

City of Sammamish Transportation Committee – Minutes – Thursday, April 25, 2016
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington
1:30-3:30 pm

Attendees:

Committee Members: Committee Chair and City Council Member Tom Odell, City Council Member Bob Keller, Committee vice Chair and City Council Member Christie Malchow (via conference call)

Staff: Interim Director of Public Works, John Cunningham; City Engineer, Andrew Zagars; Deputy Director of Public Works, Cheryl Paston; Sr. Project Engineer, Jim Grueber; Sr. Project Engineer Sam Park; Sr. Project Engineer Jed Ireland & Administrative Assistant, Michelle Martin (Recording Secretary)

Invited Guests: Peter DeBolt – Project Engineer (Perteet, Inc.)

Public Guests: none

Meeting begins at 1:32 pm

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 21, 2016 pending approval next session

Minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting pending approval next session

Preliminary notations and opening of the floor by Chairman Tom Odell

- John Cunningham speaks on Regional ITS grant proposal submittal pending processes
 - Interfaces Sammamish signals with SR202 signals
 - WSDOT and regional involvement discussed
- Christie Malchow- request clarification on sidewalk width
- Discussion begins regarding Town Center walk-ability and pending tour of Bothell Town Center
- Christie – suggests public input on how much people will walk to determine sidewalk width
- Committee discusses what will happen with green spine and R.O.W acquisitions
- Discussion of sidewalk widths on Bellevue Way at SE 4th per Christie notation last meeting
- Issaquah - Discussion on whether our Town Center residential density will be similar to or higher than that found in the Issaquah Highlands

SE 4th Street Project Scope Discussion – Continued

- May 2017 – Bid date for June 2017 construction discussed
- May 6th Trip to Bothell Town Center will assist in future discussions for this project
- Council update pending May 10th to discuss field trip to Bothell and debrief general design concept for Town Center area development
 - Christie – discussed sidewalk widths
- Next committee meeting set to continue discussions on this project 5/9/2016 @ 3-5pm
- Traffic modeling around intersection @ 218th/SE4th discussed
 - Response to committee recommendations:
 - 5 roundabouts vs. signals
 - Public input referencing sidewalk width
 - Compare Issaquah Highland sidewalks
 - Respond to Committee input on a higher level vs a detailed level
 - Discussion of comparisons referencing Bellevue Way/SE 4th sidewalks

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SE 24th Street Non-motorized Project—discussion on project scope

- New pathway between 200th & 204th discussed to match the existing gravel path between 204th and 212th
 - John – Staff is looking for guidance from subcommittee on type of path extension desired:: gravel, asphalt, or concrete sidewalk w/curb & gutter discussed
 - Committee directed staff to keep scope simple and match gravel path between 204th and 212th if possible
 - Andrew notes: Maintenance upkeep of trails to meet ADA ½” surface irregularity requirements will be considered, and Engineering will talk to Maintenance on their current efforts needed to maintain ADA stds. on the existing trail on 204th-212th
- Consideration of wetland at SE 24th & 204th SE
- ADA issues considered
 - Asphalt a possibility to meet ADA
- Completion recommended prior to Snake Hill closure
 - Consensus by all to preserve character of neighborhood
 - Rural vs. urban
 - Urgency to complete project
 - Committee would like the new trail to match the character of neighborhood

