full Council need to be involved. Criteria would be same as for SWM. Legislative or exception after the fact.

Decision by Committee: Agreed that for the most part, after the fact would be alright so as not to hold up a project; however, a caveat would be given that if it's known potentially a problem for Council should try to get some resolution or direction from at least the Committee in those specific cases. Otherwise, Committee or Council might instruct "in future, based on a certain decision made, we want more input or prefer you handle in the future in such and such a manner" to keep things moving. Staff would keep Committee/Council aware of cases where an exception was allowed and reasoning why.

- Dan instructed to separate and bring forth the policy issues and never mind the engineering (technical) questions.
- S. 216th Sidewalk - Coming before Council 4/10/08 after the public information meeting on 04/08. Decide between Alternative 1 or 2. Council already scheduled for this. Decision will be made based on public input and costs.
- PMS - Prioritize the choices made and have Council buy off for next 6 years and can begin design and build the CIP budget and fund accordingly. Use some of the buyout funds...set aside so much for PMS. Traffic Impact Fees used where allowed. It's a policy discussion as to where to spend funds and from where funds to come.
- Staff to get new work plan put together with changes included.
- Emergency Management - keep updated.

3. Project Updates:

- 16th Ave - completed today (last roller running just before meeting) including S.260th. Striping will be next. Doesn't include the Woodmont walkway extension area - that will be done when that extra work voted on last time is completed. Working out the details of scope, change order, etc. but should be done by end of July. Will be working on closeout, punch list. Ahead of schedule and within budget. Len has done a great job.
- Slide Repairs - should be done in 2 weeks. Doing a good job. The reinforcement looks good and is very strong. Need to keep an eye on areas between reinforcement of slide areas. Drainage improvements should help future problems. Possible slide history interpretive signs as DMC Trail is opened.
- North Twin Bridge - will know solution for sure on Monday. Will be doing temporary repairs, the bridge needs upgrading permanently. Will need to be inspected on a bi-monthly basis to keep an eye on it especially thru wet weather. Will be placing gabion walls (rocks enclosed in wire meshing) and a substance will be pumped in (CDF). May end up with a weight restriction. Permanent fix will need additional funding.....plan to submit to BRAC when call comes in April for projects for 2009 budget. Will include seismic retrofit.
- State Transp. Budget Funding - not good news; apparently language was changed in the legislature by staffers and went from State to Federal under FHEM Relief which applies to a Federal Emergency Declaration and doesn't qualify. This was stressed at the time of application for funding it needed to be State. Now it doesn't qualify. Other means has to be worked out. Councilmember Ed Pina suggested asking voters for a "Bridge" Bond - not ruled out.

- Chairman Kaplan wants Representative Up the Grove and Senator Keiser to be made aware that their work was negated.
- 4. **Sound Transit II** - Discussion about Sound Transit's next budget proposal. Committee adamantly and unanimously doesn't want to support ST's plan as feel they have been betrayed re funding/route now going to Bellevue and up north. SW King is being left out once again. Item will be under discussion @ next SCATB'd meeting.
 - Committee will recommend to Council that Des Moines not vote for it.
- 5. **Street Design and Construction Policy Issues** - Have already had some discussion earlier in the meeting in the work plan. Dan indicated a street design question would be
 - "What do you want for length of a cul de sac: based on feet, number of homes, traffic trips? (Right now it's 400 feet from center line.)
 - Point of Reference: "Do you want it measured from C/L, curb, edge of R/W?" (Dan believes from edge of curb would make more sense because a C/L can vary depending on width of street).
 - Alley way - should I be private if built / Dan doesn't want allies.
 - Dan indicated these are the type of policy questions that will need to be addressed.
 - Grant and Dan agreed to come with specific policy questions to be addressed by either Committee or full Council depending on what's asked and/or decided.

Adjourned 7:26PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Wright, Secretary