

**COMMON COUNCIL
ROADS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 2, 2020**

The City of Noblesville Roads Council Committee met pursuant to public notice in room A213 of City Hall on Friday, October 2, 2020 at 8:02 a.m. Brian Ayer, Mark Boice, Wil Hampton, Darren Peterson, and Megan Wiles were present.

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

1. Council items/Traffic Committee
 - a. 146th Street lighting (Greg O'Connor)
 - i. There was no update.
 - ii. Construction has been moved to 2021, dependent on funding.
 - b. Little Chicago Road and State Road 38 Lighting (Greg O'Connor)
 - i. There was no update. INDOT is reviewing the lighting warrant and possible next steps.
 - c. Merion citizen concern at 166th Street and Summer Road (Megan Wiles)
 - i. A study of the intersection was completed on September 25, 2020.
 - ii. The study found there is no site distance issue.
 - iii. A formal response letter concerning the investigation will be sent to the citizen next week.
2. Street Rehabilitation
 - a. 2020 Contract II
 - i. Bid opening was on March 13, 2020, and the project was awarded to Midwest Paving.
 - ii. Completion date is expected by October 15, 2020.
 - iii. Work areas included: Country Lake Estates, North Harbour, South Harbour, Oakbay, N. 9th Street, Monument Street, Southwest Quad, and Mensa Drive. The project was completed on August 15, 2020.
 - iv. Additional work was added to the project:
 1. Sidewalk replacement on 16th Street between Monument Street and Field Drive is ongoing and should be completed next week.
 2. Railroad crossings on the west side of 8th Street from Division Street and south will be removed in mid-October. The work had been planned for 2021, but funding became available to complete the work this year. Citizens have complained about the condition of the crossings.
 - b. 2020 Contract I — 2020-01 (Community Crossing Matching Grant)
 - i. Bid opening was on May 12, 2020, and the project was awarded to Harding Group.
 - ii. Completion date is expected by November 1, 2020.

- iii. Areas to be covered are: Little Chicago Road from SR38 to Carrigan Road; Carrigan Road from Little Chicago to Mill Creek Road; portions of North Harbour; 146th Street from Olio Road to Atlantic Road; 141st Street from BorgWarner to Prairie Baptist Road; Prairie Baptist Road from 141st Street to 146th Street.
- iv. Major work is expected to be complete by October 2, 2020.
- v. Minor items will be completed in the next two weeks.
- vi. Because the work cost less than the City's full grant of \$1 million, Engineering is working to find small projects eligible to apply for the remaining balance.

3. Herriman Boulevard

a. Phase 3

- i. Work south of 146th Street began in September. Construction is expected to be mostly complete in the fall of 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.

b. Phase 4

- i. Construction is expected to take place in 2021, dependent on SR37/146th Street construction. The project will be bid in the winter for spring 2021 construction.
- ii. The scope is Herriman Boulevard from DAG/IDI to 146th Street.

Mr. Ayer expressed concern about the traffic backup at 141st Street and SR37/Herriman Boulevard. The intersections are in Fishers' jurisdiction.

4. Corporate Campus Infrastructure Improvement Project

- a. The scope of the project is widening Olio Road from 141st to 146th Street, widening 146th Street from Bergen Boulevard to Olio Road, and constructing a roundabout at 146th Street and Olio Road.
- b. Bids were opened on July 28, 2020. The contract was awarded to E&B Paving, Inc.

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c. Construction:

- i. Utility work, offsite drainage, and sanitary sewer construction
 - 1. The contractor is preparing to mobilize for fall 2020 construction.
 - 2. Work is ongoing.
- ii. Road construction
 - 1. A 90-day closure of Olio Road is expected in spring of 2021.
 - 2. All roads will be open for traffic July 1 through September 1 of 2021.
 - 3. A 90-day closure of 146th Street is expected in fall of 2021.
- iii. Substantial completion is expected by Thanksgiving 2021.
- iv. Final completion is expected by spring of 2022.

5. Greenfield Avenue Culvert over Lehr Ditch, west of Marilyn Road
 - a. Letting for bids was August 11, 2020.
 - b. Construction is expected to begin in spring of 2021.
 - i. Spring construction is likely because utility work was not completed on time due to mobilization for hurricanes.
 - ii. A 21-day road closure is expected and will be scheduled to minimize impact to the Music Center.
 - iii. Utility work is underway.

There was a brief discussion concerning a future roundabout at Marilyn Road and Greenfield Avenue. The roundabout is in the Thoroughfare Plan but is not currently programmed for construction. There was concern that citizens may see the culvert construction and think the roundabout is being built as well. The culvert is being constructed to accommodate the future roundabout. Mr. Herrington will provide information to the public concerning the projects.

