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Date: January 31, 2022

To: Finance Committee

From: Rodney J. Scheel
Director of Planning & Development

Subject: Jefferson Street Pedestrian Bridge

The 2022 Budget includes borrowing for replacement of the Jefferson Street Pedestrian Bridge. You will recall in 2020 we made basic repairs to the bridge structure to extend the life of the bridge until the bridge can be replaced. We understand that these repairs are temporary and we are continuing to work towards replacement of the bridge.

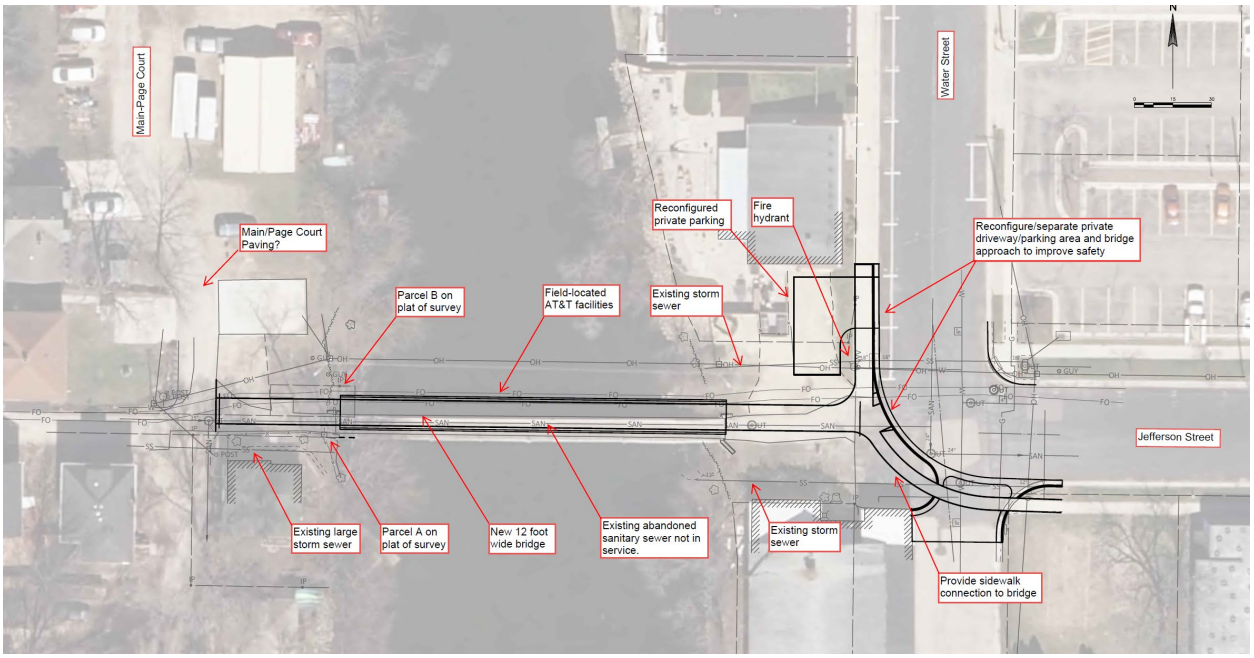
However, we are not in a position to move forward with the construction of this bridge in 2022. The preliminary design has raised a few items that will need to be reconciled before we can advance this project. The issues that were brought to light are:

- Preliminary design shows it will require easement and property acquisition of "Parcel B" on the west side of the river (and other temporary easements).
- AT&T's facilities will also likely need to be relocated. AT&T may also have an easement on Parcel B that may affect the acquisition of this parcel.
- Currently, we understand that state law currently prohibits condemnation of land for bike and pedestrian facilities.
- Recreation planning discussions have included initial consideration of a pedestrian/bike bridge to be located south of Jefferson Street to connect the millpond area to Veterans Park.
- In November 2020, temporary repairs were made to reopen the Jefferson Street Pedestrian Bridge. While not intended to take the place of replacement, they did address short-term safety concerns.

Therefore, we recommend that this project be removed from the 2022 CIP Project list and be considered for a future year.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

cc. Mayor Tim Swadley
Director of Public Works Brett Hebert
Recreation Director Dan Glynn



Public Works Committee
Thursday, February 17th, 2022
(Virtual Meeting)

Members Present: Tom Majewski, Lisa Reeves, Kay Rashka, Rachel Venegas, Fred Hundt, Kathy Esch and Mayor Swadley

Absent/Excused:

Staff: Public Works Director Brett Hebert, Director of Planning Rodney Scheel, and Jennifer Wagner – PW Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Call to Order: *Majewski* called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

1) Communications:

- *Hebert* stated we've been fortunate enough to avoid a lot of snow this winter however, it has left us with an excessive amount of salt leftovers. He is working to utilize neighbors for storage space.

2) Approve January 20th, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Reeves seconded by Hundt to approve the minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business:

3) Review and Approve the Hwy 51 Roundabout Landscaping Design and Layout:

Hebert presented the Saiki finalized plans and where each concept will be placed at each location throughout the City. Discussion was had about when current roundabouts would be rehabbed and *Hebert* stated that would start this spring.

Motion by Reeves, seconded by Venegas to approve. Motion carried 6-0

New Business:

4) Review and Approve the DOT SMFA Agreement Regarding Segment 2A on Hwy 51 (Main ST) from Fifth St to Spring Rd:

Scheel presented cost allocations from the DOT as they are preparing plans for the 2025 reconstruction and showed how portions of the project are allocated to the City. The DOT standard lighting would be a 50/50 cost split but if there were upgrades made, it would be at the City's cost. Discussion was had about keeping all light the same vs. changing from sides of town; east to west.

Motion by Reeves, seconded by Venegas to recommend this go to Council for approval. Motion carried 6-0

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5) Update on the 2022 Reconstruction and Pulverization Projects – Public Meeting to Follow at 7:00pm at the Fire Station:

Hebert presented a map of specific roads that are part of the project however, most are not necessarily pulverization projects but rather reconstruction as in grading, curb & gutter and storm sewer issues. The only pulverization project that will be moved to the 2023 CIP will be Bickley Ct. A public meeting was held afterwards to discuss further.

6) Update Regarding the Jefferson St Bridge Project:

Scheel stated that the 2022 budget included borrowing for the replacement of the bridge however, that we are not in a position to move forward due state law that prohibits condemnation of land for bike and pedestrian facilities. The bridge is still in good repair and in good condition to safely use.

Motion by Reeves, seconded by Venegas to recommend that this project be removed from 2022 CIP Project and considered for the following year. Motion carried 6-0

7) Future Agenda Items:

Minimum Terrace Width for New Development

Minimum Landscape Maintenance Standards for Commercial Properties

Pedestrian Safety Features at Round-abouts

Tour of the Public Works Facility

8) Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Reeves, seconded by Venegas to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm. Motion carried 6-0

Respectfully submitted by Jen Wagner

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