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EXCERPT

HOLLIDAY 1st FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, February 28, 2023. The Public Infrastructure Committee members met at 11:00 A.M., with the following Committee members present: Emerson (Chair), Dobler, Hoferer.

The following is an excerpt of the draft minutes from the meeting:

APPROVAL of Amended Resolution No. 9338 2023-2032 CIP and the 2023-2025 CIB – Mill & Overlay Projects for 2023 Utilizing ½ Cent Sales Tax by the Committee.

2023 Preliminary Mill & Overlay Projects [video 46:40 minute mark]

Director Copley stated that City Manager Wade had provided him with a challenge to move the needle with improving the pavement throughout the city utilizing the city-wide half-cent sales tax. Staff was able to identify a list of potential projects at a cost of just under \$5M in hopes of accomplishing that goal of improving the pavement throughout the city. Staff also tried to target streets that had a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating between 45 and 65. The projects will allow for there to still be a mill & overlay to get a new street surface, but also keep the road base stable enough so that projects will only need to have mill & overlays with limited full-depth patching. Director Copley stated this would be an amendment to the 2023 CIP, identifying the additional projects and staff is seeking approval by the Committee to move it forward to the Governing Body for final approval. The goal is to get these projects completed within the 2023 construction season. This is a lofty goal, as there is only one asphalt manufacturer in Topeka, and there is a limited number of local contractors, however staff is wanting to do their best. City Manager Wade included that this request is to address 21 different street projects which includes more than 24 lane miles included in this request.

Committee member Dobler applauded the direction of City Manager and staff to work to bring these streets up and made a motion to move the request forward to the Governing Body for approval.

Chairman Emerson inquired about the request of an additional \$5M for street projects. He noted that he receives a number of constituent calls about 29th Street from California to Adams, and inquired if there were any projects already in the process to address this section? Director Copley stated the project is in the design process currently, and staff is negotiating the contract to get the consultant on board. The first section of this project will be Topeka Boulevard from 21st to 29th Street. The project will involve full-depth reconstruction of 21st and Topeka, which will also allow for placement of a waterline through that intersection. This placement will reduce the cost

to Utilities of that water line. From that point, it is mill & overlay with full-depth patching from 21st to 29th. Construction of this project will occur in 2024.

Chairman Emerson inquired if there were any future projects to address the area of 29th and Topeka Boulevard west to Burlingame, suggesting that possibly a mill & overlay would be sufficient to keep the PCI high enough to carry over for a few more years without requiring full reconstruction. He noted this stretch is bad and that without some sort of work being done, it will not be able to make it until the full reconstruction year. Director Copley was not aware of that location currently being part of any proposed street project. He will look into that.

Committee member Hoferer inquired about the bid process, and asked if this was bid as one total project by one contractor, or if it was awarded to multiple contractors as multiple projects? Director Copley responded that the plan would be to group these projects into five or six different pieces, which would reduce the cost for each smaller project thus also saving time with getting consultants on board due to not having to go through the full RFP process.

Committee member Hoferer inquired as to how long a mill & overlay for the Fairlawn project might take? Director Copley stated he would be able to get that information and meet with Committee member Hoferer at a later time. The sections that would involve full-depth patching would take longer than simple mill & overlay areas. He welcomed meeting with her at a later time, once the project design has been completed so that she could better understand what the timeframe may look like.

Committee member Hoferer inquired as to the consequences that would fall upon contractors who were not able to complete projects on time? Director Copley responded that projects would be over-wintered and that the contractors would only be paid after submitting app for the work that has actually been completed.

MOTION: Committee member Dobler made a motion to approve this moving forward to the Governing Body. Committee member Hoferer seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0-0.

Video of the meeting can be found at: https://youtu.be/8I-2Y_NyLRs
