

**Minutes of The
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting
April 27, 2021**

Meeting of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:30pm April 27, 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, Sandi Greco, Jessica Rucker, Anne Marie Kofta, John Dornoff, Brian Schoon, Ray Feuss, David Sturch, Paul Huting, Matt Schindel, Wayne Castle, Codie Leseman, Will Frost, and Aric Schroeder.

Members absent were: Pat Morrissey and Greg Young.

Other people attending: Noel Anderson – Community Planning and Development Director; Jaime Knutson – City Engineer; Kyle Durant – INRCOG; Michelle Sweeney. Mark Durbahn, and Larry Wiele –AECOM

1. Presentation by AECOM-4th/5th/6th Street and other projects.

- Study considering changing 4th/5th/6th from one way couplet back to two-way streets.
- Will analyze traffic, 5-year crash records, and signal timing.
- Comparative analysis of two-way traffic including freight evaluation.
- Study includes stakeholder committee.
- West 4th Street is 41' wide which could have protected turn lanes or bike lanes.
- West 5th Street is 49' – 53' wide which could have center turn lane or bike lanes.
- Eastside is similar in size but has parking on both sides along most of the corridor with similar cross sections to the west side.
- Looking at total travel time, delay and travel cost.
- Many cities are replacing one-ways with two-ways, including Cedar Rapids.
- Possible dog bone roundabout at 6 corners with single lanes.
- Rucker asked if there should be buffered bike lanes like Park Avenue to stay consistent.
- Only in conception right now so no decisions made.
- Leseman is concerned about the bike lanes in the design on 4th street and a trail is not a substitute for a bike lane.
- Durbahn noted that the drawings are minimum and could be pushing the envelope.
- The traffic analysts may show the bike lanes may not work.
- Reason for considering a roundabout is that the whole intersection configuration would need to be changed anyway so it makes sense to look at alternatives such as a roundabout.
- Cass noted that she lives near Kingsley and is surprised about the number of kids that are riding bikes to school.
- Rucker stated that she does not want to lose any parking in the downtown as part of the project.
- Frost stated he would like see fewer street name changes but could be problematic due to the number of addresses that need to be changed.
- Cass asked if there was the possibility to add amenities along the route to reduce the concrete jungle effect.
- Frost asked about Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and how that would connect into the streets to which Durbahn stated that they are looking to connect with 6th Street with possibly ending 5th Street at Walnut Street or connect it to the East High area.

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2. City Budget Update

- Complete streets received \$36,000 and with projects going to council on May 3rd.
- If favorable bids all 4 projects can be done or else one may need to be dropped.
- Newton, two different sections of Reed Street, and Dawson Street are the 4 projects. Tree needs to be removed at 1053 Dawson but Leisure services does not want to remove the tree as it is very healthy. Tree has a huge root ball which cannot be circumvented. Can look at alternatives such as going around the tree or ending at the tree.
- Looks like there is room for the sidewalk to side of tree but there would be grade issues.
- Could look at raising driveway but it would create issues from property owner.
- Discussion of having ADA compliant cross over to the north side of Dawson.

3. Pedestrian Master Plan

- Will be discussing this extensively next month.
- Creating a matrix similar to the infill matrix.
- Once there is consensus among the group then will take it to Anderson and Knutson.

4. Meeting Update

- Cass takes poll of those who would be in person and would like to do remotely. Cass stated that she prefers in person meeting.
- Hybrid meeting difficult in Mollenhoff room but the City Council chambers are more difficult in having the type of meeting that the Complete Streets Committee has. Determined to have a hybrid meeting in the Council chambers.

5. MET Update

- Cass likes the bus stops on University Avenue.
- MET needs to get drivers on the proposed new routes to allow drivers to become familiar with them.
- Bus shelters cost around \$10,000 to put in on University Avenue.
- Will need to have public hearings on bus changes.

6. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Review

- Schroeder went over planning commission agenda. No concerns noted.

7. Other Project Status Updates

- Started work under the bridge at US Highways 218 overpass of US Highway 63.
- Frost attended the La Porte Road stakeholder meeting.
- Walking audit of Walnut area.

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Adjournment

Cass adjourned the meeting at 3:04p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Dornoff".

John Dornoff
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