

**COMMON COUNCIL
ROADS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 3, 2020**

The City of Noblesville Roads Council Committee met pursuant to public notice on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 8:03 a.m. Wil Hampton, Greg O'Connor, and Megan Wiles were present.

Also present were City Clerk Evelyn Lees, City Engineer Alison Krupski, Assistant City Engineer Jim Hellmann, Street Commissioner Patty Johnson, Director of Community and Economic Development Sarah Reed, and Communications Manager Robert Herrington.

1. Traffic Committee/Council items

Ms. Krupski stated going forward, Council items will be labeled with the Council member's name who requested the information.

- a. Greg O'Connor – 146th Street lighting
 - i. The study to find where street lights are warranted is complete and under review by staff.
 - ii. Results will be presented to the committee at the next meeting.
- b. Brian Ayer – IndyStar article about Noblesville traffic accident injury rate
Staff is researching the issue.
- c. Megan Wiles – Sidewalk Maintenance & Liability (12/23/19)
 - i. Staff will consult the City Attorney, Lindsey Bennett.
- d. Greg O'Connor – Alley lighting for Project 10 (12/27/19)
 - i. Staff were not sure which alley was of concern. Mr. O'Connor clarified it is the alley behind the liquor store northeast of the South 10th Street roundabout.
- e. Ordinance Update to Traffic Code
 - i. An ordinance is planned which will prohibit commercial carriers on Herriman Boulevard through the Wellingtons. The ordinance will also include street signs in new subdivisions.
 - ii. Local deliveries will still be allowed on Herriman Boulevard. It is hoped the change will prevent large trucks from using the residential section of Herriman Boulevard as a bypass during SR37 construction.
- f. Other items

- i. Mr. Hampton stated sidewalks are needed on Lakeview Drive north of Logan Street. He expressed concern for the safety of pedestrians walking to the drugstore or hospital with no sidewalk.

2. Pleasant Street

- a. Recommendations for awards are expected in February, with grants awarded in May. A favorable recommendation is not a guarantee that the grant will be awarded.
- b. Questions from residents should be forwarded to Ms. Krupski in order to provide consistent information.

3. Street Rehabilitation

- a. 2019 Contract I: All work is complete. Signal modification for the new left turn lane at Bergen Boulevard and Tegler Drive will be completed during the winter.
- b. 2019 Contract II: All work is complete.
- c. 2019 Contract III was bid at the first meeting in November for a summer 2020 completion. The project will use the remainder of 2019 funding and some 2020 funding. E & B Paving, Inc. was awarded the contract.
- d. 2020 Contract I (Community Crossing Matching Grant): The remaining balance of the 2019 \$1 million eligible grant was awarded. The bid opening is planned for January 28, 2020.
- e. 2020 Contract II - Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) ranking for all City roadways is underway to prepare for the 2020 Community Crossing Matching Grant.

4. Herriman Boulevard

- a. Phase 2, north of 141st Street to IDI site.
 - i. Bids were opened on November 26 and awarded to E & B Paving, Inc. for spring 2020 construction. Pavement will be in place and open to traffic during S.R. 37 construction, but the road will not be finished to City standards until Phase 4 is completed.
- b. Phase 3, Summer 2020 – Bulk of work for SR37/146th Street (per Fishers schedule).
 - i. Work south of 146th Street is expected to begin soon after a February 2020 letting. Construction is expected to be complete by fall 2020.
 - ii. Work north of 146th Street is expected to begin after completion of the south portion.

- iii. Traffic restrictions on Herriman Boulevard are expected to continue until 2021. Work will be concurrent with State Road 37/146th Street, but two lanes will remain open at all times. This will result in a longer construction time.
 - c. Phase 4, 2021 – Herriman from DAG/IDI to 146th (Dependent on SR37/146th Street).
- 5. SR37
 - a. Drainage lines contract: Completion is expected by April 2020.
 - b. 126th Street/SR37 bids have been awarded to Rieth-Riley. Construction is ongoing.
 - c. 146th Street
 - i. Bids will be let in February 2020.
 - ii. Construction is expected to be complete by Fall 2021.
 - d. 131st Street and 135th Street are set for an October 2020 letting as of August 15, 2019.
 - e. 141st Street is set for an October 2021 letting as of August 15, 2019.
- 6. Olio Road from 141st to 146th Street, 146th Street from Bergen Boulevard to Olio Road
 - a. A utility coordination meeting was held with Duke Energy. They require a six month lead time from the date right-of-way is secured. There was a follow up meeting with Duke regarding their existing easements and associated restrictions. The final issue is removal of \$130,000.00 for a Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC) tax from the agreement amount. The City is tax exempt. Negotiations are progressing. Attorneys are working to modify contract language.
 - b. Land Acquisition
 - i. Acquisition of one parcel is outstanding. Work is progressing on a development agreement. Utility relocation is needed before construction.
- 7. Logan Street Pedestrian Bridge
 - a. The road opened on December 23, 2019.
 - i. The ribbon cutting is set for January 6 at 4 p.m.
 - ii. A light display will follow the ribbon cutting.

8. Federal Aid applications

Applications were submitted for Pleasant Street, a Midland Trace Trail Pedestrian Tunnel under the SR 32/Hague Road intersection, and a roundabout at River Road and SR 38. Recommendations are expected in February, and final grant awards are scheduled for May.

