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Public Works Department

Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission
Thursday, March 4, 2021
9:00 AM
Virtual Meeting

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Agenda

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Dated: March 4, 2021

/s/ T. Azinger, Chair

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2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Action requested: review and approve

- a. February 4, 2021 Minutes

3. Resident Communications

Citizens wishing to address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda may do so at this time. If you desire to be heard on agenda items, you may be heard when that item is considered on the agenda. The time limitation is FIVE minutes. Please state your name and address.

4. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Highland Road Bike/Pedestrian Spur
- b. Review of 2010-2030 Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission Recommendations
- c. Bike Safety Brochure
- d. Review Concept Plan for Mequon Road Corridor and OIT crossing
- e. Review Survey Results
- f. 2021 Road Program

5. Other Business

6. Adjourn

Dated: March 4, 2021

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Thursday, February 4, 2021
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Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Chair Azinger called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM.

Present:

- Commissioner Ron Heinritz
- Commissioner John Liegeois
- Commissioner Kristin Wade
- Chair T. Azinger

Absent:

- Commissioner Maggie Sewart
- Commissioner Kristina Eckert

Also present were Director of Public Works/City Engineer Lundeen, Administrative Assistant Cieslinski, and Mequon Community Foundation member, Lori Lorenz.

2. Elect Committee Vice Chair

1. Chair Azinger nominated Commissioner Wade as Vice Chairperson for the Joint mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission.

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Commissioner Azinger

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Liegeois

AYES: Heinritz, Liegeois, Wade, Azinger

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. March 5, 2020

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Commissioner Heinritz

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Liegeois

Attachment: 2021-02-04_Bikeway Minutes (5974 : February 4, 2021 Minutes)

AYES: Heinritz, Liegeois, Wade, Azinger

b. January 14, 2021 Minutes

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Commissioner Heinritz
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Wade

AYES: Heinritz, Liegeois, Wade, Azinger

4. Resident Communications

Chair Azinger noted no one present for this item as Lorenz will speak in regard to agenda item 5a - Highland Road Bike/Pedestrian Spur.

5. Discussion/Action Items

a. Highland Road Bike/Pedestrian Spur

Mequon Community Foundation member, Lori Lorenz began discussion on potential construction of an off road, 2-way bike and pedestrian path between Rotary Park and the Ozaukee Interurban Trail. The long-term goal of this project would be to create a bike and pedestrian trail loop around Mequon.

Lorenz stated that the initial estimated cost is \$365,000. It is the Mequon Community Foundation's intent that the Highland Road Bike/Pedestrian Spur will be an privately funded venture with contract facilitation by the City of Mequon. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Lundeen discussed the options, requirements, and limitations of City involvement.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Lundeen recommended Lorenz engage the Park and Open Space Board in the discussion of this project.

b. Priority Information List

i. Annual Review of 2010-2030 Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission Recommendations

Commission members discussed status of priority list recommendations and concluded to leave priority list as it presently stands.

The Commission will review the 2021 road program list in March and reassess the priority list in April.

ii. Bike Safety Brochure

Status of the bike safety brochure was discussed, as it was last discussed in March of 2020. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Lundeen will transmit final commission-approved copy to City Attorney for approval upon receipt from Commissioner Wade.

c. Priority Information List - Grant Availability

Commissioners discussed that there is no grant they are currently seeking and the topic will be revisited along with the priority recommendation list.

d. Grade Separation at Mequon Road

The current Mequon Road corridor and OIT crossing concept plans were discussed.

- 1. Remove agenda item 5d from discussion in future meetings and replacing with discussion of the concept plan.

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Commissioner Heinritz
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Liegeois

AYES: Heinritz, Liegeois, Wade, Azinger
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6. Other Business

a. Tentative Schedule for 2021

Chair Azinger discussed possible adjustment of meeting time due to accessibility accommodations for any interested public.

- 1. Move start time of future meetings to 9:00am.

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Commissioner Wade
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Heinritz

AYES: Heinritz, Liegeois, Wade, Azinger
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b. City Survey Results

Commissioner Wade inquired about the results of the City Survey in regards to Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Lundeen directed commissioners to the City website to review the results as they relate to the priority list. The results will be discussed at the March meeting.

c. Oak Leaf Trail Addition

Commissioner Heinritz noted as a point of interest that there is a new bike trail in the works on the Oak Leaf Trail system - 30th Street Corridor.

7. Adjourn

a. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Commissioner Liegeois
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Wade

AYES: Heinritz, Liegeois, Wade, Azinger

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenzie Cieslinski

Attachment: 2021-02-04_Bikeway Minutes (5974 : February 4, 2021 Minutes)

TO: Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission
FROM: Kristen Lundeen, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
DATE: January 14, 2021
SUBJECT: Highland Road Bike/Pedestrian Spur

Background

Chris Doughty and Lori Lorenz provided the attached proposal for a Highland Road Bike/Pedestrian Spur.

