

Public Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2007

Present: Councilmembers Ed Pina, Dan Sherman, City Manager Tony Piasecki, Acting Transportation Division Manager Len Madsen, City Engineer Loren Reinhold, Pavement Management Program Consultant, Paul Sachs and Planning, Building & Public Works Director Grant Fredricks. Chair Dave Kaplan was unable to attend.

The meeting convened at 6:00 pm headed by Councilmember Sherman.

Consultant Presentation on Results of 2007 Survey of the Condition of Our Streets:

Consultant Paul Sachs was present to tag team with Len on apprising the Committee of the program's overview of alternatives considered for the Pavement Program over the next 12 years years. Paul and Len distributed hard copies of a Power Point slide update to explain the current PCI (pavement condition index), a 5 point drop from PCI 75 in 2002 to a current PCI of 70, costs to maintain and repair, and estimated maintenance expenses for the streets of Des Moines.

Four "what if" budget scenarios were presented to the Committee.

1. Bring PCI to 100 in 12 years. Cost \$57.8 million.
2. Bring PCI to 84 in 12 years. Cost \$22.62 million.
3. Retain existing & projected funding at \$12.67 over 12 years with 15% of funds devoted to preventive maintenance increasing PCI from 70 to 73.
4. Retain existing & projected funding at \$12.67 over 12 years with no extra funds devoted to preventive maintenance allowing PCI to slide from 70 to 66.

Grant requested feed back from the Committee regarding this program. The Committee was primarily interested in recommending Scenario 3 to be presented to the full Council. This scenario involved \$12.67 million over 12 years an extension of programmed funding with 15% of funds devoted to preventive maintenance. This which would improve the city-wide average PCI rating from 70 to 73. In addition, the staff recommends that the PCI survey be conducted by sub geographic area, annually on a 3-year cycle as well as look for opportunities to implement preventative maintenance strategies.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding this program and what results the various scenarios would accomplish. The Committee also asked staff to develop a variation on Scenario 3, utilizing preventative maintenance strategies, accelerating the schedule

and budget to improve the average pavement conditions to a PCI 73 in 3 years.

Saltwater Bridge Update:

Loren explained the two phases of the repair. Phase 1 is emergency work to stabilize the bridge pier and Phase 2 is the sheet pile construction and restoration of the road surface.

Loren stated that originally DOT said they would not consider Phase 1 work as "emergency", but rather part of the permanent restoration, but FHWA reconsidered and now agrees that Phase 1 is an emergency. We hope to have a bid packet done tomorrow and to be able to get a contractor lined up for Phase 1.

Loren explained that the emergency response will be 100% funded. He gave projected time frames for a Phase 1 bid on May 21-25, the bid award on May 30th and to start the project on June 4.

Councilmember Sherman suggested that the City offer a bonus for getting the work done faster. Grant advised that accelerating the schedule may work, however the Federal government would not likely pay these additional expense.

Loren advised that the Feds may disagree with our proposal that Phase 2 work is "incidental permanent" because of the time lapse from the original disaster date and be considered permanent instead. If so, all environmental work and design clearances must be completed before FHWA will give approval for construction. This would add 2-3 months to the schedule to get these clearances. If this happens, we need to meet with DOT and FHWA to see how we could best expedite the project and complete the work before the rain season begins.

Review of Draft 6-Year TIP:

Len indicated that the list for this program is basically the same as last year with just a few changes. Projects completed have been removed, the costs have been escalated by about 3% due to inflation, and cash flow adjustments have been made for estimated 2007 progress on existing projects (i.e. 16th Ave S.). Len anticipates that the 16th Ave S. Improvement project would be finished in the spring of 2008. He further advised that the downtown Des Moines side walk improvement project has been added based, in part, upon earlier study of an LID for this area and anticipating the possible Water District 54 waterline distribution project affecting many of the east-west streets.

Tony also explained to the Committee that the Des Moines Creek Trail project has not changed very much. At this time, the

trail needs to be paved. He announced that the trail has been extremely popular and continues to be popular with the citizens.

The Committee held a discussion regarding the Redondo Boardwalk repairs and it was determined that this project involves too much expense and the Committee decided that funding of the Boardwalk project may need to be deferred given greater needs for road repairs.

Update on SR 509 Plans and Proposed Funding:

Grant distributed a Proposed I-5/SR 509 Freight & Congestion Relief Project chart and gave a brief description and explanation of the illustration. He explained that the 24/28th connection to SR 509 is a definite point of interest.

Councilmember Sherman asked if the Des Moines boundary along the I-5 right of way would change. Grant explained that the boundary would involve ½ block wide by approximately 1 ¼ miles long. The length would run from 216th to Kent-Des Moines Road.

Update of Transit Now:

Len gave update information about Transit Now stating that the projected start up date is 2010 for the new Metro Rapid Ride Service on Pacific Highway South. He also stated the Transit Now program proposed to strengthen the core routes connecting Highline Community College and Burien as well as downtown Seattle. Len gave a brief idea of the increased service that will take place on routes 121 and 132 and that 166 may be extended.

The next meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Committee is tentatively scheduled for June 5, 2007 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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