6. Hamilton County Projects

- a. Carrigan Road Bridge over Morse Lake (County Bridge 98) (No Update)
 - i. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2021.
 - ii. Construction is expected to last 120 days.
 1. The roadway is expected to be closed for 90 days.
 2. The waterway will be closed only as needed for bridge demolition.
- b. 146th Street and Hazel Dell Road (No Update)
- c. Allisonville Road and 146th Street Roundabout
 - i. Construction will follow the SR37 and 146th Street interchange in 2022 or 2023.

7. INDOT Projects

- a. SR37
 - i. 126th Street Interchange
 1. Construction is ongoing.
 - ii. 146th Street Interchange
 1. Completion is expected by fall 2021.
 2. Two lanes in each direction will remain open, but left turns will not be permitted in any direction.
 3. The police are monitoring the intersection.
 - iii. Bids will be let for 131st and 135th Streets in winter 2020.
 - iv. Bids for 141st Street are scheduled for a fall 2021 letting.
- b. SR32 - Roundabouts at SR32/River Road and the SR32/38 split
 - i. INDOT has scheduled bid letting for January 2021, moved from December 2020.
 - ii. Construction is expected in 2021 and 2022.
- c. INDOT/Noblesville Roundabouts (50/50 cost share)
 - i. SR38 at Oakmont/Whitcomb Ridge: bids will be let on July 13, 2022 for construction in fall 2022.
 - ii. SR38/Logan Street: bids will be let on November 16, 2022 for construction in 2023.

- iii. SR32/Mill Creek Road: bids will be let on November 16, 2022 for construction in 2023. There is a possibility construction will be moved to 2025 or 2026 to better align with the SR32 project between Westfield and Noblesville.

- iv. Preliminary engineering work has begun on all of the projects.

The committee agreed a roundabout is needed at River Road and SR38. The Engineering Department will research the project. It possibly could be submitted for MPO funding.

d. SR32 Signal Project and Road Reconstruction

- i. Signals will be replaced at SR19 and 8th, 9th, and 10th Streets.
- ii. INDOT is agreeable to installing black decorative poles.
 - 1. The City must pay for the decorative poles, estimated at \$350,000.00.
 - 2. The City must keep an extra pole for maintenance purposes.
 - 3. INDOT's road reconstruction from 8th to 16th Streets will be merged with this project.

iii. Construction is scheduled for 2023.

- 1. SR32 roundabouts at River Road and SR38 will be complete prior to the project.
- 2. Road reconstruction and storm sewer work will necessitate full closure of SR32.
 - a. A preliminary meeting was held with INDOT and the project designer on August 31.
 - b. Intersection closures and Downtown area closures are being coordinated to minimize impact.

e. SR37 and 186th Street

- i. Improvements will be funded using Highway Safety Improvement Funds (HSIP).
- ii. Reduced Conflict Intersections (RCI) are planned as right in, right out, but will allow left turns from SR37 to Field Drive.
- iii. A Community Action Committee meeting was held virtually on June 8, 2020.
 - 1. A full public meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2020.
- iv. Construction is expected in 2022.

The Engineering Department and Public Safety support the project and feel it is an optimal location for this type of intersection.

f. SR38 and Boden Road Roundabout

- i. The design phase is ongoing.
- ii. Construction is expected in 2023 but could be in 2022.

g. SR32

- i. Project location is from just west of River Road to Westfield.
- ii. The project scope will be four lanes with medians.
- iii. Noblesville would participate with \$2 million in funding for trail construction.
- iv. A Request for Proposals (RFP) has been issued and is due in December 2020.
- v. Construction is anticipated in 2025 or 2026.

8. Federal Aid Projects

- a. Current MPO Federal Aid applications
 - i. There was no update. No awards will be granted in 2020 or 2021. Applications will be resubmitted in fall 2021.
- b. South Allisonville Road Trail
 - i. Project area includes Wellington Parkway to Christian Avenue/Greenfield Avenue.
 - ii. Preliminary design is ongoing.
 - iii. Letting will be in the fall of 2021.
 - iv. Construction is expected in 2022.
- c. Little Chicago Road Trail over Morse Lake
 - i. Project area includes Elderberry Road to Carrigan Road and across Morse Lake.
 - ii. This project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - 1. The County will rehabilitate and widen the vehicular bridge for the trail. The trail will be widened to eight feet, continuing an earlier project.
 - 2. There will not be a separate pedestrian structure.
 - iii. Letting will be in the fall of 2022.
 - iv. Construction is expected in 2023.
- d. Stony Creek Trail under SR37
 - i. The project area includes Clover Road to Mercantile Boulevard.
 - ii. This project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - iii. Letting will be in the fall of 2022.
 - iv. Construction is expected in 2023.

