

City of Des Moines
Public Safety and Transportation Committee
Minutes to Meeting - April 18, 1996

Agenda

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| 6:00-6:10 | 31st Avenue Block Grant - Add and Award |
| 6:10-6:20 | 240th/16th Avenue Signal Project- R/W Acquisition |
| 6:20-6:30 | 10th Ave. Culvert Project - Intersection Realignment |

Attendance

Mayor Thomasson
Councilmember Sherman
Councilmember Wasson
City Manager, Bob Olander
Public Works Director, Tim Heydon
Transportation Engineer, Jim Seitz

Minutes

I. 31st Avenue Block Grant Project

The meeting opened with Tim explaining committee meeting purpose. Jim handed out Attachment A to the committee and explained that the 31st Avenue Block Grant project would now be a separate construction project as opposed to schedule B of the South 216th project as Public Works had originally proposed. Jim explained as stated in Attachment A why the change was needed. The committee questioned how many contractors were on the small works roster. Staff responded that the roster had numerous contractors who could do the work. The committee approved the new plan as stated in Attachment A.

Action Item

Staff will proceed with bid and award of 31st Avenue separate from South 216th as shown in Attachment A.

II. South 240th/16th Traffic Signal Project
Right of way acquisition

Jim handed out the right of way plan for the project and explained that two of the three right of way acquisitions for the project were now complete. The third however was not moving forward. Jim explained that the property owner was very reluctant to sell. They have a very narrow lot and did not want to make it any narrower. They

also wanted to be assured that their landscaping would not be removed. Jim handed out the construction plans for the project and explained that we could safely design around the area of the acquisition for this project. Any future projects to the east would need to have the right of way however, and we would need to approach the property owner again at that time. Since the property owner was so reluctant to consider the acquisition, Jim recommended moving forward without this acquisition. Jim stated the down side to this however would be that we have already spend money for the appraisal and negotiation. The committee agreed that they did not want to force the acquisition upon the property owner. However, the committee recommended that staff ask the property owner, in lieu of cash for the acquisition, if they would accept having construction improvements such as fencing, curbs, gutters and sidewalks. This would improve the value of their lot and provide some buffering from the street. Jim stated that, if we install sidewalks, the existing landscaping would need to be removed and their existing access may need to be moved from South 240th Street to 17th Avenue. Tim stated that the construction improvement should reflect similar cost to the appraised value of the acquisition.

Action Item

Staff will approach the property owner with the idea of construction improvements in lieu of a cash settlement.

After the property owner has been approached and still refuses to sell, staff will set a committee meeting to discuss this subject again.

III. 10th Avenue Culvert Intersection Realignment

Jim handed out three intersection concepts, as shown in Attachment B, for the intersection of Kent Des Moines Road with South 230th Street and 10th Avenue South. A forth concept would be to keep the intersection as it is now. Some pros and cons for each were discussed. Jim stated that this project is currently in the consultant negotiation phase and that in order to reduce the consulting fees, staff would like to have a preferred intersection configuration instead of having the four concepts studied. Jim explained that because of the cost and access issues, staff would recommend going with the two separate intersection concept. The committee expressed some concern about the close distance between intersections and the confusion of signing 10th Avenue and South 230th Street. Jim explained that ideally there would be a greater separation of the intersections, but due to the low side street traffic volume there would be adequate distance to accommodate required turning movements. The committee requested that staff research existing city codes to make sure that a new road culverts could be constructed over Massey Creek. The committee agreed they would need more information before making a decision.

Action Item

Staff will research existing city codes to determine if the new road culverts would be allowed. Staff will set another committee meeting to discuss the options.