

September 18, 2024

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The PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMISSION (PWAC) met in the Bell Building 2nd Floor Meeting Room at 215 “D” Street. Council Liaison and Chair Kathy Schroeder called the meeting to order at approximately 12:04 p.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:* Laura Wright, Brent Bourassa, Lytonia “LT” Gardee, and Kayleigh Philippi

*CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS PRESENT:* Chair and Councilor Kathy Schroeder

*STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:* Dustin Johnson, Public Works Director and Haley Kelley, Public Works Specialist

*OTHERS PRESENT:* Melissa Cleveland, PE, Senior Project Manager with Welch Comer & Associates

**II. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Schroeder explained that all items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these issue unless a Commissioner so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under “Items Moved From the Consent Agenda.”

Commissioner Bourassa and Wright moved and seconded, respectively, approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

**A. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES: - Action Item**

**IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Johnson provided updates and answered questions on previous agenda topics with a focus on the Main Street Reconstruction Project.

**V. ACTIVE AGENDA**

**A. MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT - TRAFFIC CIRCULATION: - Presentation**

Director Johnson provided a brief overview and explanation that the project was being pursued under a General Obligation (GO) bond which will be voted on in May 2025. He introduced Melissa Cleveland, PE, Senior Project Manager with Welch Comer & Associates to the commission for a high level presentation on the preliminary traffic for the project.

Ms. Cleveland explained that models presented today are at 10% design level and are dependent on feedback from the community, impacted property owners, the steering committee, and staff. She said that the next public meeting was scheduled for October 1st and would be focused on businesses and property owners along Main and D Streets.

The commission provided the following feedback to Ms. Cleveland and to staff:

<b>Commissioner Comments</b>	<b>Consultant &amp; Staff Comments</b>
<b>Commissioners Bourassa and Wright expressed concern over the length of the existing turn lane on the levee bypass.</b>	Ms. Cleveland said that traffic counts were not conducted at the D Street and levee bypass intersection but that it would be considered.
<b>Commissioners Wright and Gardee expressed frustration over the current quantity of parking stalls and shared concern that the redesign would exacerbate the issue.</b>	Ms. Cleveland said that Welch Comer would compare parking stall quantities between the existing and proposed configurations.  Mr. Johnson said that while there is a public perception of deficient parking, an inventory showed that the number of stalls for businesses is adequate but that increased wayfinding signs for public parking would be beneficial.
<b>Ms. Wright recommended increased green space from 9th Street to 11th Street.</b>	Ms. Cleveland said that a boulevard and sidewalk buffers were in the model presented today.
<b>Mr. Bourassa expressed concern over angled parking stalls and the difficulties posed by oversized vehicles.</b>	Ms. Cleveland explained that the steering committee is deliberating the parking stall configuration, but feedback has been that parking stalls should be consistent along the corridor.
<b>Ms. Wright expressed concern over the impact parking stall configuration would have on winter storm maintenance.</b>	
<b>Mr. Bourassa asked how the redesign would impact public events.</b>	Mr. Johnson said if Main and D Streets were two-way, it would ease traffic control for the events. Ms. Cleveland echoed Mr. Johnson.
<b>Mr. Bourassa questioned how an increase in bike paths would work with road switchbacks.</b>	Mr. Johnson said that the switchback on Snake River Avenue heading to Prospect Ave is being addressed in a separate project slated for next year.
<b>Ms. Wright said two-way traffic would necessitate new traffic signals.</b>	Ms. Cleveland said that the existing signals have outlived their lifespan and need updating regardless.
<b>Mr. Bourassa asked if there were opportunities to remove more cross-streets.</b>	Ms. Cleveland said that further discussion with adjacent businesses and property owners would be needed. Mr. Johnson echoed Ms. Cleveland.
<b>Ms. Wright questioned if feedback had been received on the feasibility of delivery trucks on a two-way Main Street.</b>	Ms. Cleveland said that this topic was expected to be discussed at the October 1st meeting but that preliminary ideas included time-restricted parking stalls which would require more concrete delivery schedules for businesses, but which is a common practice in other cities.

VI. ITEMS MOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - Action Item

VII. UNFINISHED & NEW BUSINESS

A. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: - Action Item

None.

B. STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS: - Action Item

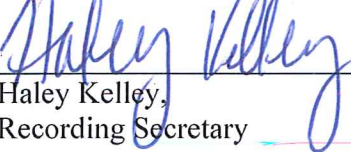
Director Johnson said that he would be leaning on the commission for feedback on the Main Street Reconstruction Project as it progresses.


C. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: - Action Item

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business, Commissioners Wright and Bourassa moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4-0 and the Public Works Advisory Commission adjourned at approximately 1:14 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
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Haley Kelley,  
Recording Secretary

  
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Chairperson or Acting Chairperson  
Public Works Advisory Commission

Approved this 16 day of October, 2024