9. Pleasant Street

- a. Project phasing:
 - i. Phase 1: 10th Street to River Road.
 - ii. Phase 2: 10th Street to SR37 (not including the SR37 interchange).
 - iii. Phase 3: SR32/Hague Road intersection to River Road.
- b. Upcoming:
 - i. A second Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting is being planned to occur before the end of the year.
 - ii. A second public information meeting is being planned to occur before the end of the year.
- c. Resident questions should be directed to City Engineer Alison Krupski at this time.
- d. The funding plan is in progress.

10. SR37 North

- a. Status: Surveying has begun.
- b. Scope: SR37 from Greenfield Avenue to SR32.
- c. Funding will come from TIF.
- d. Report completion is expected by the end of 2021.

11. Boden Road

- a. A kickoff meeting to discuss preliminary design and scoping was held on September 9, 2020.
- b. Full design for construction of a roundabout at 156th Street and Boden Road is underway. Construction is planned for 2022, to be complete before the new elementary school opens in August of that year.
- c. A preliminary/master plan will be completed for the remainder of the corridor. Federal funding will be sought for various project possibilities.

12. Downtown District

a. Lighting

- i. Scope: Replacement of existing light poles with new, black streetlight poles.
- ii. Status: The City project is complete.
- iii. Ms. Wiles requested the street lights on the west side of the Judicial Center along the Riverwalk to be replaced with the City black decorative light poles. She has spoken with the County about cost sharing. Purchasing additional light poles is preferred. A project is being evaluated that would replace these lights and the seven lights on the Conner Street Bridge over White River. INDOT coordination has begun. An engineer is checking the compatibility of our standard light pole with the existing foundations.
- iv. Duke Energy lighting
 1. Conner Street from Lakeview Drive to SR37
 - a. Two agreements were approved by the Board of Public Works and Safety on June 23, 2020.
 - b. Construction began September 1, 2020.
 2. Logan Street from SR19 to Lakeview Drive
 - a. An agreement with Duke is expected to be presented to the Board of Public Works and Safety for approval on September 15, 2020.
 - b. Construction is expected in spring 2021.

b. Signals

- i. Scope: Replacement of existing signal poles with decorative poles on Logan Street at SR19 and 8th, 9th, and 10th Streets is planned. Three flashing signals may also be replaced with decorative poles.
- ii. Status: 60% design is underway.
- iii. Completion Date: Design should be complete by August 2020. Construction will be scheduled dependent on funding from the Downtown Development Fund.

13. Traffic Committee

- a. The Traffic Committee met on September 24, 2020.
- b. The traffic code update is ongoing. Chapters 70 and 71 have been reviewed by staff and will be sent for legal review.

- c. Herriman Boulevard
 - i. There were speeding and truck traffic concerns.
 - ii. Additional stop signs were requested.
 - 1. Industry studies show that stop signs should not be used for traffic calming and give a false sense of security to pedestrians.
 - iii. Temporary “speed cushions” have been ordered and are anticipated to be installed in mid to late October.
 - 1. Speed cushions can be crossed at 20 to 25 miles per hour, as opposed to speed bumps.
 - 2. Gaps will be spaced at the wheel spacing of a fire engine so that they can straddle the speed cushion and not feel the vertical rise.
 - 3. The Fire Department and Street Department will test the speed cushions before they are installed.

14. Development Items

- a. Citizens Energy Water - North Feeder Main Phase II
 - i. The project is located along Little Chicago Road and within South Harbour.
 - ii. Citizens Energy Group has moved construction to June 2021.
 - iii. Engineering staff plans to meet with Citizens Energy Group in early 2021 to discuss the construction schedule.
 - iv. Engineering staff will provide updates to Mr. Hampton, Mr. Boice, and Mr. Davis on this project.
 - v. The City and Citizens Energy Group are in agreement that good communication is critical for the success of this work. Citizens Energy Group noted the desire for meetings with Homeowners Associations and Council representatives.
 - vi. Mr. Hampton will inform the Engineering Department of the meeting date, which will be in early March.

15. Citywide Capital Improvement Plan

- a. There was no update. The project is on schedule.
 - i. A contract with HNTB was executed to aid with internal meetings.
 - ii. Completion is expected by the end of 2020.

16. General Discussion

Mr. Boice asked if work to extend the Levee Trail north is planned. Ms. Krupski replied the project is not programmed at this time. She stated funding is being explored, including public partners.

The next meeting will be on November 6, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.



BRIAN AYER, COMMITTEE CHAIR



EVELYN L. LEES, CITY CLERK