



Meeting Minutes - Final

Transportation Advisory Board

Thursday, August 5, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

This was closed.

Present 6 - Mary Howenstine, Scott Hurley, Michael Melaniphy, Inga Orolin, Matthew Seeberg, and James Webb

Absent 3 - Janet Blubaugh, Michael Brown, and Roger Nondorf

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no speakers for Public Forum

This was closed.

D. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. [Approve the minutes of the February 4, 2021 Transportation Advisory Board Meeting](#)

Attachments: [February TAB Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Webb, seconded by Hurley, approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Howenstine, Hurley, Melaniphy, Orolin, Seeberg, and Webb

Absent: 3 - Blubaugh, Brown, and Nondorf

2. [Preview of the 248th Avenue Road Widening Project](#)

Attachments: [TAB Powerpoint Presentation FINAL 7-12-21](#)

Project Engineer Ray Fano made a presentation discussing the 248th widening project. Fano discussed the three options that are currently being made available by the project consultant and City staff. Fano also discussed the existing conditions and what the future conditions may look like based on the available options.

Melaniphy thanked Fano for the informative presentation and invited TAB members to ask questions and share their input.

Hurley asked if 248th would remain a minor arterial after the widening project.

Fano says that 248th will still be a minor arterial and that the speed limit could potentially be evaluated in the future.

Hurley asked if street lights would be included in the project.

Fano states that street lights would be included.

Hurley asked if the City has any studies that show whether or not the flashing beacons for the pedestrian crossings at 248th and Book help with pedestrians and bicyclists safely crossing. Would it be possible to have a signal at these crossings to aid with the safety.

Deputy City Engineer Andy Hynes states that there are traffic signal warrants that are established based on criteria. The warrants would require significant pedestrian values to trigger. Hynes states that he believes there are studies but he does not have that information readily available.

Seeberg asks for clarification on alternative 2 on the turn lane.

Fano states that the medians that are in front of cross streets would go away for the turn lane when approaching those intersections.

Seeberg comments that the pedestrian crossing makes a lot of sense with the offset. He also asks about more clarification on the noise walls.

Hynes states that the noise study has been done in draft form and is being reviewed by IDOT. Hynes states that noise wall warrants include projected traffic volumes, noise measurements, noise modeling, and distance from the road to buildings.

Webb asks about a property that may need to be involved in land acquisition.

Fano states that the alternatives for the widening project have different options for the amount of land that may need to be acquired.

Melaniphy asks if there is any public comment for this item. There is no public comment for this item. Melaniphy thanks for everyone who participated in the public open houses that have been held in the past.

This Report was closed.

3. [Approve a recommendation to remove the usage fee of the electric vehicle charging stations from the municipal code](#)

Attachments: [Electric Vehicle Charging Station Ordinance](#)

Project Manager Michael Prousa presents an ordinance that would remove the usage fee of the electric vehicles from the municipal code.

Webb asks if it will still be a concern that people are parking in the spots too long.

Prousa states during the time that the chargers were in operation the City did not have many issues with that problem. Other municipalities that have taken away the usage fee have also not had many issues with this either. The City will depend on CSO and Downtown police officers to address any issues that arise. Prousa also states the updated ordinance will have a disclaimer that the City could change the usage fee if conditions change.

Hurley asks what the motivation for the City to install the chargers and whether we have adequate demand for these chargers.

Prousa states that with more vehicles becoming electric, the City wants to promote the downtown by having charging stations available in that location. Prousa states that City recognizes that number of electric vehicles will grow in the coming years.

Melaniphy states the City should look into the impact that these vehicles will have on our infrastructure in the future. Electric vehicles are not paying into the motor fuel tax which is what we use for construction projects on our roadways. Melaniphy states that today this is a good decision to make but we should look at the broader picture in the future as more electric vehicles are using the infrastructure that we are providing.

Bruce Jones is the public speaker for this item.

Bruce Jones states that he is a part of the NEST group which is providing the sustainability plan to City Council. He would like to offer his assistance to staff and TAB on the electric vehicle charging stations.

Melaniphy thanks the public speaker and calls for a motion.

A motion was made by Howenstine, seconded by Seeberg, approved. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Aye: 6 - Howenstine, Hurley, Melaniphy, Orolin, Seeberg, and Webb

Absent: 3 - Blubaugh, Brown, and Nondorf

E. OLD BUSINESS:

Hurley asks for a follow up on a potential truck study in the City of Naperville.

Hynes that he will have more information at the next meeting as we have new members and they will need a refresher on the concerns.

Melaniphy states that Greg Gustin has been termed out of TAB and is very grateful for his service on the board. Melaniphy reads Greg Gustin's prepared statement for the public record. Gustin states it was his pleasure serving for the City. Gustin wants to bring up three measures that have been left unresolved, truck parking, Metra station maintenance agreements, and speed bumps. Gustin wishes everyone good luck and that it was a pleasure serving with everyone.

This was closed.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

Seeberg first thanks Greg Gustin for his service. Seeberg asks about information regarding the crossings at Washington and Royce and Washington and Ring.

Hynes states that both the traffic signals are under Naperville's jurisdiction. He states that Naperville has responded to requests in the past for more signage. Hynes states that a traffic study is always done when these concerns arise and that staff looks at trends and warrants to see if other measures can be used at these intersections.

Hurley asks if the City has had discussions about drones regarding safety and delivery concerns.

Hynes states that he is not sure if the City would have any say on regulations regarding drones as it could be a FAA issue. Hynes states that he would have to ask the City Attorney for clarification on the issue.

This was closed.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Howenstine, seconded by Webb, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Aye: 6 - Howenstine, Hurley, Melaniphy, Orolin, Seeberg, and Webb

Absent: 3 - Blubaugh, Brown, and Nondorf