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TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, May 29, 2012 Committee Room #1

PRESENT: Alds. McBride, Moldenhauer, Pantuso, Roznowski, Wilke – 5

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Ehley; Alds. Birschel, Causier, Hanson, Walz-Chojnacki, Wilson; W. Porter, Public Works Dir.; P. Enders, Development Dir.

Ald. McBride as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Discussion regarding the Zoo Interchange

Mr. Bob Gutierrez, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), 141 N W Barstow Street, Waukesha, reported that WisDOT has been working on the Zoo Interchange project and have received the approvals to go ahead. He noted that between 2014 – 2018 they will be doing the reconstruction of the interchange. Everyone in the state uses the Zoo Interchange. The key stakeholders are the Research Park, State Fair, Froedtert and the Medical College, etc. It is the busiest interchange in Wisconsin. He went on to describe the components of the interchange project including six service interchanges, utilities, and railroads. They are also making a priority of coming up with community sensitive solutions. They have gotten input from the public regarding aesthetics, and enhancing the surrounding area.

Mr. Josh Leveque, and Mr. Tim Anheuser from WisDOT were also present to answer questions. They noted that their construction goals are to be on time, and on budget with keeping communities open for business as a top priority. Another priority is to build in safety. They described the bus stop relocation, the freeway lanes that will be added as well as bike lanes, and enlarging the storm water pond. They will be adding streetscaping, color concrete, trees, and way finding. They will time any road closures to events being held at the zoo. Glenview Avenue will be finished by the time school opens.

Mr. Leveque mentioned meeting with St. Jude's. He explained the work that would be done over the summer and he received very good feedback. They will start Swan Blvd. in August, 2013. There will be emerging access through the construction zone. He reiterated that they will have construction staging and access to critical venues and events. He noted that the public can get information and stay up to date on the construction by going on the internet to www.zoointerchange.gov

The aldermen gave some time to questions. Their concerns were traffic flow while the construction is going on, clear markings for pedestrians and bikers, what will happen to the park and ride lot.

Jim Schmidt, 19th Supervisory District,

Moved by Ald. Roznowski, seconded by Ald. Pantuso to recommend approval of the resolution approving that the proposed highway

improvement WisDOT Project I.D. 1060-33-70 meets the conditions outlined in Wisconsin Administrative Code, Trans 75-06 “Absence of Needs” exception for bicycle accommodations and subject to staff Discussion on striping and viable alternate bicycle routes – 4

Proposed ordinance amending Section 11.36.190 of the city code to eliminate the left turn prohibition at N. 110th Street and W. Capitol Drive (for introduction)

The committee reviewed the issue and sent the proposed ordinance to the Common Council for introduction.

Moved by Ald. Pantuso, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer to send for introduction to the Common Council an ordinance amending Section 11.36.190 of the city code to eliminate the left turn prohibition at N. 110th Street and W. Capitol Drive– 4

Petition requesting the installation of stop signs on N. 81st Street to create a 4-way stop at the intersection of N. 81st Street and W. Meinecke Avenue

The committee reviewed a petition signed by area neighbors requesting the installation of a four way stop sign at the intersection of N. 81st Street and W. Meinecke Avenue. They discussed the fact that according to Staff, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) shows that the volume of traffic in that area does not meet the criteria for installation of a four-way stop sign. Mr. Kelly iterated that Staff does not recommend the conversion of this intersection to a four-way stop. It was noted that stop signs are not recommended for traffic control.

Anna Eull, 2363 N. 81st Street, Michael Hoelzer, 7732 Eagle Street, appeared to voice their concerns including an obstructed view of oncoming traffic at that corner.

Moved by Ald. Roznowski, seconded by Ald. Pantuso, to approve
a 90-day trial of a 4-way stop at this intersection – 4

Petition requesting installation of stop signs at the intersection of N. 78th and Eagle Streets

The committee reviewed a petition signed by area residents requesting installation of stop signs at the intersection of N. 78th and Eagle Streets. They discussed the fact that according to Staff, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) shows that the volume of traffic in that area does not meet the criteria for installation of stop signs at that intersection. Mr. Kelly iterated that the staff does not recommend the stop sign installation.

Michael Hoelzer, 7732 Eagle Street, commented that he has observed dangerous traffic activity at this intersection.

Moved by Ald. Pantuso, seconded by Ald. Roznowski, to send
this issue back to the engineering department for a more
comprehensive study of traffic at that intersection – 4

90-day trial to prohibit parking on the south side of W. Wisconsin Avenue along the frontage of 8639 W. Wisconsin Avenue

The committee reviewed a request by area aldermen that a ‘no parking here to corner’ zone be established at 8639 W. Wisconsin Avenue. The resident at this corner reported difficulty in entering and exiting his driveway during rush hour.

Moved by Ald. Pantuso, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer to
approve a 90-day trial for a ‘no parking here to corner’ zone
at 8639 W. Wisconsin Avenue – 4

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk

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