

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee**  
**Thursday August 10, 2017**

Chair Dave Swan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Dave Swan (Chair), Darlene Johnson, Tom Schellinger, Richard Morris, Chuck Wood and Keith Hammitt. **Absent:** Steve Whittow

**Others Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Senior Civil Engineer Bruce Barnes, Senior Civil Engineer Karen Braun, Engineering Services Manager Gary Evans, and Supervisor Ted Wysocki. Minutes Recorded by Beth Schwartz, County Board Office.

**Approve Minutes of July 20, 2017**

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Hammitt to approve the minutes of July 20, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

**Future Meeting Date:** September 14, 2017 (Capital Projects), September 28, 2017 (Budget Review)

**Future Agenda Item:** Student Driving Safety Awareness Initiative (Johnson)

**Legislative Update**

Spaeth reported on the Foxcon bill. The Senate wants to finish the budget first and the Assembly wants to vote on Foxcon first. The Senate keeps caucusing on the issue. This has sped up road funding for I94 N/S and may help I94 E/W widening. The bus shelter bill was signed into law and Spaeth gave an overview of the bill, saying Clear Channel Communications builds the bus shelter and provides advertising on the bus shelters on State highways. The County will get part of the profit from this advertising.

**Discuss and Consider Ordinance 172-O-023: Approve New Parking Regulation For County Trunk Highway B (Valley Road) In The City Of Oconomowoc**

Barnes said the new parking regulation for County Trunk Highway B (Valley Road) in Oconomowoc will effect highway capacity and safety. The new prohibited parking area was shown on a map and Barnes said widening the shoulder area by preventing parking will increase safe visibility of traffic conditions for motorists. There will be no parking anytime 400 feet along the south side of Highway B from a pedestrian crosswalk at the west side of Saint Andrews Drive to a point immediately east of North Silver Lake Drive in Oconomowoc. Barnes also showed pictures of the current traffic patterns on this road, including vehicles parked outside the marked shoulder into travel way, and of how eastbound traffic must travel around parked vehicles into the opposing travel lane. Pedestrians and bicyclists are unable to use the paved shoulder. A resident brought concerns to the attention of the department to effect this change. Hammitt asked where people will be able to park, and Barnes said there are two small parking lots a little further away, and there is an area for drop off along the road in question. Wood asked if this road was located in the Village of Summit or the City of Oconomowoc. Barnes said he has heard both designations for the area. Evans said the street was originally designed for drop off only.

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 172-O-023. Motion carried 6-0.

**Discuss and Consider Ordinance 172-O-024: First Revision To The Laying Out, Relocation And Improvement Of County Trunk Highway VV And County Trunk Highway E Waukesha County Project I.D. 2774-01-00**

Braun explained the requirement of the plat for the ongoing improvement and maintenance project of County Trunk Highway VV and County Trunk Highway E in the Town of Merton. There is now approval from the State. Wood asked if this was an approval on the grade. Braun said the dip in the road will be fixed and noted that this is a roundabout. Morris said as Supervisor of this district that there is no opposition to the roundabout but that there are citizen concerns about a property in close proximity with a cluster of trees.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Wood to approve Ordinance 172-O-024. Motion carried 6-0.

**Overview of Ongoing Highway Projects**

Evans provided an overview of 2017-2021 highway projects. The rebuilding of Highway C done in conjunction with the City of Delafield will be finished when final documents are closed out. The bridge aid program has projects with Elm Grove and Menomonee Falls that have been approved at this time. In the culvert replacement program there is a project on a highway in Eagle where plans are being finalized and will soon go to construction. The repaving program's operations are now complete and are down to shouldering and striking. Highway CI's federal funding was rejected because paving and other improvements needed to be done which were not covered. Rejecting the funding and avoiding federal requirements saved money on completing the project. Highway D (Calhoun to 124<sup>th</sup> Street) planning, including realigning culverts and resurfacing, begins this year with construction to begin in 2020. This is a federal aid project. For Highway ES, federal funding was rejected as there were too many variables and unknowns that did not fit into federal requirements. More money will be requested in this year's Capital Plan in order to best fix the problems. Highway I is another safety project in design due for construction in 2019. Highway I from Highways ES to O experienced delays in construction but is currently being completed. Plans are being finalized for Highway KF in Pewaukee/Lisbon and will soon go to construction. For North Avenue, issues arose early with traffic and possible historically significant buildings. However, it is still on schedule to begin construction in 2020. Design has begun for the intersection of Moreland and Beloit, an upgrade which received federal funding. Highway P (Bark River Bridge) was completed this year despite problems including utility placement and controlling groundwater. Final plans were submitted for Highway Q (Oconomowoc River Bridge). Funding is being acquired for a boat landing in the parking lot to avoid pedestrians along the high-speed roadway. The West Waukesha Bypass is under construction, currently building the southbound lanes. This project was delayed because of problems with utility relocation, however, they are one month ahead of schedule. The piece of Highway 59 through Highway 18 for the Bypass project will begin construction next spring, and is currently in the stage of plan submission, permit processing, and land acquisition. Pilgrim Road is experiencing delays but the goal is to repave by the end of the month to accommodate school traffic. Morris and Swan asked about Haslinger Drive, and Evans said the challenge is lowering the cost of this safety project to get it funded. Answering questions from Supervisors, Evans discussed issues that can arise during construction and common ways the Department deals with them.

**Update on Traffic Safety Commission**

Wood reported several updates, and said fatalities in the state are up so more campaigns like Ticket or Click It and Drive Sober are an effort to change that. Coming to the County will be demand driving with flashing yellow lights at turn lanes, where wires will be installed to change to flashing yellow at lighter traffic times. Senate Bill 380, the texting while driving bill, is being amended to include a criminal penalty.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Wood to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Morris  
Secretary