

Traffic Control Board Minutes Tuesday, August 28th, 2007

Angela Cimmino
Doug Kary
Keith Lang ✓
Walt Willett ✓
Steve Zeier ✓

Capt Vldic ✓
Sondra Baker
Judge Knisely

✓ = Present

Staff Support: Terry Smith, John Gibson, Lora Mattox

Guests: Tyler Westrope, Staff Engineer, Chris Hertz, Staff Engineer

Call to Order: At 12:20 pm by Terry Smith

Minutes: Motion for approval of minutes from the July meeting was made by Keith Lang and seconded by Walt Willett. Motion carried on voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

STAFF REPORTS:

Grand Avenue 8th West to 12th West

Chris Hertz reported on the progress of the Grand Avenue reconstruction project.

The project widened Grand Avenue to five lanes between 9th & 12th Streets West (the 800 block had been previously widened). The project started on April 23rd, 2007, and will be completed by Friday, August 31st. Chris noted that there are still four right-of-way parcels that the City doesn't own. The condemnation process is on-going to have the court establish a final value for these properties. The Court previously granted right of entry for the parcels so that construction could proceed

The most time consuming part of the construction was relocation existing utilities and construction of new water main and storm drain lines. MDU had to lower approximately 3 blocks of gas line. Also delaying progress was 15 days of rain out of the first 30 days of the project. Construction was delayed for 7 days to replace a defective water valve.

The contractor held weekly meetings with the adjacent business owners at the beginning of the project. Later in the project, the property owner meetings were held every two weeks. There were several places where high-early strength concrete was used for driveways and then covered with steel plates to preserve business access.

The remaining portions of Grand Avenue from 17th Street West to 24th Street West is not in the current five year Capital Improvements Program (CIP). This will be a very difficult section because of impacts on parking for the adjacent businesses. The City may pursue turn lanes at 17th and 19th only as a separate project, while working on R/W acquisition for the full project. Terry noted that because of accident clusters at 17th & 19th, it might be necessary to implement signal phasing changes while we wait for a turn lane project to be developed.

King Avenue West reconstruction

Tyler Westrope reported on the King Avenue West construction project.

Construction is scheduled to start in late October this year with water, sewer and storm drian work going on over the winter. Northwest Energy is scheduled to start relocation of their 100 KV line along the north side of King in mid to late September. The major road construction should start in early spring. Construction is anticipated to be complete by September, 2008.

The work that will be required is:

1. Road will be cut down an average of 3-feet
2. Deep sewer from Shiloh, 300-feet east
3. Force main sewer from end of deep sewer to 32nd St West
4. Storm Drain from Shiloh to 31st Street West
5. Water line installation from Decathlon to 36th St West, Feather Place to 32nd Street West
6. Rebuilding of the traffic signal at King and 32nd Street West
7. Roundabout at King Avenue West and Olympic. Installation of a traffic signal at this location to handle traffic from the large commercial development at the southeast corner of Shiloh & King was not practical. It was feared that a signal would back traffic on King into the roundabout at Shiloh when the area is fully developed.

Zoo and Gable traffic signal

Terry reported that City Council awarded a construction contract to JTL. The State will furnish traffic signal poles, a controller and cabinet, and other signal related equipment. The City will fund and administer the construction contract to install the signal. Work is expected to start in mid-September.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM