



PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting

Date: April 2, 2012

Meeting Called to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:58 p.m.

Present: Jo Beth McFadden, Richard Morton, Donna Hawk, Bob Washburn, Kenneth Brink, Mike Riedmuller, Joe Procopio (Council Rep)

Staff Present: Bob Goebel, P.E., Director of Public Works; Pam Hutton, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works; Dan Sailer, P.E., Engineering Manager; Linda Angus, Administrative Supervisor

Absent: Robert Wells

Visitors: John Eddins, Jay Martin, Walter Loyola, Bruce McIntosh, Jerald Thelander, Mark Costello, Jon Intravia, Jeanne Batte, Gary Tate, Dana & Cathy Rabenberg, Charles Hysten, Greg Archer (all Castle Rock residents)

ITEM/SUBJECT	ACTION/BY	DISCUSSION/REPORT
Call to Order		Chair Jo Beth McFadden called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.
Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda		None
Minutes	Motion made by Commissioner Donna Hawk; seconded by Commissioner Bob Washburn	It was motioned, seconded and approved by the Public Works Commission, to accept the action minutes of March 5, 2012. Motion carries unanimously.
North Meadows Drive Extension Project – BNSF Railroad Crossing Alternatives - Dan Sailer		One of the goals that is listed as part of this project is that as we move into design, staff is consistently looking for opportunities for cost saving opportunities and the over/under railroad crossing option was one of the first items identified. Dan Sailer presented the alternative elements of both the under and over options as they relate to drainage, schedule and costs. Drainage issues with the road going under include a required excavation equivalent to a 3-story building; water quality ponds deeper than the over option; more costly and complex drainage system and possible flooding during storm events. Also, the costs of operation and maintenance once the drainage system is in place would be more costly. Scheduling of the project would be at risk and more complicated with the under option due to the coordination that would have to take place with the railroad and utility companies, and reliance on them to perform in a timely manner. Construction costs for the over option are less partly due to the fact that the existing track would not have to be relocated while constructing the new track that goes over the newly constructed underpass.

		<p>These over/under railroad crossing options were presented to the public at a recent open house held at Castle View High School on March 7. Some of feedback received from the public associated with both options were the visual impacts, noise, and headlight glare. Dan talked about the different mitigation of noise and headlight glare that could be accomplished if the over alternative was recommended. He also touched on future development in the area and presented renderings of how that might look for both the under and over options. The feedback received from the majority of the residents at the open house that filled out the comment sheets indicated that they preferred the over option.</p> <p>Based on the engineering elements and the public comments, staff is recommending the alternative to cross over the BNSF railroad.</p> <p>The Commission asked if the over option was selected, where would the savings go and could those funds be used for other projects? Staff's response was that any unspent funds would remain in transportation fund. The Commission requested and the staff provided additional clarification regarding the noise wall for the over option and drainage system requirement for the under option. The Commission also requested that due to the short line of sight, there should be a restricted right turn only coming out of the school exit. Staff will evaluate to see if the sight distance is an issue.</p> <p>Various questions/comments were made by six of the residents in attendance including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When will the "final" decision on the over/under railroad crossing be made? (At Town Council meeting on May 1.) • Is the Town confident in the bond money with the revenue streams declining? With the possibility of this project reducing property values, will the sales tax be raised to make up the difference to cover this project and others in Town? (The Town's Finance Department currently does not foresee any concerns with the issuance of bonds or funding for this project.) • Total cost to US85? (Phase 1 – which consists of two lanes with a full interchange at I-25 and a partial interchange at US85 for the over option is \$35M and for the under option \$37-38M.) • Does the property on the other side of the railroad tracks currently have an owner and does there exist a proposal for the development in that area? (Yes,
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Projects Update – Bob Goebel		An overview of current Public Works projects was provided to the Commission in their packets. Updates to these projects were discussed.
Council Comments – Joe Procopio		Joe wanted staff to know that he felt the presentation tonight to the Commission and residents attending regarding the N. Meadows Drive Extension Project – BNSF Railroad Crossing Alternatives went well. It should be obvious to everyone that this project is needed not only to help with traffic flow but also for safety. We don't know how this will effect property values; could increase them especially now with the hospital and with more commercial development going in - there's negative factors and also positive factors. One thing for sure - this project is needed.
Commission Comments/ Concerns		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission asked if there is currently a problem with the clearance allocation for the string of lights downtown. If so, is it going to be a constant problem with people “bringing down the lights”? Current clearance exceeds minimum standards and staff does not anticipate any additional problems. The repairs due to the accident were paid for by the Town, and we expect to be reimbursed by the driver's insurance company. • How's the Taxi Voucher Program doing with their budget? Rides have increased but staff will know more when they prepare the Quarterly Update to Council. Staff will also give an update to the Commission. • Kenneth Brink will be absent for the Public Works Commission meeting on May 7.
		There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting May 7 th .