

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

October 8, 2020 – VIA Zoom

4:20 PM – 4:50 PM

Chair to call the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes from the September 17, 2020 Meeting.
2. Transportation Benefit District and I-976 Update (Discussion Item – 30 minutes)

Staff will update the Committee on the challenges to the TBD due to I-976.

DRAFT Des Moines City Council Transportation Committee Minutes – 9/17/2020

Meeting called to order: 3:00 PM on September 17, 2020 via Zoom

Council Members

Matt Mahoney (Chair)
Matt Pina (Vice-Chair)
JC Harris

City Staff

Michael Matthias – City Manager
Brandon Carver – Public Works Director
Beth Anne Wroe – Finance Director
Andrew Merges – City Engineer
Matt Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney
Jodi Grager – Admin Assistant

Guests: Council Members Traci Buxton and Anthony Martinelli, Cori O'Brien

AGENDA:

1. Approval of 7/09/2020 meeting minutes
2. 2021-2026 CIP Project Updates

MEETING:

1. 7/09/2020 meeting minutes unanimously approved
2. 2021-2026 CIP Project Updates – Public Works Director Brandon Carver introduced this item as a review of the status of Transportation projects on the Capital Improvement Plan. The CIP Report is posted on the City's website. City Engineer Andrew Merges briefly reviewed completed projects and shared a tracking report of current CIP projects. (See Attachment).
Committee Chair Mahoney indicated Des Moines citizen, Cori O'Brien was attending this meeting in order to bring attention to the recently installed Redondo "No Parking" signs. Mr. Mahoney acknowledged that public comment is not generally included at committee meetings, but gave permission for Ms. O'Brien to address the committee. Ms. O'Brien indicated the homeowners in the Redondo neighborhood are frustrated with the new parking restrictions due to residents or their guests receiving parking tickets. Director Carver described the Residential Parking Zone is a result of efforts to alleviate consistent parking issues in this neighborhood, but there is room for improvement in the plan. Staff are currently looking at providing residents with parking permits.

Committee members were invited to participate in a round of CIP questions and answers. The discussion included:

- Funding issues with arterial street paving
- Description of how Transportation Improvement Plan projects are prioritized
- Redondo paid parking plan
- Arterial traffic calming resources
- Marina Bulkhead
- Downtown alley undergrounding utilities and pavement restoration
- Redondo area parking and street lighting
- S 240th St/ MVDS Intersection
- Praise for the “Safe Routes for Kids” on 24th Ave S
- Accolades for the Transportation Departments efforts and organization of information on the CIP

A request for data regarding the radar feedback signs scoring was noted and will be provided to the committee.

Adjourned at 3:54 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jodi Grager, Admin Assistant



CITY OF DES MOINES TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT

Transportation Committee Update 10-8-2020

Program Background - Transportation Benefit District (TBD)

The Des Moines TBD, in accordance with 36.73 RCW, provided local jurisdictions legislative authority to create TBDs for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, providing, and funding transportation improvements consistent with state, regional, and local transportation plans and necessitated by existing or reasonable foreseeable congestion levels.

- \$20 Dec 2008 Annual Vehicle License TBD Fee – Street Fund Operations
- \$40 March 2015 Annual Vehicle License TBD Fee – Additional \$20 Arterial Street Preservation

Strategic Challenge – Initiative I-976

I-976 Limits on Motor Vehicle Taxes and Fees Measure – Approved November 5, 2019 by WA Voters

- Cap taxes on certain cars at \$30
- **End Transportation Benefit Districts**
- End various other local vehicle taxes

Des Moines TBD collects approximately \$1,000,000 per year to support street fund operations and arterial street preservation activities.

Current I-976 Status

- I-976 court case was heard by WA Supreme Court on June 30th, 2020 with no ruling
- Due to upcoming significant budgetary implications for WA, expected court ruling 4th Qtr. 2020
- Not expected to be appealed to Federal Courts if I-976 is upheld

Next Steps & Opportunities

- City holding collected TBD funds in case I-976 is upheld and payment becomes due
- City placed on hold all Arterial Pavement Preservation projects until court decision
- City advocating with WA legislature for need to maintain local funding tools as well as demonstrating strong support for funding programs such as the Transportation Improvement Board and Safe Routes to School
- Staff to develop recommendations and review impacts with future Council Committee if I-976 is upheld