Analysis

The submittal requested placement on the agenda for feedback. It is unclear whether the request is for funding, participation, approval, or as a proposed dedication to the City. Staff reviewed the request and note the following:

- In 2009, the City decided to serve this area with bicycle and pedestrian accommodations with a 4' bike lane. This would be a duplicate of infrastructure, while there are other areas that continue to be without bicycle facilities.
- An off-road path was not listed in the 2010 to 2030 Recommendations report and is not included on the prioritized list (see attached).
- Similar to the off-road bike path on Donges Bay Road, the City does not have staffing for snow removal on a dedicated off road path.

Should the parties decide to pursue a project, they should also consider:

- Cost for design
- Cost for property or easement acquisition; it does not appear as though there is sufficient right-of-way in all locations to maintain proper road drainage and construct a 10' wide path with 1' shoulders.
- Utility conflicts; see attached pictures regarding utility poles and infrastructure
- Traffic study and revised cost for the "signal beacon". While it is unclear what exactly is intended, signal beacons are required to meet certain traffic warrants and should be vetted through a policy discussion with the Park and Open Space Board, Public Works Committee and Common Council.
- If intended to be constructed with public funds, the City does not currently have any available funding in a dedicated bicycle/pedestrian facility fund. Therefore, it would have to be submitted as a capital budget request prior to construction.
- If intended to be constructed with private funds, and maintained by a private entity, the proposers should consider constructing on private property.
- If intended to be constructed with private funds and dedicated to the City for operation and maintenance, a Dedication Agreement is required, subject to Common Council approval.

Please also note that based upon previous analysis, a bicycle/pedestrian only bridge over the Milwaukee River was determined to be cost prohibitive. The resolution was to follow the

SEWRPC plan for a vehicular connection that includes bicycle/pedestrian facilities when warranted. In 2015, the Committee removed the project from the prioritized list and placed it in the “low feasibility” category.

Fiscal Impact

The proposal included a cost estimate. As noted, staff recommends that the proposers consider the cost of design, traffic study, utility conflict and property or easement acquisition. Understanding that all of those items may impact the ultimate construction cost, which the proposers acknowledge are subject to change.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission provide feedback to the proposers. Depending on the intended means and methods of both construction and ultimately ownership, the Commission should also be clear in the process required to achieve approval prior to construction.

Attachments:

Highland Road Bike Spur Project Summary 010621 (PDF)

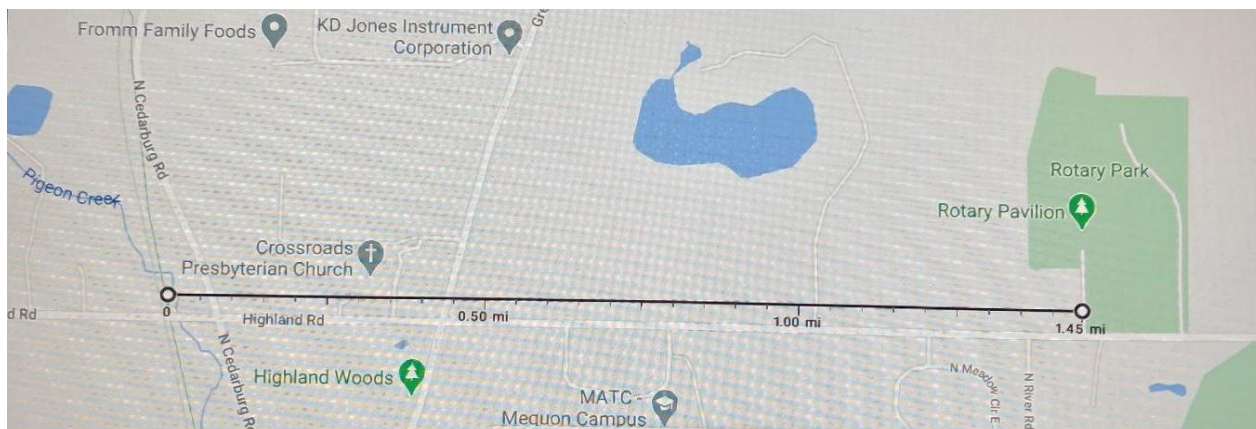
2010-2030 Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission Recommendations (Highland Road) (PDF)

OIT to Rotary Park Map (PDF)

Highland Road Right-of-Way(PDF)

Highland Road Bike/Pedestrian Spur

2021 Project



Mission: To create a safe, off road two directional shared use 10 ft wide paved bike/pedestrian path for approximately 1.5 miles along the north side of Highland Road from Rotary Park going west to the Ozaukee Interurban Trail (OIT) to connect families and children to Rotary Park, the OIT and the Town Center of Mequon/Thiensville.

