

Infrastructure Committee

Minutes

DECEMBER 23, 2014

ATTENDEES

Councilors:

Gibran Graham
Nelson Durgin

David Nealley
Sean Faircloth

Joshua Plourde

Staff:

Dana Wardwell

John Theriault

Others:

David Mahoney

Caroline Eaton

Michelle Benoit

Agenda

1. Bangor Gas Company Easement Request: Bangor International Airport, Building 123 & 210 Maine Avenue Gas Service

John explained this easement will enable Bangor Gas Company, LLC to install an underground gas line across City property to provide service to Bangor International Airport Building 123 & 210 Maine Avenue.

Vote: Councilor Sprague moved, and it was seconded.

2. Essex Street Paved Shoulder

Dana explained on May 13, 2014 he recommended to the Infrastructure Committee that the City not widen three streets as planned as part of our FY15 paving program. The three streets were outer Ohio Street, Davis Road between Union Street and Ohio Street and outer Essex Street. The estimated savings by not widening these three streets was \$350,000. The Infrastructure Committee approved the recommendation. Ohio Street and Davis Road had been paved and Essex Street had been shimmed with the surface layer to be applied in the spring.

A group of residents had requested reconsideration of this decision and widen outer Essex Street. Since Essex Street had only been shimmed, it was possible to accommodate the request. Before the surface layer is applied, staff recommended milling and paving a seven foot wide strip on edge of pavement and shoulder of the inbound lane. This would create a 2-3 foot wide paved shoulder for pedestrians and bicycles on the inbound lane. The additional cost for this was estimated to be \$72,432.

There was continued discussion of the project being funded by a bonded capital money and the location of the work to be on a 6,000 foot stretch from Burleigh out.

Residents: David Mahoney, Caroline Eaton, and Michelle Benoit spoke to the Committee about safety for pedestrians and bicyclists and their support for the widening.

Vote: Unanimous. Councilor Sprague moved and Councilor Durgin seconded to move item to Council for approval and public commentary.

3. Update: Broadway Corridor Study

John stated the Advisory Committee met on November 20, 2014 and a Public Meeting was held on December 16, 2014. There the consultant provided a powerpoint presentation and allowed for public input. John indicated as soon as the powerpoint presentation and minutes were available he would post them on the City website.

The area of the study would focus on a 4300 foot strip of Broadway, between Grandview Avenue and the I95 ramps. The daily traffic volume count was 25,000 and frequent accidents. The study would focus on the level of services, which that strip is rated D & E levels. Also to be studied would be the long delays, driveway potential readjustments, and pedestrian/bicycle use.

Vote: No Action Necessary, Informational Only

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