

OAK CREEK - FRANKLIN
JOINT 27th STREET STEERING COMMITTEE

November 26, 2007

Meeting Minutes

Approved January 31, 2008

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grintjes at 8:00 am

Members Grintjes, Rhiner and Myszkowski were present. Also present were Doug Wheaton, Doug Seymour (8:15), Mark Kaminski (HNTB), Matt Hensler and Jeff Fleming (Zizzo Group), Munzar Haidar (Earthtech), Tom Taylor, Tim Solomon (City of Franklin)

II. Citizen Comment Period

No citizen comments.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2007

Motion to approve by Rhiner. Second by Myszkowski. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

IV. Business

- A. Transportation improvements proposed for the South 27th Street Corridor, including reconstruction of the intersection of South 27th Street (Wisconsin State Highway 241) and West Rawson Avenue, and how the plans do or do not address the recommendations of the South 27th Street Streetscape Plan.

Munzer Haidar of Earthtech addressed the steering committee regarding the 60% plan for the reconstruction of the intersection of South 27th Street and West Rawson Avenue. He confirmed that it is WisDOT's intent to acquire access to the northeast and southwest corners.

Member Grintjes questioned (with respect to the 60% plan) why you wouldn't want the streetscape issues resolved prior to moving forward with the design for the reconstruction of the intersection. As an example he cited sign bridges for signals and messageboards.

Mr. Haidar said that WisDOT need to work with the steering committee to identify specific instances where the planned streetscape elements deviate from the standard WisDOT design.

Member Grintjes asked how the steering committee could do this if the plans for the intersection are already 60% complete.

Member Rhiner asked that WisDOT put in "placeholders" in the 60% plans to allow for the planned streetscape improvements.

Mr. Haidar went on to describe the six different projects affecting the corridor that are currently being worked on by WisDOT, and who is working on them. They are:

- 1. 27th and Rawson intersection (Earthtech)*
- 2. 27th Street Corridor Study (Meade & Hunt)*
- 3. Resurfacing of 27th Street from Drexel south to the County Line (CTE – Chicago)¹*
- 4. Resurfacing and intersection upgrades of 27th Street from Drexel north to Howard (no consultant selected)*
- 5. I-94 (Milwaukee Transportation Partners)*
- 6. Drexel Avenue interchange*

Member Grintjes inquired as to why a roundabout was not selected for the design of the reconstructed intersection.

Mr. Haidar responded that models indicated that a roundabout would function at a Level of Service (LOS) F at peak as compared to a LOS D for a signalized intersection.

Member Grintjes indicated that we need a coordinated plan for 27th Street, not just a string of isolated projects.

Mayor Tom Taylor asked that everyone be mindful when designing these projects such that we don't need to needlessly tear out one set of recent improvements in order to make others for a different project.

Mr. Haidar stated that it is best (from the perspective of the driver) that intersections along the corridor be consistent (roundabouts or signals) and that there not be a mix of different intersection types.

Alderman Tim Solomon noted that, based on some of the construction schedules being discussed by WisDOT, it is possible that one or more TIF's might be closed out before some of these projects are constructed.

- B. Marketing of the South 27th Street Corridor, including, but not limited to, follow-up activities, and next steps in the preparation of the plan for branding, theme, logo, positioning, and public relations activities for the South 27th Street Corridor Plan Area.

Discussion on this item was moved to the next meeting agenda.

- C. Future meeting between the Mayors of Franklin and Oak Creek and the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to discuss transportation improvements proposed for the South 27th Street Corridor.

¹ resurfacing is due to pavement condition, and does not include capacity expansion

It was noted that the meeting would take place on December 12th at 1:30, and that Dewayne Johnson would be there.

The draft presentation was reviewed by the steering committee. The committee was urged to send any comments directly to Jeff Fleming.

V. Next meeting date(s) and location(s)

The next meeting of the steering committee is scheduled for December 12 at 8:00 am at the Oak Creek City Hall

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18