

**Minutes of The
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting
March 30, 2021**

Meeting of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:30pm March 30, 2021 by Chairperson Cass. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting was held via the Zoom online meeting application.

Roll Call: Members present electronically: Felicia Cass, Jessica Rucker, David Sturch, Anne Marie Kofta, John Dornoff, Brian Schoon, Pat Morrissey, Wayne Castle, Codie Leseman, Paul Huting, Will Frost, Matt Schindel, and Aric Schroeder.

Members absent were: Sandi Greco, Ray Feuss and Greg Young.

Other people attending: Kevin Blanshan – INRCOG; Michelle Sweeney, Mark Durbahn, Doug Schindel and Larry Wiele –AECOM; Jamie Knutson – City Engineer.

It was moved by Schroeder, seconded by Huting to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Presentation by AECOM-University Avenue and other projects

- Sweeney went over the current status of the University Avenue project.
- Phase 1 is only minor punch items remaining.
- Phase 2 Recreational Trail and Enhancements remaining.
- Phase 3 Reconstruction and Enchantments and should be done this year.
- Sweeney showed the proposals for the kiosks for Hanna Family.
- Discussion on the durability of the panels to which Huting stated that he feels the problems have been solved.
- Cass asked if Leisure Services will be doing the maintenance on the trails to which Huting confirmed.
- Work has started on the La Porte Road/Hess Road plan with traffic counts being taken.
- Wiele went over what AECOM is working on with the project including existing conditions of the road.
- Plan to reconstruct the road and provide for all users including complete streets.
- Traffic counts completed in October with traffic counts about 10% lower than expected due to COVID.
- Looking at traffic patterns through 2045.
- Wiele showed the different sections that AECOM is looking at.
- Recreational trail proposed on west side and sidewalk on eastside.
- Roundabout at E. Shaulis Road and Hess Road with recreational trails connecting at that point.
- Additional enhancements at San Marnan including colored pavement.
- Frontage road will be eliminated north of Cornwall with the road moved to the west.
- Overhead electric lines are proposed for elimination but it is a difficult process dealing with utilities and private property owners.
- Updated street lighting to enhance corridor.
- Working on TAP funding application that will be submitted in April.
- Estimated project costs is \$32 million.
- The project does have a Facebook page.
- Blanshan questioned starting at Hess Road.

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- Congressional infrastructure funding could be a funding option.
- The 10-foot trail will travel the entire corridor will start two driveways south of San Marnan Drive and will end at Lorraine Avenue.
- Discussion on whether the trail should be 12-foot or the more common 10-foot.
- Cass asked about the economic benefit of the project.
- Iowa DOT currently has a special COVID-19 recreational trail funding grant available to which the applications are due soon.
- There will be sidewalk connections across La Porte Road along the corridor.
- It was questioned if there will be a logical end to the sidewalk south of San Marnan.
- Looking at places to have bus pullouts.
- Wiele went over the US Highway 63 Enhancements
- Missing link of trail will be completed from Newell to Parker.
- Railroad Overpass enhancements.
- Gateway towers at the foot of the railroad bridge.
- Colored paving infill by Hawkeye Community College.
- Colored pavement to replace the dirt area under US Highway 218.
- Improved pedestrian lighting under the bridge.
- Project should be done by late summer.
- There will be connection via Almond/Walnut to Park Avenue which Elahi is looking for a grant.
- Durbahn went over the status of the Shaulis Road trails.
- Shaulis Road trail phase 2 from Cedar Terrace to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail will start in 2021 and will be on the south side until Foulk Road where it will switch to the north side of the road. Project was funded by TAP.
- Discussion of trailheads along the phase 2 and where one would make sense.
- Phase 3 will be part of the Shaulis Rd reconstruction project which will be done in 2021/2022.
- Phase 4 will fill the gap between US Highway 218 and Cedar Terrace.
- Narrow corridor 50', a major highway crossing and a crossing of the Iowa Northern Railroad.

Adjournment

Cass adjourned the meeting at 2:46p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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