

Transportation & Public Works **Committee Meeting**

Minutes

October 7, 2021 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM ** Virtual Meeting **

Approve Prior **Meeting Minutes**

Members:

Present:

Absent:

Commence: 5:30 PM

Adjourn:

6:28 PM

Peter Kwon, Chair

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Pam Fernald Takele Gobena Χ Χ

Other Councilmembers participating:

CM Hill; CM Tombs

Staff Coordinators: Will Appleton, Public Works Director; Florendo Cabudol, City

Engineer

Other Staff Participating: Gwen Voelpel, Deputy City Manager; Kamal Mahmoud, Engineering Manager; David Tomporowski, Senior Planner

Public Comment	No public comment
Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes	September 16 Minutes were approved
Military Rd S 5-Way Intersection Study – Draft Final Report	Discussion/Action David Tomporowski, Senior Planner, presented the draft final report for the Military Road South/South 164 th /42 nd Avenue South Transportation Study. The current 5-way intersection has safety issues and can be confusing for users. The intersection is at full capacity during peak hours, and more development from the north along Military Road South from South 160 th to South 166 th Street is anticipated. This study collected traffic pattern and accident data as well as video of "near-miss accidents". The data was used to develop three potential intersection designs to present to the City. The City gathered public input from a robust online survey and outreach to approximately 40 local businesses for public comment on the three potential designs. The study's recommendation for the best choice of design for the intersection going forward is Option C from the final report, which is a roundabout.

Factors taken into consideration included operations and mobility, access, property impact, costs, pedestrian safety.

In addition, police captain and fire marshal input was gathered on the roundabout selection.

It was stated that the design would not accommodate a new gathering place for the public, only the safe transport of vehicles and pedestrians.

The intersection could be developed as part of a future street improvement project on Military Road South from International Blvd to South 166th Street, or it could be developed as a capital improvement project on its own.

At the time of design, further consideration would be given to pedestrian safety design, large truck access, and access to businesses where vehicles need to turn left to access. These were the questions raised by the Committee during the presentation.

The Committee approved the final study to move forward to full Council, with a recommendation to adopt the study.

 Mot to approve utility relocation agreements for 34th Ave S Project (ST-015) Discussion/Action

Kamal Mahmoud, Engineering Manager, presented this motion, asking Committee to approve moving forward to Council two utility relocation agreements for the 34th Avenue South (ST-015) project, for Comcast and CenturyLink. Staff is further asking for a recommendation to approve.

The 34th Avenue South Project went to bid in late August, 2021, and has been awarded to the responsible/responsive low bidder RL Alia Company. The project will be starting construction very soon.

These two utility agreements outline the cost to underground the aerial facilities of both utilities to all properties on the construction alignment. The agreements stipulate that the utilities will pay their cost shares of the construction work that will underground their facilities – CenturyLink estimate of \$175,876.00 and Comcast estimate of \$152,604.00.

Payments made to the City will be based on actual costs.

The Committee approved moving forward these agreements to the full Council for review, with recommendation to approve. Further, these agreements will be packaged with an agreement with Puget Sound Energy (previously presented and approved by the Committee) on the same agenda bill (AB 5809) at the same Council meeting to be approved.

Lighting Upgrades for SR-509 Project	Discussion/Action
**	As part of the previously approved SR509 mitigation agreement, WSDOT will be building a new road in the Madrona neighborhood – 34 th Ave South, South 208 th Street, and South 206 th Street. Improvements to South 204 th Street are also part of the mitigation but with a fee-in-lieu arrangement where the City will construct with funding from WSDOT.
	Regular vehicle street lighting is currently in the scope of improvements along the new roadway. However, the City anticipates that pedestrian and bicycle traffic will utilize the new roadway extensively, due to the density of residences in the neighborhood and the existence of Madrona Elementary School to the north. Therefore, a change was requested to adjust the lighting design to accommodate pedestrian level lighting instead.
	Staff is asking for approval of a MOU amendment to add this change and will require \$400,000 to \$500,000 from the 102 Street Fund to pay for the City requested change.
	The Committee approved moving forward the amendment to full Council, with a recommendation to approve.
	Discussion/Action
	Widening of the South 216 th Street Bridge is part of the SR 509 mitigation agreement. WSDOT improvements will extend to the east of the bridge towards Military Road South. However, future re-design or development of the intersection at S 216 th & Military Road South would require tearing up the approved improvements that WSDOT will make.
	Staff is asking for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to pay for the change (currently estimated between \$24,000 to \$25,000) to have WSDOT install improvements that will "tie-in" to what future development of the intersection would need.
	These funds would come from the 102 Street Fund.
	Committee comments included agreement that development on Military Road South and South 216 th would be welcome, and that this expenditure to "do it right now" would save future dollars and inconvenience to tear up what is currently being planned.
	Committee agreed to move this request forward to full Council, with a recommendation to approve.
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