

**Washington Area Highway Transportation Committee Meeting
Council Chambers of City Hall
405 Jefferson Street
Washington, Missouri 63090**

**Monday, July 27, 2020 at 8:00 AM
Minutes**

Present: Craig Mueller, Stephen O'Connor, Bill Straatmann, Mayor Lucy, Joe Holtmeier, Danny Cassette, Bill Miller, John Nilges, L.B. Eckelkamp, Steve Sullentrup, Tim Brinker

Absent: Ed Fischer, Ray Frankenberg II, Bob Engemann

Chairman Bill Straatmann opened the meeting with a roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Amtrak-John Nilges-The City has the opportunity for a Transportation Alternatives Program. It is an East West Gateway Grant, 80/20 cost share. There is an application that is open until the end of August for redoing the sidewalks, curb and gutter, everything on Front Street essentially, from Jefferson to Stafford. This would provide ADA access to the depot. Today there are some access points but it does not quite meet ADA. This is in compliance with our ADA Transition Plan. Current budget looks like it is about a million dollar project. Two hundred thousand it what the locals will be able to put up to get that grant. We will need to meet with the Historical Society with the pavers and everything else. It would be reconstruction essentially. This is very high level with all the businesses.

2. Highway 47/Missouri River Bridge-Stephen O'Connor-Tim Hellebusch, the project manager sent out an email stating that everything should be done the second week of August except for the lighting. They are having issues. There is a company out of Canada that wants to come down and check out the lighting but they are waiting until the COVID numbers go down in Missouri. Everything else is wrapping up. Tim and John are working on the trail on the Washington side of the bridge.

John Nilges-The causeway rock needs to come out of the river. There are two permits, one with the Army Corp of Engineers and the Fish & Wildlife Services and they both need to have this done. They sonar the river after the rock has been removed to make sure it is all out. That rock was a significant amount of material that has to be hauled out. We can't pave the trail because the rock had to come into this spot and has to leave this spot. So what we did, Kevin Kriete brought this to our attention, there is a wash out area along the trail, this portion was cutting into the trail section. So in order to keep this project moving along and to keep it moving fast, because the window of opportunity is very very short, we shut the trail down and moved the rock to the washed out spot to protect the trail. We fixed the erosion. That sped the schedule up probably two weeks and it didn't destroy everything to the east. That work is done. They are still working on moving the rock from the dry area. They are telling us that this might be done within the next two weeks. The rock from the dry area will be moved to a place here in town and not cost to the City.

At the exact same time this is going on, the Streets Department and the Parks Department have been moving in material to bring the trail section up to grade and getting rid of trees, dead trees, and just getting everything ready for paving. We are probably 40% through that work. We also bid out the paving work on Friday. The bids came in very good. About 15% below our estimated cost. We are geared up to get the trail paved. Once they move out in August, the City will move in to get the base rock done, which will take probably two to three weeks. We are hoping that mid-fall that the trail will be open up again. This was all going to happen as it was anticipated that the river level would be going down. We don't see any delays right now.

As far as the lighting goes, they had some issues with the lights themselves. The contractor and the supplier were working with the manufacturer and they have to get on a barge and troubleshoot this thing at the same time. That barge is very expensive. And the whole COVID issue with the manufacturer is an issue.
Bill Straatmann-Anything happening on the Warren County side of the bridge regarding the trail?

Joe Gildehaus-Not at this time.

Bill Straatmann-So do you know when the walkway will open?

John Nilges-On the north side? I think we were told that it would open around the mid-August time.

Stephen O'Connor-They still have to seed and straw.

Bill Straatmann-Will there be signage?

John Nilges-They were talking about putting up some signage I think along Hwy 47 from Lake Creek along the whole corridor. That is a different project too. It is not part of the bridge project.

3. Highway 47 Corridor Committee-No report.

4. Franklin County Transportation Committee-Tim Brinker-The round-a-bout in Union is moving forward.

Bill Straatmann-With the new school and the intersection of Hwy 100 and St. Johns Road, is there going to be something done there like a traffic light?

Tim Brinker-My understanding is that it is going to be signalized.

Stephen O'Connor-They are going to be doing a traffic study to figure out what is needed there. They don't know if it is going to be done before the school opens.

5. MoDOT Northeast District-Warren County-No report.

6. Washington Special Road District-Darren Lamb-The Council entered into an agreement with the Special Road District that starts in September of 2022. It is a five year deal. Essentially they will share 25% of their revenues received with the City. This will be on a monthly basis. We will also provide 200 man hours back in service each year and share equipment. I don't know where it is at as far as the Special Road District signing. The Mayor has signed on our end.

7. Old Hwy 100 Bridge- Tim Brinker-We are still trying to determine who owns the Old Hwy 100 Bridge. It was transferred to the County back in the day.

8. Airport-John Nilges-John Nilges-The airport received \$30,000 in CARES funding. Essentially, it is a grant. Those dollars can be utilized for any capital improvements. Just generic operations. The airport is in need of AWOS and that is approximately \$15,000. We were going to use those funds for that. In addition, we are going to have a consultant project going to Council for the building of 12 bay hangar. Fuel sales are down right now. Overall everything is going well.

9. Team Track-Darren Lamb-No Report

8. East-West Parkway- The assisted living center has opened. Riverbend is also looking at Phase 2 and extending High Street across a couple of ditches and creeks. As part of Meadowlake Farms annexation, sewer was extended to them as well. As well as to the Kampschroeder Farm.

9. Public Transportation-Cory Schmitt-No report

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed without dissent.