

**Minutes of The  
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee  
March 31, 2014**

The special meeting was called to order of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee at 4:05 p.m., Monday, March 31, 2014 by Chair Kevin Blanshan in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Board Room at INRCOG.

I. Roll Call:

Members present were: Brian Schoon, Wayne Castle, Kevin Blanshan, Jeff Bales, Pat Morrissey, Will Frost, Aric Schroeder, Dan Trelka & Felicia Cass

Members absent were: David Jones, Abraham Funchess, Brent Johnson, Paul Huting, Mohammad Elahi, Janet Buls

Also present: Zoning Staff Adrienne Voelker & Engineering Staff Ben Wagner and 9 members of the public.

II. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held on March 11, 2014

*It was moved by Schoon, seconded by Cass to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

III. Agenda

**1. Park Avenue Complete Streets Project- “Park to Park” bike lanes.**

Brian Menson, Vanderwall Associates, gave presentation on Park Avenue “Park to Park” project. Menson stated the project included incorporating bike lanes on Park Avenue from Franklin Street to Washington Street. The project will include the taking Park Avenue from four lanes to two lanes allowing for two bike lanes on the outside of Park Avenue and a buffer lane between vehicle lanes and bike lanes. There would be seven intersections that would have green bike boxes incorporated and the project would also include the installation of new mast arms. Menson stated they are applying for two grants this week, one with the Gaming Association and another with People for Bikes.

Bales questioned if new mast arms were necessary for the new project and saw it as a potential area to cut costs. Menson stated that the current mast arms are due to be replaced so this would be the optimal time to replace them when they are already working on a project in the area. Schroeder stated he spoke with Elahi on project and Elahi expressed he had concerns with the project moving forward without mast arms being replaced.

Morrissey expressed concern with the project not having a buffer to accommodate all levels of bikers including families that may want to utilize the path.

Menson stated that when project was complete they would also hold a Ride the Avenue to bring the project to the communities attention and create an area where biking can be celebrated.

**2. Funding of Complete Streets and other Council Work Session Topics**

Schroeder questioned what exactly the Committee should bring before City Council for example funding options or projects the Committee thinks are priority projects. Blanshan questioned when the committee should present the ideas to Council. Cass questioned if the Committee should suggest projects that are not on City Street Reconstruction list or if they should be focusing on stand-alone

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projects. Schroeder noted that it would be more cost effective if the Committee focused on Street Reconstruction projects. Schroeder noted it could cost roughly \$1,500 more per driveway if a sidewalk infill project was not done as part of a Street Reconstruction project.

Bales questioned if the Complete Streets Committee should meet with the council to see what their expectations of the committee were. Morrissey noted he was under the impression the Committee would bring suggestions and guidance to the Council about important sidewalk and bike trail projects. Castle suggested gathering maps and costs of projects throughout the city and present them to the Council. Steve Mager, Main Street Waterloo, suggested looking into bus routes around the city especially around the Crossroads Mall area. Blanshan suggested forming a subcommittee to look at these projects and make recommendations to the entire Complete Streets Committee on projects that should be presented to the City Council. A subcommittee was formed with members being Morrissey, Frost, Cass, Castle, Schoon, Schroeder and Blanshan.

### **3. 2015 Street Reconstruction List- Review for inclusion of Complete Streets elements**

The 2015 Street Reconstruction list will be discussed at next Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting.

### **4. U.S. Highway 63 Trail (southerly extension) – Review cost benefit and alternatives**

Bales gave detail to project explaining the DOT is suggesting an off bridge trail be created as a connection instead of implementing the trail on the bridge. Bales noted adding the trail to the bridge would be an additional \$200,000 to the Highway 63 project. Bales noted that there would be sufficient space in the median of the bridge to accommodate a trail but that would come with many safety issues. Bales noted he was looking for a recommendation from the committee to take to the DOT when discussing project with them at a meeting on April 2. The committee came to consensus that it would be logical to include pedestrian accommodations on the Highway 63 railroad overpass.

*It was moved by Morrissey, seconded by Trelka to recommend a trail be included with the Highway 63 bridge construction project. Motion carried unanimously.*

IV. Adjournment

*Chair Kevin Blanshan adjourned meeting at 5:20.*

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Voelker,  
Associate Planner