

SERVICE-SAFETY COMMITTEE

JULY 27, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Matuszak. Committee members present were John Kevern, Jim Matuszak and Barry VanHoozen. Also present were Jon Eckel, Public Service Director and Doug Dariano, City Engineer.

CITIZEN'S CONCERN

Ralph Weiland, 315 Elm Street, was present to share his concern about small pieces of broken glass he has been finding in the alley behind his house. He said that he has noticed the glass when the sun shines on it; it glistens. He said the pieces of glass are several different colors so he is certain that it has come from the recycling truck. He said that he contacted the Public Service Department and they brought out the street cleaner and swept the alley but the pieces of glass have reappeared on more than one occasion. Mr. Matuszak asked if any of Mr. Weiland's neighbors had seen the glass. Mr. Weiland said it is his nature to be observant and his neighbors had not noticed, but they are going to start looking for it as well. Mr. Eckel said that he was not aware of the issue, and that he will check into it.

CMAQ GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Dariano requested approval of a resolution authorizing the application for a CMAQ grant, the proceeds of which would be used for intersection improvements at SR25 and Indiana Avenue and for roadway improvements to Indiana Avenue between Findlay Street and SR25, widening the road from two to three lanes.

Mr. Dariano explained that the intersection improvements consisted of enlarging the southeast curb radius to accommodate northbound traffic on SR25 turning east on Indiana Avenue. He further explained that the widening of Indiana Avenue between SR 25 and Findlay Street was to provide for, among other things, turn lanes at SR25

Mr. Dariano explained that if the grant is approved, preliminary design work would be done in 2018 and the detailed design work would be done in 2019. The estimated total cost of the design work is \$104,000, which would have to be paid for by the city. Construction would take place in 2020. The total cost of construction would be \$1,385,999. The grant request is for 80 percent (80%) of the total cost of construction, or \$1,108,799. Mr. Dariano said that applications are due to TMACOG this month. He said the city applied for the same grant in 2014 but the grant was not awarded.

Mr. Matuszak asked about the rerouting of truck traffic from downtown to Indiana Avenue. Mr. Dariano said there had been some talk about rerouting truck traffic off of Louisiana Avenue in the past and it could not be done without these improvements. Mr. VanHoozen asked why only the southeast curb radius needs improvements. Mr. Dariano explained that trucks going northbound on SR25 turn east onto Indiana Avenue to go to AST and Master Chemical and if there is a car in the westbound lane of Indiana, the trucks go up over the curb. Mr. Matuszak asked when we will know the results of the grant application. Mr. Dariano said that TMACOG will rank them in August

and they then go on to the state, so we should know our local ranking in September. He was not sure when we would know the results from the state.

The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend to council approval of a resolution to apply for a CMAQ Grant for intersection improvements at SR25 and Indiana Avenue and for roadway improvements to Indiana Avenue between SR25 and Findlay Street.

CONTRACT FOR 2015 RESURFACING PROGRAM

Mr. Eckel requested approval of a contract with Gerken Paving in the amount of \$1,298,699.45 for the 2015 resurfacing program. He said that four bids were received and Gerken had the low bid. Mr. Eckel explained that the company has done work for the city before and they do good work. He also explained the process that was used in choosing which streets would be done this year. He noted that the reason some higher-rated streets are being resurfaced is because of their proximity to other lower-rated streets being done. Mr. Matuszak asked if the bids itemized the costs by street and, if so, if any thought has been given to splitting the bid to take advantage of lower costs for particular streets. Mr. Eckel said that although consideration is given to specific streets it is more cost effective to resurface streets based on their relative proximity to one another because of the costs associated with the tear down and set up of the resurfacing equipment. He added that the bids are based on a unit cost and there are economies of scale. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend to council the approval of a contract with Gerken Paving for the 2015 Resurfacing Program.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Matuszak, Chairman
Service-Safety Committee

Next meeting: Monday, August 24, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.