Cost estimate to construct 1.5 mile path = \$365,000:

1. \$300,000 for 1.5 mile paved 10 foot wide bike / pedestrian path from Ozaukee Interurban Trail on the north side of Highland Road to Rotary Park. (See homeowner land affected on next page)
2. \$15,000 Bike/Pedestrian crosswalk (\$5,000) and signal beacon (\$10,000) at River Road and Highland
3. \$50,000 endowment to cover projected maintenance costs of \$2,525/mile

Ultimate goal: To create a biker and walker friendly city to connect the residents with the City Center. This will eventually include safe bike/pedestrian loops as well as a Bike/Pedestrian bridge across the Milwaukee River at River Road to efficiently connect the North and the South sides of the city for bikers, walkers and runners.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Doughty

Lori Lorenz

January 6, 2021

City of Mequon Property Owners Affected

SOURCE: <https://www.ascent.co.ozaukee.wi.us/LandRecords/PropertyListing/RealEstateTaxParcel#/Search>

North Side of Highland Road between Rotary Park (4100 W Highland) and OIT (6400 W Highland)

Parcel	Owner(s)	SiteAddress
140121000100 - City of Mequon	CITY OF MEQUON	4100 W HIGHLAND RD
140121000200 - City of Mequon	CITY OF MEQUON CITY PARK	4100 W HIGHLAND RD
140121100200 - City of Mequon	DEVEREUX, SCOTT A, ; FARKAS, ELIZABETH A,	4124 W HIGHLAND RD
140111600500 - City of Mequon	ALEVIZOS, JAMES G	4406 W HIGHLAND RD
140111600300 - City of Mequon	MATHWIG, SCOTT J; MATHWIG, JENNIFER A	4412 W HIGHLAND RD
140111600400 - City of Mequon	CRAIG SMITH LIVING TRUST	4418 W HIGHLAND RD
140110900800 - City of Mequon	KELLNER-KRUG LLC	4508 & 4550 W HIGHLAND RD
140111600100 - City of Mequon	ARPE, WILLIAM R, ; KELLER, TED D,	4508 W HIGHLAND RD
140110900500 - City of Mequon	KELLNER-KRUG LLC; ARPE, WILLIAM R,	4550 W HIGHLAND RD
140111400400 - City of Mequon	MEQUON TRUST	4650 W HIGHLAND RD
140111400300 - City of Mequon	ARPE, WILLIAM R, ; ARPE, MARIANNE ,	4710 W HIGHLAND RD
140111400500 - City of Mequon	ALVIN K KRUG 2012 IRREVOCABLE TRUST	5048 W HIGHLAND RD
140110900300 - City of Mequon	TED D KELLNER REVOCABLE TRUST	5112 W HIGHLAND RD

South Side of Highland Road between Rotary Park (4100 W Highland) and OIT (6400 W Highland)

Parcel	Owner(s)	SiteAddress
140140200000 - City of Mequon	MILWAUKEE AREA VOCATIONAL TECH & ADLT ED DIST	5555 W HIGHLAND RD
140140600300	MILWAUKEE AREA VOCATIONAL TECH & ADLT ED DIST	5555 W HIGHLAND RD
XXXXXXXXXXXX -- City of Mequon	HIGHLAND WOODS	12701 N GREEN BAY RD
VARIOUS	BACKYARDS OF APPROX 6 HOMES ON N MEADOW CIRCLE W	N MEADOW CIRCLE W
140130600400 -- City of Mequon	GENTIAN FINANCIAL	12740 N. RIVER RD

Attachment: Highland Road Bike Spur Project Summary 010621 (5982 : Highland Road Bike/Pedestrian Spur)

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

EAST-WEST ROUTES

Pioneer Road

The heaviest-traveled section of Pioneer Road, from Green Bay Road west to Wauwatosa Road, has an off-road paved trail on the south side and 4' paved shoulders from Wauwatosa Road West to Davis Road.

We recommend a 4' bike lane continuing from Davis Road to Wasaukee Road.

Continuing east from Green Bay Road there is a 4' bike lane to Port Washington Road. This leaves a gap just east of Port Washington Road to the popular Lake Shore Road. We recommend this section be given 4' bike lanes.

Bonniwell Road

No Recommendation. This road carries light traffic.