Sahalee Way Project

- Impact on other projects discussed
 - Safeway to SR202 project expansion discussed
 - Some discussions to expand project beyond south of NE 25th Ave NE past Timberline Way to NE 8th.
 - Future Projects relative to 6-year TIP
 - Can't look at as isolated projects, need to look at cumulative effect on traffic:
 - Resurfacing project
 - SE 4th Street project
 - 228th at Issaquah Pine Lake
 - Conner-Jarvis improvements on IPL Rd
 - City Church improvements on 228th SE
 - Sahalee Widening between NE 12 to NE 14 to 12th NE discussed
 - Committee discusses trail entrance “hidden” trail below grade on NE14th at west side of 228th and NE 14th Dr near in “Cimarron” development (trail runs below 228th)
 - Committee – would new sidewalk and required wall possibly eliminate trail down below; may lose hidden. May impact that trail to road expansion to relieve traffic @ NE 14th
 - Future discussion pending
 - John- improvements down to 202 makes sense (includes efficiency improvement)
 - King County specs vs. City standards may differ
 - Discussion on how to meet concurrency challenge if continuous two-way left-turn is eliminated.
 - Sahalee access Gate #2 discussed regarding turn lanes – Sahalee Green golf course NE 30th, North of 217th (service entrance to Country Club)
 - Extension of left turn pocket for SB 228th @ NE 8th
 - Three lanes at all Sahalee gates

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ITS Project

- Committee makes note of ITS operation, left turns onto Inglewood backing into travel lane on 228th
- City looking at areas where we can utilize blinking yellow left turn signals
 - Boys/Girls Club turn pocket discussed briefly in reference to 228th (consideration to make right in, right out to extend southbound left turn lane queue length).

Issaquah Fall City Road

- Discussion on holding an “Open Town Hall” concept on-line
 - Public comment
 - Project time lines
 - Kiosk, flyers, laptop or smartphone for feedback
- Putting presentations on-line for input later
 - Virginia Beach on-line town hall concept reviewed
- **NOTE: John C checked with Tim Larson on the availability of doing an on-line Town Hall type meeting for the Issaquah Fall City Road project. Tim said that it was at least a month out before we would be ready to do this. Tim will check on how best to make this happen once the city is ready to go live with an on-line town hall meeting.**

New Community Center Opening

- Christie opened discussion on traffic entering city hall
 - Entry/exit into city hall and back up
 - On task list (Do Not Block sign pending)
 - Pending stop bar outside of garage
 - Trim trees to improve sight distance
 - Oneway circulation?
 - City to continue to monitor traffic

Public Works Standards Update

Discussion on items for May 10th/10th Council meeting

- Andrew notes what will be in the overview
 - Deviations – what they are and the process
 - Touch on main items in process
 - Request from Council how to proceed
 - Go over concerns and issues
 - Flexibility with medians and ROW discussion
 - Inherited planter strips
 - Storm water features
 - Maintenance requirements
 - Arborist on trees being addressed
 - Connectivity expansions
 - Island w/trees
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- Streets – 60ft right of way
 - Keeping a list of public comments
 - Question – what do we want to adopt as our new right-of-way width guidelines?
 - Landscape, neighborhood streets vs. arterial, R6-R8 parking issues to address
 - Transportation/buses at Town Center
 - Pullouts?
 - Timeline request for council input and feasibility for accessibility for bus service
 - Andrew would like adoption by mid/late August
- **Traffic Impact fee update**
- **Future Committee Topics**
 - 2017-22 TIP
 - List of projects sent to council
 - New traffic counts/recalibration of model/concurrency failures
 - Issaquah Fall City Road, want to incorporate project into the impact fee calculation
 - Adding Klahanie into the model
 - Pedestrian safety
 - To be addressed later with in Parks Trails, Bikeways and Paths Non-motorized plan
 - Driverless cars
 - Lewis/Thompson Hill slide repair

SR 202 – meeting follow-up

Discussions for solutions for SR202 at East Lake Sammamish Parkway

No City Funding attached to report yet
Will be a part of the discussions in June
Briefly touch on Storm water issues

Action: *Staff to provide update with INRIX/INRIX (Redmond study)/GPS traffic study*
Staff to propose project notices/feedback from public
Staff to propose EIS SR520/202 Intersection

Public Comments: none
Meeting adjourned 4:02pm
Next meeting Monday 5/9/2016 @ 3:00 pm

Commented [JC1]: Do all of these items belong as bullets under this heading ?? At least the storm water one seems out of place in this list.

Commented [JC2]: Not sure what is meant by this "Action" item.