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TH 61 Reconstruction Project - PMT #6

December 20, 2017 10:00 a.m.

Lake City - City Hall

Meeting Chair: Chris Hiniker

Minutes by: SEH

Present: Scott Jensen, Megan Smith, Nate Blanchard, Chris Hiniker, Chad Hanson, Bill Anderson, Councilmember Phil Gartner, Mark Nichols joined by phone.

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I. PMT Meeting #5 Review

A. Chris reviewed notes from the November PMT meeting.

II. Review December 14th Open House

A. Chris reviewed a draft open house summary document; 56 public signed in and there were additional folks who did not sign in, plus Council, staff, MnDOT and SEH.

B. Scott, compared to previous open houses the comments were more positive, thought the attendance was good.

C. It was noted there were several comments regarding the need to maintain left turns from northbound Highway 61 to westbound Jewell. Chad noted that the currently proposed design would require a no left turn sign because there is no space for turning traffic to move out of the through traffic lane. A design option could be to shift the median south on Highway 61 to provide space for a left turn lane. The current median length would be maintained. This would require eliminating left turns from southbound Highway 61 to eastbound Woodburn Street. The group also decided to add bump-outs into Highway 61, on the north side of the Jewell intersection, to improve pedestrian crossing safety.

i. City staff will check with property owners affected by this proposed change to determine if there are major issues

ii. Assuming there are no major issues, SEH will modify the layout to reflect the proposed median shift and the bump-outs

iii. Megan will search for a previous traffic study to see if Jewell was analyzed

D. Some concern was expressed regarding the restriction of access at Clay Street with the proposed wide median. PMT consensus was to proceed with proposed median extension at Clay Street given limited traffic at Clay and there are several options for rerouting given the grid street network. **SEH will extend the raised median up to Green Street. The current layout shows a small portion of the median as painted (not raised).**

E. Discussed Ford lot, will leave as shown on the plan.

- F. Comments were raised regarding the loss of on-street parking on the eastside of Highway 61 between Lyon and Center. The PMT concluded that the proposed right turn lane from northbound Highway 61 to eastbound Lyon should stay as is because it is already shorter than standard.
 - G. Discussed narrow alley in lot 15. **SEH will modify the layout to reflect a driveway to access the alley.** The PMT concluded that the existing truck loading zone between the alley and Center Street should be retained. It is assumed the truck loading zone will be enforced only on weekdays and for the morning hours.
- III. Layout Status and Next Steps
- A. Megan asked whether the one foot space between the edge of right-of-way and sidewalk is necessary. Nate clarified this is standard for this phase of the design. Opportunities to shift the sidewalk to the right-of-way edge will be investigated during final design.
 - B. Chris reviewed the schedule into 2018. **Goal is to submit the preliminary layout to MnDOT for review by January 23rd. SEH will send the layout to the City for posting on the City website.** Final layout approval is targeted for late March.
 - C. Chad noted that the construction limits are a critical part of the layout review and approval process. Nate noted SEH is currently focused on developing the construction limits.
 - D. When the preliminary layout is set, SEH will prepare updated cost estimates.
- IV. Mayor Nichols joined by phone
- A. He noted that the Meade family expressed concern about the median proposed in front of their house. Chris clarified that there is a median today so there access condition is not changing.
 - B. He noted there is more talk regarding possibly extending lookout(s) along the lakeshore. **Scott asked SEH to prepare a cost estimate to compete an ordinary high water level (OHW) survey along the lakeshore.**
- V. Next PMT Meeting
- A. PMT #7 is scheduled for January 31st. The meeting may be postponed if there aren't enough items to warrant a meeting.

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