Highland Road

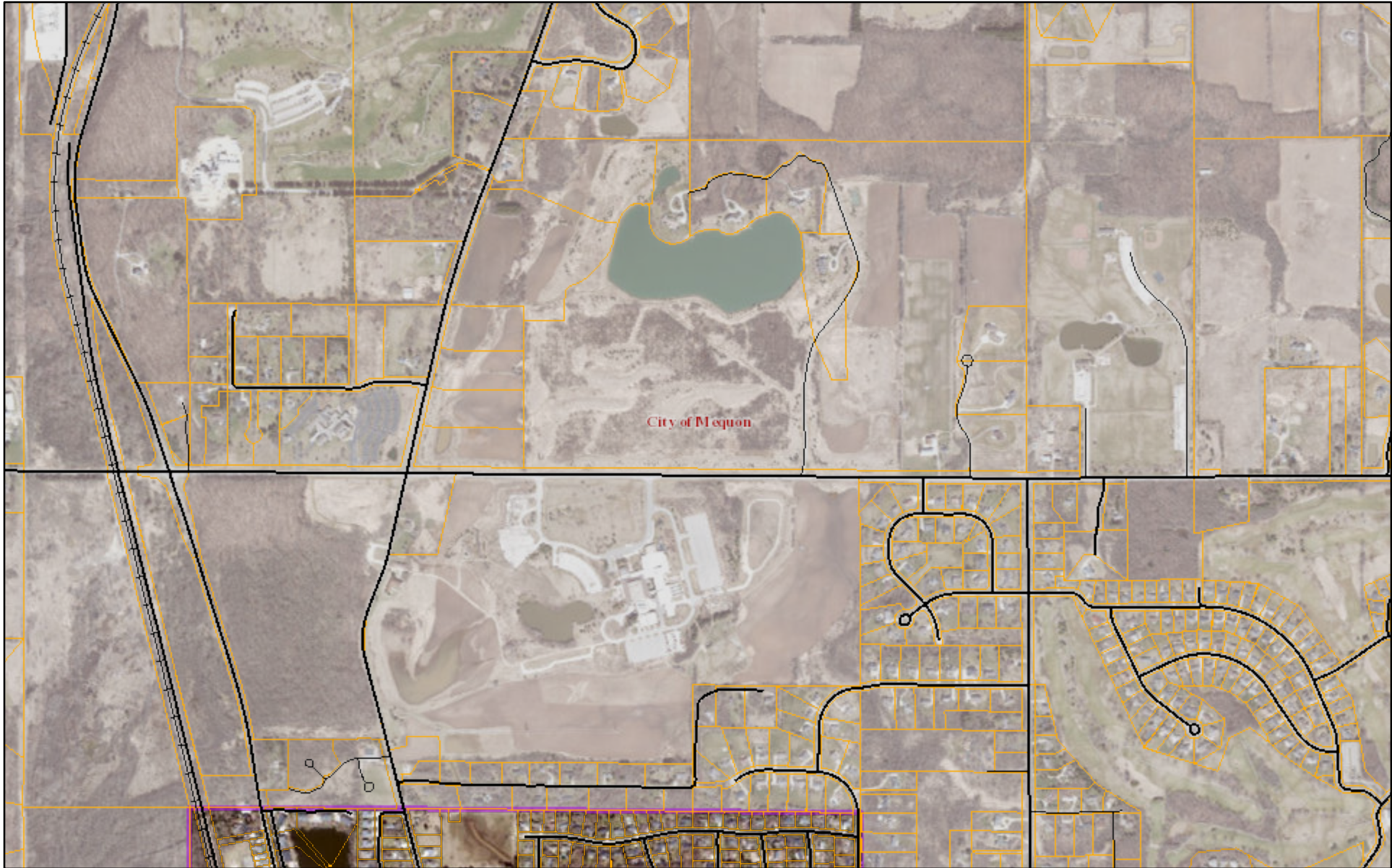
This road from Lake Shore Drive west to the OIT was repaved with a 4' bike lane in 2009. When the remaining stretch from the OIT west to Wasaukee Road is re-paved we recommend 4' bike lanes.

Rotary Park is a popular park for community events. It is well-connected to residents to the south, but not to the north. At least a hiking trail or off-road paved trail should be considered extending the east parking area in Rotary Park north to Laurel Lane where a route to subdivisions near Bonniwell Road would then be complete.

Freistadt Road

In Thiensville, Freistadt Road from River Road west to Green Bay Road is a narrow, busy street. Bike traffic on this stretch is routed south on Riverview Drive. The Commission recommends signage on that route.