9. Greenfield Avenue Culvert over Lehr Ditch (west of Marilyn Road)

The final design has been submitted for review. The hydraulic and environmental permitting is in process with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Construction is expected in 2020 due to utility relocation.

10. Thoroughfare Plan Update (Planning/Engineering)

The Thoroughfare Plan is being updated in conjunction with the Comprehensive Master Plan but will be presented to Council for approval separately.

11. Capital Improvement Plan – Ongoing

- a. Completion is expected by the end of 2020.
- b. After review by the Administration and Engineering, the plan will be presented to Council for feedback. There is no set timeline yet.

12. Little Chicago Road Trail over Morse Lake

Design is ongoing. Construction is expected in 2023.

13. South Allisonville Road Trail

Construction is set for 2022. Engineering will work with the Planning Department on potential aesthetic treatments.

- a. Stage 1 plans for 30 percent design were submitted to INDOT. Final design and environmental work is ongoing.
- b. A utility coordination meeting will be held next week.
- c. The Board of Public Works and Safety approved a resolution in December formalizing the apparent rights-of-way.

14. Road Impact Fee Study

A&F Engineering is working to determine required improvements for anticipated road condition in ten years. Presentation to the Plan Commission and Council is expected mid-year. State statute requires that an ordinance be adopted by July 1, 2021 in order to be

effective January 1, 2022. Early passage this year is planned in order to coordinate with similar studies that use the same data.

15. Downtown District Lights

- a. A contractor has been hired to replace lights in early 2020.

16. INDOT

- a. SR32 - Roundabouts at SR32/River Road and the SR32/38 split at Riverview Hospital. A meeting with partners and including Riverview Health was held at City Hall on September 12, 2019, and later followed by a meeting with the County Commissioners. The City is requesting a metered roundabout at the hospital per the County's concern for emergency vehicle access. It was noted that Fishers and Carmel each have two hospitals with entrances either at or near roundabouts.
- b. SR32/Mill Creek Road; SR38/Logan Street; SR38 at Oakmont/Whitcomb Ridge – Final contracts with INDOT are in negotiation for 2023 construction. The projects may or may not bid together depending on progress with design, permitting, and land acquisition.
- c. Signal Project - The project to replace Downtown signal poles with black poles has been moved to 2022. INDOT is agreeable to installing black decorative poles at the City's cost, with an extra one for maintenance purposes.
 - i. Design for other Downtown signal pole replacements as a City project is under contract, with construction dates not final but likely in 2021.
- d. SR37 and 186th Street
 - i. Improvements will be funded using Highway Safety Improvement Funds (HSIP) due to the number of accidents there.
 - ii. J-turn designs are planned rather than Michigan lefts; J-turns will allow left turns from SR37 to Field Drive.
 - iii. A field check meeting was held, and a stakeholder meeting is being planned for February 2020.
 - iv. A public information meeting is planned for spring 2020. Testimony from Fort Wayne, which has J-turns, may be featured.
 - v. Construction is expected in 2022.
- e. Bridge deck overlay on Cyntheanne Road over I-69 is planned for 2020. The project identifier is B-40532/DES #1700943.
- f. Roundabout at SR38 and Boden Road – The design phase is ongoing for 2023 construction.

- g. INDOT completed an engineer's assessment of SR32 on the west side leading to Westfield. The study recommended four lanes with a median, which could be grass or landscaping if the City will commit to maintaining it. Trails could be included if Noblesville and Westfield will pay for trail construction costs. City participation increases INDOT's internal project scoring to apply for 2025 funding. Noblesville and Westfield each will be required to contribute \$2 million to the project, with a total cost of \$32 million. The cities' contribution also increases INDOT's internal project scoring for funding. INDOT plans to apply internally for 2025 funding. Two thirds of the project is in Noblesville.

17. Development Items

- a. Citizens Energy is replacing a feeder water main 10 to 12 feet deep along Little Chicago Road and South Harbour Drive, with construction expected in the spring. Mobile signals will be used for traffic control during construction. Letters from Citizens Energy Group to local residents concerning the project. There was a brief discussion concerning information to Homeowners Associations and on social media. A map showing the proposed construction will be sent to Mr. Hampton and Mr. Herrington to share with affected residents.

18. Carrigan Road Bridge over Morse Lake

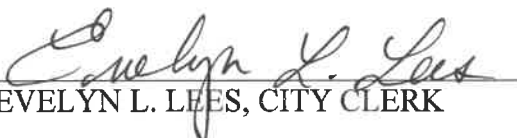
The County Highway Department will replace the bridge decking and guardrail in 2021. A public meeting was held on June 19 at Noblesville West Middle School. The Fire Department attended a coordination meeting earlier the same day. There will be a full closure for 60 to 90 days during construction, which will aim to coincide with summer break 2020. The Fire Department is working on a plan to provide service west of the bridge during the closure.

- 19. Levee Trail – The next phase from Carrigan Road north to 216th Street is being coordinated with Citizens Energy Group. This project will tie in to the Little Chicago Road Pedestrian Bridge over Morse Lake, since Citizens Energy Group owns land needed for both projects.

The next meeting will be on February 7, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. Ms. Krupski asked for suggestions to improve the agenda and the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.


BRIAN AYER, COMMITTEE CHAIR


EVELYN L. LEES, CITY CLERK