

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**April 4, 2012 2:05 – 3:00 PM**  
**City Council Chambers**

**Members Present:** Jason Wiener (chair), Ed Childers, Dick Haines, Marilyn Marler, Dave Strohmaier, Jon Wilkins, Adam Hertz, Alex Taft

**Members Absent:** Bob Jaffe, Caitlin Copple, Mike O'Herron

**Others Present:** Doug Harby, Monte Sipe, Jeremy Keene, Tom Tabler, Gregg Wood, James Moody, Bill Evans

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of the minutes of – [March 28, 2012](#) – Approved as submitted.
- B. Announcements – Doug Harby, Construction Project Manager, gave an update on subsidies for sidewalk orders. In looking at projects currently ordered, including 6<sup>th</sup> and Lolo Street, it was estimated that \$250,000 to \$300,000 would be subsidized at this time.
- C. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items – Bill Evans commented on the litter ordinance. He stated litter was a serious problem that needed to be enforced. Bus stops should be provided with garbage cans so those waiting for the bus do not throw trash on the ground. People should also have to pick up litter on or in front of their residential or commercial property.
- D. Held and Ongoing Agenda Items – Item to be removed.

Jason Wiener asked that the following item be removed from Held and Ongoing Agenda Items. If necessary, it will be re-referred at a later date:

- Review the requirement for PVC pipe for sewer connection. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Jason Wiener) (Referred to committee: 04/02/12)

**II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. Bid award for curb and sidewalk improvements Project 09-005: Safe Routes Crossings – Missoula. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Monte Sipe) (Referred to committee: 04/02/12) (REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

**Motion: The committee recommends City Council award the bid for Project 09-005, Safe Routes Crossings - Missoula Improvements, to CSS Contracting for the base bid of \$105,777.67, Bid Alternate #1 of \$18,970.74, Bid Alternate #2 of \$15,000.00, and a total contract amount of \$139,748.41, and authorize return of bid bonds.**

Doug Harby, Construction Project Manager, explained that the purpose of the project was to improve crossings around schools. The project included installing curb ramps for access, cross walks, and parking preventers and CSS Contracting was the low bidder. The base bid includes ramps and improvements at Lewis and Clark School, Paxson School, Lowell School, and Franklin School. Bid alternative number two includes several more ramps at Lewis and Clark School towards the west end at Queen and Benton. Bid alternative number three includes epoxy painting crosswalks for the schools included in the noted projects. Engineering wanted all bid alternatives be awarded; however the total bid was slightly higher than the funds set aside for the project due to the expense of the epoxy paint being used in the crosswalks. The Public Works Director agreed to contribute gas tax funds so the crosswalks could be painted with epoxy paint, especially since it will save the city money in the long run since epoxy paint lasts longer than the water based paint normally used. Mr. Harby requested that the motion be granted.

Staff/Committee Discussion was as follows:

Committee member was concerned about the parking preventer at Park and Benton. Constituent in the area and city bus driver felt they were unsafe in this area.

*Mr. Harby explained that the parking preventers that would be used were 20 foot long and they would only be placed 2 feet inside the parking lane, these preventers take up less space than a parked car. This would prevent cars from parking right up to the crosswalk. If the parking preventer became a safety issue in the future it could easily be relocated to a different area, but this style of parking preventer had never been used by the city so Public Works wanted to at least try it.*

Alex Taft made the motion as stated above. Hearing no public comment or committee discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution to confirm final order of curb and sidewalk improvements in the Lolo St. – Bridge to Duncan Dr. Area - Project 10-019. (memo)—Regular Agenda (Monte Sipe) (REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

**Motion: The committee recommends the City Council review bids for the curb and sidewalk improvement project adjacent to properties on Lolo Street – Bridge to Duncan Drive area, and adopt a resolution to confirm the final ordering of curb and sidewalk improvements.**

3. Bid award for curb and sidewalk improvements Project 10-019: Lolo Street – Bridge to Duncan Dr. (memo)—Regular Agenda (Monte Sipe) (Referred to committee: 04/02/12) (REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