OIT to Rotary Park Map

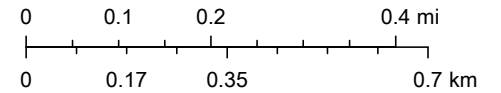


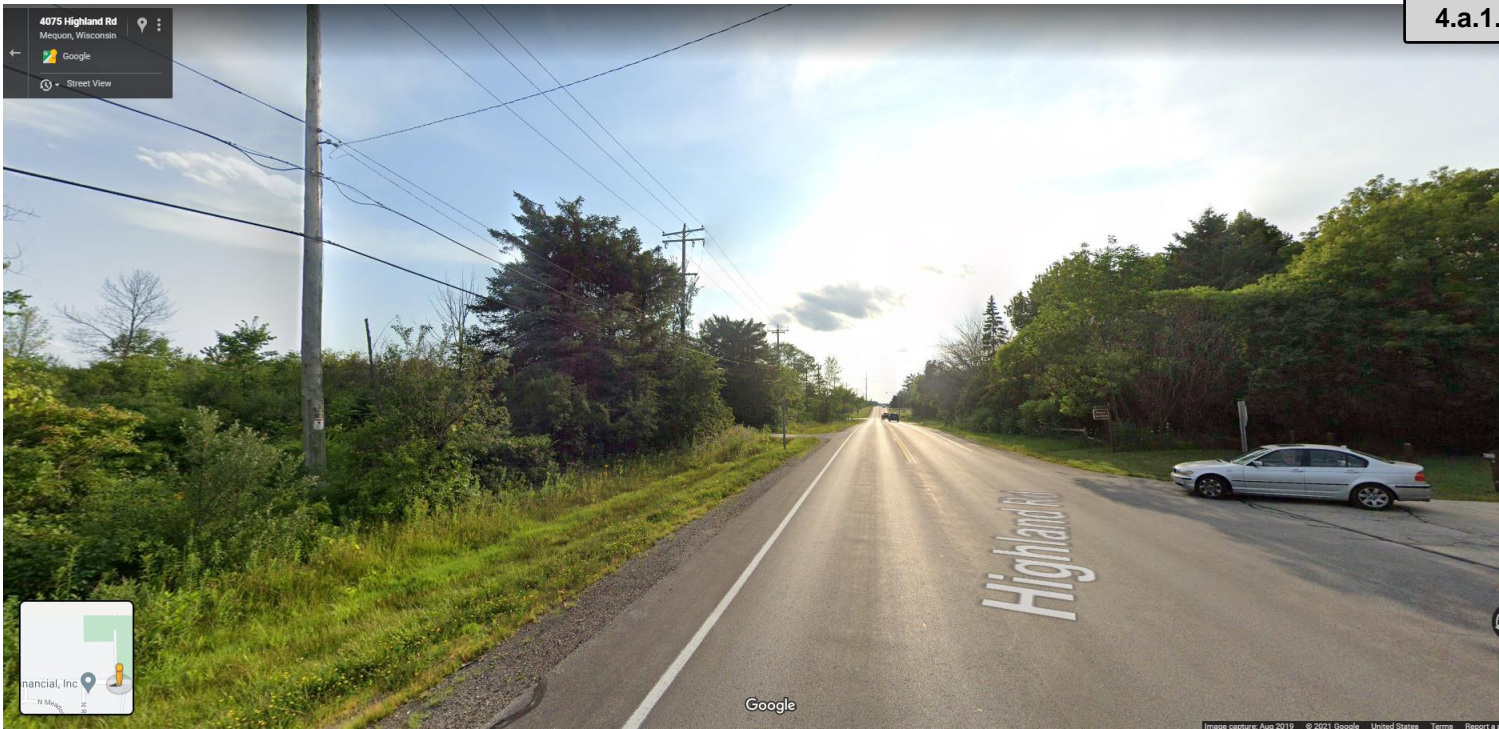
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| Civil Divisions | Town | Road Right-of-Way | Overlap | Local Roads | Highways |
| City | Parcels | Condominium | Tax Parcel | Private Road | US Highway |
| Village | Road Reservation | Gap | | Town/Public Road | State Highway |





Note:

- Proposal does not contemplate connection to the east driveway



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Attachment: Highland Road Right-of-Way (5982 : Highland Road Bike/Pedestrian Spur)



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Office of Engineering

TO: Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission
FROM: Kristen Lundeen, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
DATE: January 14, 2021
SUBJECT: Annual Review of 2010-2030 Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission Recommendations

Background

Typically, the Commission reviews its prioritized list of projects on an annual basis. Due to the impact of the 2020 meeting schedule, this effort was not completed in 2020.

Analysis

The basis for the list of projects is the 2010-2030 Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission Recommendations report. Historically, the Commission arranged the projects in a prioritized order to be able to focus on the highest prioritized projects and advocate for funding and implementation.

The Commission should review the prioritized list and provide feedback so that a draft 2021 version can be discussed and approved at the March meeting.

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal impact is typically at the time of construction/implementation.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission review the 2019 list at the February meeting and provide feedback for staff to present a draft 2021 version at the March meeting for review and approval.

Attachments:

2010-2030 Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission Recommendations-2019 (PDF)

Priority	Location	Projects
1	Mequon/OIT	Grade Separation at Mequon Rd & the OIT
2	Donges Bay Rd	OIT - Flatten curve at substation
3	Donges Bay Road	Continue 5' marked shoulders beyond Grasslyn Rd to River Rd
4	Various	Bike Path Ahead Signs
5	Mequon/Thiensville	Create a Grant Plan
6	Highland Rd	4' Bike lane - OIT to Wasaukee Rd
7	River Road	4' Paved Shoulder, Heiderl Rd - Freistadt Rd
8	Lake Shore Drive	Re-Striping-Glen Oaks to Mequon Rd
9	Lake Shore Drive	4' Bike Lanes (including Zedler Ln)
10	Donges Bay Rd	2-way, off-road trail-Lemke Park to Wasaukee Rd (south side)
11	County Line Road	4' lanes - Rangeline Rd to River Rd
12	Range Line Road	4' Lanes County Line Rd - Mequon Rd
13	Pioneer Road	4' Bike lane - Davis Rd to Wasaukee Rd
14	Port Washington Rd	Extend 4' Lanes and Sidewalks to hospital
15	Port Washington Rd	Off Road Bike path East of Pt Washington Rd Between Fairy Chasm and Zedler Ln
16	Thiensville	Connection 400-500 block Main St to OIT

Completed Projects

Priority	Location	Projects
2015 1	Ozaukee Interurban Trail	Relocation around WE Energies Substation
2015 9	Donges Bay Road	4' lanes - Lake Shore Dr to Port Washington Rd
2015 1	County Line Road	4' lanes – Cedarburg Rd to Swan Rd
2016 17	County Line Road	5' paved shoulder added to North side of County Line Rd
2016 2	Green Bay Road	4' lanes – From Lake Bluff Rd to Highland Rd
2016 2	Donges Bay Road	Add improved signage at intersection with OIT
2018 1	Donges Bay Road	5' marked lanes - Cedarburg Rd to Wauwatosa Rd
2018 5	Mequon/Thiensville	Develop a Bike Rack Plan

