

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: March 20, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Chuck Farrey, Highway Committee Member
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
Raymond Palonen, Highway Commissioner

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

The following 2017 Capital Improvement Projects were discussed:

CTH CB & Oakridge Roundabout

R. A. Smith National was chosen as the consultant and the DOT is negotiating the contract. The work is scheduled for 2019. Commissioner Palonen is considering temporary signals but will rely on the recommendation of R.A. Smith with regard to safety before making a decision.

CTH A (Indian Pt. Road to CTH "GG")

McMahon Associates were chosen as the consultant and WisDOT is negotiating the contract. They will be evaluating the intersection of CTH A and CTH GG as part of the design process. The decision regarding bike and pedestrian accommodations falls upon WisDOT since the project has state and federal funding. Commissioner Palonen noted that this segment of roadway is now contained in the counties bike/ped ordinance so consideration must be made for accommodations, the uncertainty at this point is related to whether it will be an off system trail or paved shoulders.

CTH CB (Shady Lane to CTH "BB")

Round About at Secura Entrance/Widening: The project will be moving forward. The Village of Fox Crossing will be paying 100% of the cost to construct the Round About. The county will widen CTH CB to four lanes in the future. The Round About is programmed to be done in 2017 and the widening by 2023 provided the county board appropriates funding for the project.

Traeger School is having a study done to find solutions to traffic backing up in the mornings and afternoons. The study indicates that a roundabout may be an option to address the queuing, no decisions have been made. Commissioner Palonen pointed out that he recently was made aware of the study and that he has asked the school to look at options within school property

to alleviate queuing. Supervisor Warnke asked about cost sharing if a decision were made to install a roundabout, Commissioner Palonen indicated that funding would likely be shared between the City, School, and the county if any decisions were made to implement an improvement.

It is rumored that the City of Neenah is interested in a Round About at the intersection of CTH BB and CTH JJ. Commissioner Palonen noted that he has not been approached by the city with a request, rather, staff within the department has mentioned to him that he may be contacted in the future to discuss options. Commissioner Palonen noted that before any decision could be made to pursue any improvements that crash history level of service would need to be evaluated to find out if the intersection met any of the safety and engineering warrants that would indicate an improvement is needed.

Supervisor Warnke suggested a Round About on Waukau Avenue with a median island on Waukau Ave to display international flags. Commissioner Palonen noted that he has made contact with EAA staff to pursue participation with funding for the 2017 paving project and noted that the island should be removed and utilities adjusted to improve traffic flow during EAA events. Commissioner Palonen also noted that he intends to list Waukau Ave. in the Oshkosh MPO TIP to begin gaining points for a future urbanization project.

Commissioner Palonen distributed the status of the 2017 Capital Outlay. Several questions were asked regarding the type of tractors that were purchased.

Supervisor Farrey asked Commissioner Palonen what his opinion is on chip sealing. Commissioner Palonen explained that he is in favor of it but it has to be done at the right time. This timing should be 4 – 8 years from when the road is paved. Chip sealing generally lasts 3 – 6 years. Chip sealing is part of a good maintenance program to preserve roadway pavements to attain their full life expectancy.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.

Jill Prahl
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