



City Council Transportation Committee

August 27, 2019

5:30 pm or Immediately following City Council Agenda Session
City Hall Room 326

Members: Matthew Petty, Chairman; Sarah Marsh; Sarah Bunch; Kyle Smith

City Staff: Chris Brown, City Engineer; Terry Gulley, Transportation Director

1. Old Business:

- A. MASTER STREET PLAN UPDATE:** Review of the draft Master Street Plan update. The Master Street Plan is proposed to be updated as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan update (Cityplan 2040), in accordance with the recommendations of the Fayetteville Mobility Plan. The plan has been updated from the version reviewed by the Transportation Committee on June 25th, based on feedback from Committee and from the Planning Commission. Revised redlined and clean versions of the draft master street plan map and cross sections are attached. (**Staff requests a recommendation from the Committee to the City Council on this item**)

2. New Business:

- A. WASHINGTON AVENUE:** Request from property owners on Washington Avenue to address the Transportation Committee regarding traffic speeds and other concerns along Washington Avenue.
- B. SHILOH DRIVE/FULBRIGHT EXPRESSWAY INTERCHANGE:** Review of a proposed contract with Garver for design of improvements to the Shiloh/Fulbright Expressway Interchange. Improvements at the interchange are part of the 2019 Bond Program. After review of the interchange, and discussions among staff and ArDOT, staff is proposing a new location for the interchange, at the intersection of Shiloh Drive and Steele Blvd. This location will alleviate traffic congestion at the Shiloh/Steele intersection while also providing improved access to the Fulbright Expressway. This proposed relocation is more expensive than improving the current location (\$1.4 million vs \$840,000) but will provide a much better result for the overall transportation system in the area. The proposed fee for this design is \$241,850. (**Staff requests a recommendation from the Committee to the City Council on this item**)
- C. AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT HIGHWAY 71B FROM ARDOT:** Review of a proposed agreement with ArDOT to transfer Highway 71B between South Fulbright Expressway and North Fulbright Expressway. In exchange, the City will receive \$1.5 million in funding to be used for improvements on 71B, and ArDOT will extend their current project on Highway 112 from Van Asche Drive to Howard Nickell Road. (**Staff requests a recommendation from the Committee to the City Council on this item**)
- D. PORTER/DEANE/SYCAMORE/POPLAR CORRIDOR:** Review of proposed improvements along Porter Road, Deane Street, Sycamore Street, and Poplar Street.

This corridor is included in the 2019 Bond Program, with the exception of the Poplar Street segment. The proposed improvements to the corridor are multimodal, but include a focus on an east-west bicycle corridor. Adding Poplar to the corridor to complete the connection to College Avenue creates a more usable connection due to flatter grades east of Gregg Avenue on Poplar Street as opposed to Sycamore.

Toole Design Group recently completed a conceptual design for this corridor through a project managed by The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission and funded by the Walton Family Foundation. The Foundation has expressed interest in funding detailed design and construction of portions of this project as well. Staff is prepared to submit a request for a grant from the Foundation for the design at this time, if the Committee concurs with the addition of Poplar Street to the project.

- E. POPLAR STREET RAILROAD CROSSING:** Review of a request from the Arkansas Department of Transportation to participate in the cost of railroad safety improvements at the Poplar Street railroad crossing. ArDOT has access to funding for railroad crossing safety enhancements, that will pay for 90% of the cost of projects that meet funding criteria; the remaining 10% must come from the local jurisdiction where the crossing is located. ArDOT is requesting the City indicate its willingness to participate in the program, at an estimated cost of \$30,000 for the Poplar Street crossing. **(Staff requests a recommendation from the Committee to the City Council on this item)**
- F. PROSPECT/TRENTON SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION:** Review of a recommendation from the Active Transportation Advisory Committee regarding speed limit reduction on Prospect and Trenton.

3. Work Session

- A. ARCHIBALD YELL BLVD:** Discussion of alternate concepts for Archibald Yell Blvd. The proposed concept in the 71B corridor plan includes reallocation of roadway space to provide for a 3 lane section, with the remaining roadway space providing shoulders. Future improvements could include moving curbs to provide space for sidewalks and sidewalks.

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