Deleted Projects

Priority	Location	Projects
2016 6	Swan Road	Sign directing east to Nature Center
2016 28	Green Bay Road	4' lanes – From Highland Rd to Pioneer
2016 3	Freistadt Road	Signs routing bikes to Riverview Dr

State Projects

Priority	Location	Projects
2016 9	Wauwatosa Road	Stripe and Sign bike/ped lanes – South of Mequon
2016 14	Mequon Road	4' lanes - Swan Rd to Wasaukee Rd
2016 18	Port Washington Road	4' bike lane - Katherine Dr to County Line Rd
2016 21	Mequon Road	Continue Sidewalks to Meadowbrook Dr and Whilton Rd

Low Feasibility

Priority	Location	Projects
2016 8	Highland Road	Off-road Path - Rotary Park to Laurel Ln
2016 10	Swan Road	Hiking trail - Concord Dr. to Nature Center -Tied to Swan Rd Reconst
2016 11	Mequon Road	4' lanes - I-43 overpass to Lake Shore Dr
2016 19	River Road	Lac du Cours off-road bike/ped path
2016 22	River Road	Bike/Ped Bridge over Milwaukee River –Mequon to Mequon-N of Dam
2016 15	Donges Bay Road	Bike/Ped bridge over Milwaukee River - Across Donges Bay

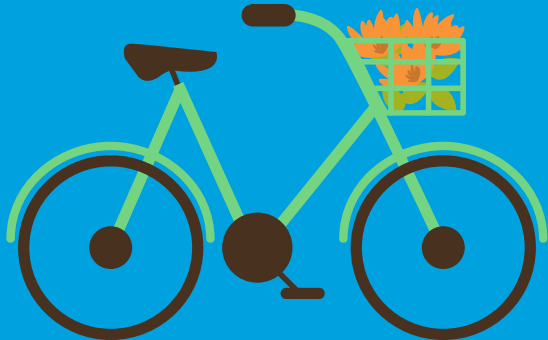
Our Mission

The mission of the joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission is to advise the Mequon Common Council and Thiensville Village Board regarding creation, revisions to and implementation of a city and village-wide master plan for bike and pedestrian ways and trails accessible to bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as to promote bicycling and pedestrian safety.

Membership

The Commission consists of seven voting members. Four of the members as citizen members from the City of Mequon and three members are appointed from the Village of Thiensville.

Visitors and comments from the community are welcomed and encouraged at the Commission's monthly meetings. Check the city's website for meeting dates and times.



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Bicycle & Pedestrian Safe in Mequon and Thiensville

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Attachment: Mequon-Thiensville Bike Commission Brochure (5981 : Bike Safety Brochure)

Riding on the Ozaukee Interurban Trail

The Ozaukee Interurban Trail is a 30 mile paved trail that spans the entire length of Ozaukee County and connects the communities of Mequon, Thiensville, Cedarburg, Grafton, Port Washington, and Belgium using the right-of-way owned by We Energies. The trail is shared by many members of the communities for walking, family bike rides, bicycle commuters, and professional and recreational bicyclists.

There are many safety considerations riders, walkers, and automobiles crossing the trail should consider. Find more information about the trail at www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/553/interurban-trail

Bikers are allowed to ride on the sidewalk in Mequon and Thiensville.

While utilizing the sidewalk, please yield right-of-way to pedestrians and exercise due care. Also, when passing another bicyclist or pedestrian in the same direction, make sure to let them know you are coming with an audible alert.

For more in-depth rules of the sidewalk, see City of Mequon Ordinance 82-93.

Top Safety Tips 4.c.1.a

1 Obey traffic laws

Bicycles need to stop at stop signs and traffic signals, and they need to obey all other rules of the road. Bicyclists shall ride in the same direction as traffic.

2 Make eye contact

Bicycles should make eye contact with motorists when trying to cross at a cross walk. Cross when safe to do so.

3 Share the road and sidewalks

Motorists share the road with bicyclists and bicyclists share the sidewalk with pedestrians. Motorists should be aware and provide the bicyclist with at least 3 feet when passing the roadway. Bicyclists should be kind and give an audible warning when passing a pedestrian on the sidewalk.

4 Wear bright colors when bicycling so that you can be seen

We can work together to make our streets and communities safer if we follow the ordinances and general safety practices.





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Office of Engineering

TO: Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission
FROM: Kristen Lundeen, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
DATE: January 14, 2021
SUBJECT: OIT Crossing at Mequon Road

Background

Staff is providing an update on the Mequon Road corridor and OIT crossing improvements. Please see the concept plan attached to this memo.

The safety of the OIT crossing on Mequon Road has been a concern for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists. With a fatality last summer at the Ozaukee Interurban Trail (OIT) crossing on Pioneer Road, an increased number of OIT users and motorists have asked for the City to take action.

