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Village of Allouez, Riverside Drive

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C De Pere, Broadway Street

Randall Avenue - NPL WIS 57 Brown County

Stakeholder Meeting No. 2 Minutes

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Date: September 11, 2013

Attendees

Representing

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The attached report represents this writer's interpretation of items discussed during the meeting. Any corrections or additional information should be brought to our attention for clarification.

Items discussed were as follows:

Areas identified by committee as sensitive:

- South end near Randall Ave is considered a historic district
- Trees & fence along east side of STH 57 north of STH 172
 - Some of the locals have submitted a request for this fence to be locally designated as historic property.
 - Large oak trees are present that currently provide a natural barrier to the backside of homes in this area.
- Homes on west side of STH 57, opposite of fence and trees
 - Homes are close to the roadway now, widening for bike lanes and adding sidewalk would cause concern.
- Preliminary consensus from the group was that they would rather see WisDOT move the fence back and cut down the trees than to impact the property and/or homes on the west side of STH 57.
 - Andy Fulcer stressed that not only would the fence have to be moved, but the trees would also be taken down.
 - General comments were that the trees are eventually going to die or get taken down in a storm. Some may have died already in the past. Trees can be replanted and grow back.

Village comments:

- Craig Berndt provided some comments from the village perspective on what they would like to see come out of this project.
 - Slow speeds down, specifically in residential areas
 - Explore roundabouts at STH 172 interchange, signals at St. Joseph St and Allouez Ave

 Examine a Two-Way-Left-Turn-Lane (TWLTL) option to reduce speeds, create better turning opportunities, and also reduce R/W impacts along the corridor

Bike lanes / Sidewalks:

- The group questioned why bike lanes are required.
 - WisDOT explained that there is a need and desire based on comments from the PIM.
 - Comments from some of the committee members also reflected that bike lanes on STH 57 would be of great use due to the fact that the Fox River Trail is not maintained in the winter, it is a user fee trail, it is very busy at times, and overall more bicyclists are injured on trails than on roadways.
 - WisDOT also explained the requirements of Complete Streets (TRANS75) and that it is a
 federal law that requires bike lanes and sidewalks on any type of pavement replacement
 type project. WisDOT explained that even without the law, there is a need for additional
 pedestrian and bicycle facilities along this corridor.
- Will WisDOT be analyzing pedestrian signal warrants? Specifically at Allouez Ave?
 - There seems to be a desire for HAWK systems at crossings
- The group thought it was very important that potential crossing locations be properly identified.
 - Chris and John pointed out that the village has provided WisDOT with locations that they
 have identified for future crosswalks. Display was shown to the group and discussed.
 - Greg Retzlaff suggested that a crossing at Lazarre would be warranted with all the pedestrian traffic going to events at Heritage Hill. They wouldn't travel down to the future crossing (2014) at the STH 172 ramp. This would have to be analyzed.
- Question was raised that if R/W is tight, can sidewalks only be added to one side of the roadway even under TRANS75?
 - WisDOT commented that this would be possible, but placing sidewalks on one side of the road would not be done just because the property owner didn't want sidewalks in front of their property.
 - Steve Noel commented that the residents on the west side of STH 57 across from the trees and fence may be the ones that would use a sidewalk and therefore sidewalks on both sides of STH 57 would be beneficial along this stretch.

Utilities:

- Answering a question from the committee, Craig Berndt commented that the property owners will not be assessed for reconstruction of village sanitary and water main along STH 57
 - WisDOT commented that the roadway work would also not be assessed to the property owners
- Suggestion from committee to have power lines be relocated underground
 - Craig Berndt commented that the village has explored this option and it would be about a \$1million cost to the village to bury the electrical. No decision has been made to on this yet.

General Comments:

- Committee members are looking forward to seeing alternatives. They also recommend for the next meeting that a more structured agenda and objectives for the meeting be laid out at the beginning.
- Mark Olejniczak commented on the liability for property owners in that they need to disclose when selling their property that there is a potential that the roadway will be widened.
- Through bike lanes are needed in lieu of a separate trail.

- The Fox River Trail is a "Rails to Trails" recreational trail. The trail could go back to railroad use in the future.
- Committee members requested examples of roadway transitions in which four-lane sections transitioned to two-lane sections with a TWLTL. The design team will look for roadways with similar traffic volumes and similar transitions, if any, and notify the committee through email of where these may occur so committee members can observe them.

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