**Motion: The committee recommends City Council award the bid for Project 10-019, Curb and Sidewalk Improvements adjacent to properties on Lolo Street – Bridge to Duncan Dr. area, to HM Concrete, LLC, for the sum of \$125,172.29 and authorize return of bid bonds.**

Doug Harby stated that the motions were being brought forward in an effort to construct the remainder of Lolo Street. The project included installing curbs and sidewalk between the bridge and Duncan Drive. Sidewalk would be installed on the south side of Lolo Street only. Sharon's Garden's Subdivision granted an easement to the city during subdivision review for the development. CTEP funding is being used for four other properties to the east of Sharon's Gardens that granted the city easements and one property on Cales Court with a high assessment to offset the cost of installation. The bids came in lower than expected so there will be extra CTEP money available.

Dave Strohmaier made motions to approve both items. There was no public comment.

Doug Harby stated that since this order was being confirmed after January 1, 2012 that it would be eligible for any additional sidewalk funding that might be approved by Council in the future. Monte Sipe, Senior Construction Projects Coordinator, explained that there were two projects ordered last year including Lolo Street and 6<sup>th</sup> and Schilling anticipating that they would be constructed in 2012. Both of these projects will be included in the bond sale for 2012.

Hearing no further discussion, the two motions carried unanimously.

4. Approve the WGM Group, Inc., engineering services agreement for the South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Improvements Project. (memo)—Regular Agenda (Monte Sipe) (Referred to committee: 04/02/12) (REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

**Motion: The committee recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the WGM Group, Inc., Engineering Services Agreement for the South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$151,137.00.**

Doug Harby stated that the engineering services agreement was being presented to engage in the initial design stage for South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street improvements with WGM Group, Inc. This agreement was for a

30% design to determine what property acquisition would be needed for the project and to get the public meetings with neighborhood residents scheduled.

Jeremy Keene and Tom Tabler came to the meeting as representatives from WGM Group, Inc. Mr. Keene stated that the project was initially started in 1998, so it was good to be working on it again. Tom Tabler would be the project manager of the design stage for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The task at hand was to define the project scope and what right-of-way would be required. The design cost discussed in the environmental impact statement (EIS) was eleven million dollars, and they needed to figure out how to do it for less money while following the federal requirements of the EIS.

Consultant/Committee/Staff Discussion was as follows:

A committee member discussed the requirement in the EIS for traffic signals. If the residents in the area supported roundabouts instead of traffic signals would that be allowed under the current EIS?

*Mr. Keene stated that the preferred alternative in the EIS called for traffic signals. Roundabouts were a possibility, however the corridor would need to be reevaluated to see if it would change or impact the current project.*

Since the funding sources for this project were different could a roundabout alternative be accommodated in the current record of decision?

*Mr. Keene explained that the project was now federalized and it was important not to jeopardize the work that had already gone into the current EIS. Gregg Wood, Utility and Project Coordinator, explained that flexibility could be maintained by proceeding with the cross section in the record of decision. Once enough time passed maybe the city could demonstrate that capacity would be low enough, based on traffic counts, that a roundabout would work. There were no 4F properties that limited roundabouts in the area; it came down to capacity of the roadway.*

A committee member noted that the River Road area neighborhood (Orchard Homes area) had not been mentioned as part of the public involvement process. He wanted to make sure that they were invited to the public meetings.

Alex Taft made the motion to approve the agreement amending Attachment A and B taking out any reference to “traffic signal” and changing it to “traffic control and design.”

Jeremy Keene added that once WGM Group had a 30% design a roundabout could be discussed in more detail.

Hearing no public comment or further discussion, the amended motion carried unanimously.

### **III. ITEM TO BE REMOVED FROM HELD AND ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Review the requirement for PVC pipe for sewer connection. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Jason Wiener) (Referred to committee: 04/02/12)

### **IV. HELD AND ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Resolution to change the speed limit on Reserve Street between Brooks and 39<sup>th</sup> Street. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Wayne Gravatt) (Referred to committee: 01/24/2011)
2. Discuss the timing of various traffic lights around the city. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 09/26/2011)
3. Discuss the school speed zones. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 09/26/11)

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Heidi J. Bakula, Program Specialist, City Public Works Department