In addition to concerns regarding the safety of the OIT crossing, increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic related to the success of the Spur 16 development brought concerns regarding safety at the Mequon Road and Weston Drive (formerly Industrial Drive) intersection. With increased traffic volume anticipated for the Foxtown Development, the traffic impact analysis (TIA) indicated that at full build out, a traffic signal would be warranted at the intersection.

From staff's perspective, if improvements are contemplated for the OIT crossing on Mequon Road, it should consider the future installation of the traffic signal at Weston Drive, including any crosswalk or other improvements for the intersection or turn lanes. The design of the traffic signal and timing for the Weston Drive intersection should also otherwise consider the Buntrock Avenue traffic signal and potential improvements at that intersection.

In consideration of all those elements, staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the design of the Mequon Road traffic signals at the Weston Drive and Buntrock Avenue intersections, as well as the design of a safe crossing at the OIT. The design would then be comprehensive and consider how all the infrastructure would work together. The documents would then also provide a potential phasing plan, so that the City can determine which improvements would be constructed and in which order.

The contract award for that RFP was approved by the Common Council in April and May, and ultimately the Common Council directed the consultant and staff to pursue a Danish crossing, with a narrowing of the cross section of Mequon Road and other traffic calming devices. The next step was to meet with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to determine if the improvements would be permitted.

As the project evolved beyond a design for the Ozaukee Interurban Trail crossing and traffic signals to include a new, narrowed cross section with traffic calming elements, the cost for design and generation of construction plans increased. Coupled with the additional data and analysis required by WisDOT, the level of effort exceeded those identified in the original contract. As a result, the City was in a position to award a second design contract for the revised

project scope. That contract was awarded in November.

Analysis

The original consultant and City staff met with WisDOT in June. From that meeting, WisDOT requested additional data and updated analysis for the proposed traffic signal at Weston Drive. WisDOT indicated that while the future traffic demand after complete build-out of the Foxtown Ventures development met the warrants for the installation of a traffic signal, WisDOT staff expressed concern both with installation of the traffic signal before warrants are met and with the proximity to the Buntrock Avenue traffic signal and railroad crossing. WisDOT requested further analysis under varying scenarios to consider permitting the traffic signal.

WisDOT did provide preliminary and conceptual approval of the Danish Crossing improvements for the Ozaukee Interurban Trail (OIT), as well as crosswalk and signal modifications for the Buntrock Avenue intersection and traffic calming within the corridor.

As a result of that request and further review of the level of effort requested from WisDOT, City staff recognized that the design effort could not be completed for the contract amount previously approved.

City staff worked with the consultant to identify the work that could be completed under the existing contract to allow data gathering and analysis to continue. Given the scale of the change order that would be required for the design, City staff determined that it should issue a revised Request for Proposals (RFP) for the remaining design work. It is anticipated that WisDOT will provide a final determination on what will be permitted for construction under current traffic conditions in December/January.

That second contract award included the following tasks:

1. OIT Danish Crossing improvements as shown on the concept plan.
2. Temporary and permanent signal modification design plans for Mequon Road with Buntrock Road.
3. Signal Design and pavement marking at Mequon Road with Weston Drive. The sidewalk improvements between Weston Drive and the OIT crossing shall also be included in this phase.
4. Road narrowing, right turn lanes, tapers on Mequon Road from Buntrock Road to Cedarburg Road.

