



**CITY OF AUBURN
TRANSPORTATION
ADVISORY BOARD**

September 11, 2018

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dennis Grad called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. in Council Chambers, located on the first floor of Auburn City Hall, 25 W Main Street, Auburn, Washington. Committee members present were Jeanette Miller, Steve Carstens, Peter Di Turi, Sarah Shaw, Dezerae Hayes, Dennis Grad, and David Jensen. Also present during the meeting were Public Works Director Ingrid Gaub, Assistant Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer Jacob Sweeting, Senior Traffic Engineer James Webb, Project Engineer Seth Wickstrom, Street Systems Engineer Jai Carter, Office Assistant Angie Sherwin and Guest Speaker Jeanine Acutanza.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were moved by David Jensen, seconded by Jeanette Miller that the Committee approve the Transportation Advisory Board minutes for March 13, 2018. Motion carried.

The minutes were moved by David Jensen, seconded by Jeanette Miller that the Committee approve the Transportation Advisory Board minutes for June 12, 2018. Motion carried.

III. ACTION

A. ELECTION OF A NEW CHAIR

An action item on the agenda will be to confirm that the nominees wish to accept their nominations, allow any additional nominations to be made from the floor and then a vote of the Board will be conducted to elect a new Board Chair.

Nominees:

Mike Harbin, Jr., representing local business

Ingrid Gaub Spoke on Behalf of Mike Harbin and accepted his nomination

Dennis Grad, representing the Auburn School District. Dennis accepted his nomination.

Dennis Grad was voted in as Board Chair, moved by Steve Carstens, seconded by Peter Di Turi that the Committee approve the Transportation Advisory Board Special Chairman. Motion carried. -For the purposes of these minutes, this action was done after Item IV.E.

IV. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

A. CITY DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES (Gaub)

Public Works department new position appointments were reviewed with the Board as follows:
Ingrid Gaub – Public Works Director

Jacob Sweeting - Assistant Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer

James Webb - Senior Traffic Engineer

B. SR164 EAST AUBURN ACCESS PROJECT (Jeanie Acutanza – Acutanza STS, Consultant for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe)

SR164 East Auburn Access Improvement Project (Originally SR18 Eastbound Offramp)

Connecting Washington statewide funding project designated \$15 million to be used from the 2017-2019 biennium for the SR164 East Auburn Access Project.

The funding requires that the project follow the WSDOT Practical Design Process which focuses on the following:

- What are the issues
- What are the possible solutions/options
- How well do the options work to solve the problem
- What can be done to make the good options better
- Can everyone support the best option
- Recommend preferred alternative(s)

SR164 provides primary access to the growing areas of east Auburn, and the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation, as well as Enumclaw and recreational areas to the southeast. The purpose of the project is to develop an affordable, long-term solution that

- Reduces congestion
- Increases safety
- Accommodates growth

Open Houses were held on July 17th and 24th to obtain feedback from the public on the purpose of the project. (These events were held at the Muckleshoot Elders Complex & Auburn Community and Event Center)

Feedback from the Open Houses was reviewed with the Board as follows:

- Agreement on congested corridor
- Typical user drives and uses the corridor for work
- Non-recurring congestion (concerts and construction) is a big problem
- Desire for alternatives
- Better crosswalks
- Better lighting for pedestrians
- Improve bus shelters
- Add bike lanes or trail
- Signal timing
- Concern about bypass through Forrest Villa/Dogwood

The timeline/schedule for the project was reviewed with the Board as follows:

- Initiate projects 2016
- Data collection and context setting 2017
- Public outreach 2018
- Alternative development 2018-2019
- Select preferred solution(s) 2019
- Environmental documentation & design 2019
- Final design, purchases ROW, seek full funding 2019-2020
- Earliest construction 2020

More information can be found at the following locations:

<https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr164/east-auburn/home>

SR164CorridorImprove@wsdot.wa.gov

C. F STREET SE NON-MOTORIZED IMPROVEMENTS (Wickstrom)

Project Engineer, Seth Wickstrom, provided an overview of this project. -The purpose of this project is to improve the connection between the Les Gove Campus and downtown Auburn with the completion of roadway and non-motorized improvements. These improvements are summarized as follows:

F Street SE and 4th Street SE

- Mixed use path
- Rebuild the sidewalk
- Rebuild abutment

F Street 5th Street to 8th street SE

- Curb and gutter
- Landscape
- 6th & 8th Streets bulb out corners, raise intersections, slows traffic, better visibility for pedestrians
- Flashing pedestrian light at 2 intersections (6th Street & 8th Street)

Other Improvements

- PSE underground utilities and new overhead lighting
- Add catch basin (entire corridor)
- Water and sewer improvements (4th Street & 5th Street)
- Bike improvements
- Sharrows (shared lane markings)

The anticipated schedule of the project, funding and total project cost was discussed with the Board.

D. ROUNDABOUT DISCUSSION (Webb)

Senior Traffic Engineer, James Webb, provided information on the purpose and use of roundabouts. -The benefit of roundabout control is traffic operations and traffic safety and the reduction in collisions of vehicles and all road users. At a traditional four-leg intersection, there are 32 vehicle conflict points and 24 pedestrian conflict points. At a roundabout with four approaches, this is reduced to 8 vehicle conflict points and 8 pedestrian conflict points.

Additional benefits of a roundabout were reviewed with the Board and include such items as vehicle safety, collision types, pedestrian safety, and bicycle safety.

The design elements of a roundabout were reviewed with the Board.

Staff indicated that the City has two existing Roundabouts located at SE 304th Street & 124th Avenue SE and 22nd Street NE & I Street NE.

Capital planning of the City has identified two locations for future roundabouts located at 132nd Avenue SE & SE 304th Street and 116th Avenue SE & SE 320th Street.

Finally, the significant factors in determining the feasibility for a Roundabout were reviewed with the Board.

E. 2016/2017 STATE OF OUR STREETS REPORT (Carter)

Street Systems Engineer, Jai Carter, provided an overview of the draft State of Our Streets Report (SOS Report). -This is an annual report that details the improvements that were made to our Street System during the previous year. The report also discusses the Street Preservation Programs in detail (Arterial and Local Preservation Programs). In years past, the report only covered improvements in the Local Street Preservation Program (formerly known as the Save Our Street Program). In 2015, the report was expanded to include the Arterial and Collector Preservation Program, and cover all of the streets in the City of Auburn. The 2016 report was delayed and subsequently combined into the 2017 SOS Report.

The SOS Report also contains various mapping that shows projects from 2016/2017 and future projects that are planned through 2021. Included in the report are the pavement conditions and ride quality maps that cover the public road system. The maps are a simple way to monitor the health of the street system and help program managers with street selection for packaging streets into projects.

The specific elements within the report were reviewed with the Board.

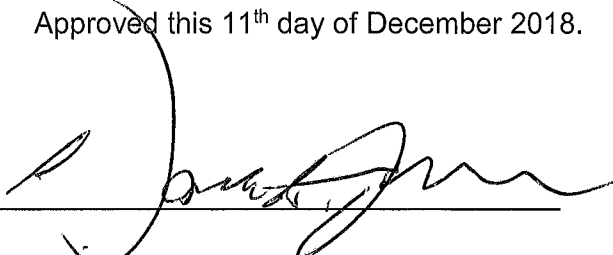
Accomplishments that were noted from the 2016/2017 report included; exceeding the City's goal of an average of 70 Pavement Condition Index on the local road system and the reconstruction of 9.48 lane miles of pavement and overlaying 15.36 lane miles of pavement in 2017.

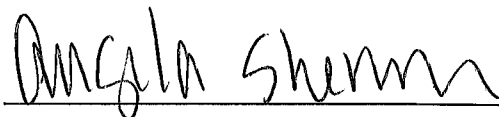
Future program needs identified in the report include preserving the current local street program funding level and increasing arterial preservation program resources as budgets will allow.

V. ADJOURNMENT –

There being no further business to come before the Transportation Advisory Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Approved this 11th day of December 2018.


David Jensen


Angie Sherwin
Engineering Services Office Assistant