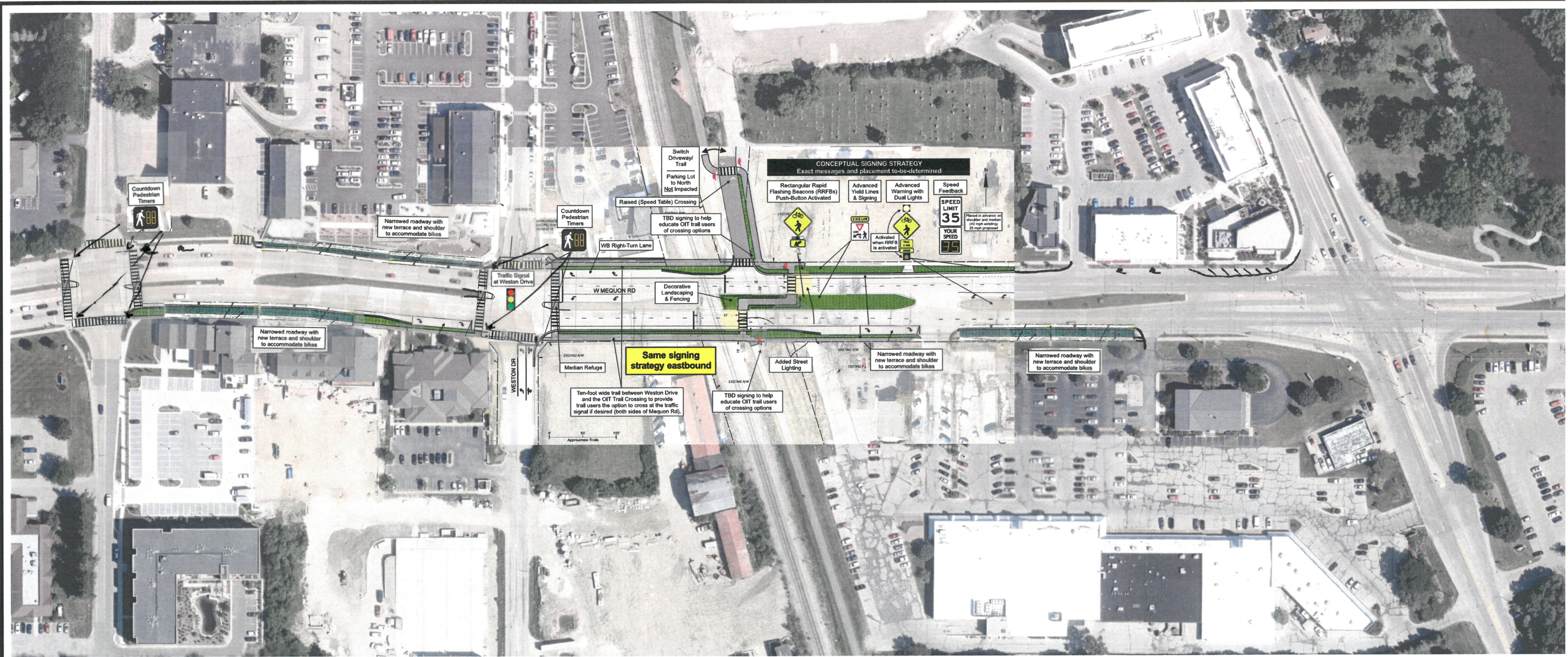
By separating the proposal into phases, the City has the option to move forward with all or a portion of the design work. If WisDOT will not allow the traffic signal at Weston Drive, for example, the City could still move forward with design and permitting for the other improvements. Staff is requesting authorization of all of the tasks, with a provision for staff to execute the contract on a task/phase basis. This allows the design to continue concurrent to the WisDOT submittals, but not authorize tasks until they are otherwise permitted by WisDOT.

Fiscal Impact

All elements proposed in the RFP are TIF eligible expenses, therefore staff proposes the utilization of TIF funding for design and construction. However, those specific fiscal decisions will be determined by the Common Council at a future meeting.

Attachments:

Mequon Road Corridor Concept Plan(PDF)



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TO: Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission
FROM: Kristen Lundeen, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
DATE: March 4, 2021
SUBJECT: 2019 Mequon Community Survey Results

Background

In 2019, the City of Mequon mailed a community wide survey to property owners. Per the City's website:

The City of Mequon launched its 2019 Community-Wide Survey in May of that year. The 2019 Survey built on previous survey efforts to gauge community feedback in 2012, 2005 and 1998. The 2019 survey sought input from residents on a variety of topics, including: land use, development, quality of life, and satisfaction with City services. The survey contained 30 questions, and all questionnaires had to be completed and postmarked by Friday, June 14, 2019. If a household contained more than one adult member, an additional copy could have been filled out online or by requesting an additional paper copy of the survey. The City partnered with the Strategic Research Institute at St. Norbert College and Neighborhood Analytics, LLC to ensure confidentiality and accurate data analyses of the 2019 survey.

Survey results play a significant role in shaping priorities for the community and launching important projects within the City. Following completion of the 2019 Community Survey, the Mequon Common Council has been and will continue to refer to these results when considering various policy matters over the next several years. Please see the below documents to view the final survey report and appendixes.

The survey, the reports and appendixes are available here:
<https://www.ci.mequon.wi.us/community/page/community-survey>.

Analysis

While the Committee may have an interest in all of the results, the "Parks and Pathways" section begins on Page 31 and continues through Page 33.

Fiscal Impact

While several of the survey results showed support for funding pedestrian and bicycle facilities, neither the FY2020 nor FY2021 budget included capital funding for pedestrian and bicycle facilities.



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Office of Engineering

TO: Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission
FROM: Kristen Lundeen, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
DATE: March 4, 2021
SUBJECT: Bikeway: 2021 Road Program

Background

As of the date of packet publication, the recommendations for the 2021 Road Program were not released. Engineering staff will present the recommendations at the March 9th Public Works Committee meeting. Packets are generally issued the Thursday prior to the meeting, or March 4th. If the information is available ahead of the scheduled Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Committee, it can be presented at the meeting.

Packets are posted on the City's website.

Public Works Committee meetings are being held virtually and can be attended by any member of the public. If members want to speak at the meeting, they must register prior to the meeting. Details and instructions are included at the top of the agenda.

Analysis

In general, staff includes the 2020-2030 plan recommendations when recommending the reconstruction of roads. Please note that only road reconstruction projects would contemplate bicycle/pedestrian facilities, not road rehabilitation projects.

Fiscal Impact

Currently, the City has not budgeted for pedestrian/bicycle capital projects. Therefore, the Public Works Committee and Common Council would have to consider utilizing funding for the road program for infrastructure expenditures.