



Infrastructure Committee

July 27, 2020

Virtual via Zoom

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Council President Emery, Councilmember Champion, Councilmember Khan, Mayor Gregerson, City Administrator Powers, Director Swisstack, and Assistant City Engineer Bowers, by Zoom Conference.

1) Capital Projects Update

Staff presented an update of the active capital projects. Highlights included:

- 5th Street Bike/Ped Project funding agreement with Sound Transit is being reviewed by Staff. Once the agreement is finalized it will be brought forward to Council for approval.
- The Harbour Pointe Blvd. SW Widening project is substantially complete. After physical completion, the project will be brought forward to Council for acceptance.
- The construction of the Peace Park is underway. The contractor is working on some schedule coordination issues with some of their subcontractors.
- The Corps permit for the 61st Place W. Culvert project was received. Next steps consist of acquiring temporary and permanent construction easements for the expanded project limits. Additional consultant effort is needed to help accomplish this task, and a supplement will be brought forward to Council on 8/17 for approval.
- The Decant Facility project has received approval to go to bid from the Department of Ecology. The project is in process of getting final permits and is scheduled to advertise for bids in late August.
- The Stormwater Pipe Assessment & Management Plan (i.e. Pipe Inspection) program has been progressing and Staff was successful at receiving a grant to partially fund the continuation of the program in 2021. There will be a New Budget Item in the draft 2021 budget for this program.

The Committee asked a few questions regarding projects on the spreadsheet and was excited to see progress on several of the projects.

2) 60th Avenue West Drainage Update

Staff provided an update of the 60th Avenue West drainage issue that was first discussed at the February Infrastructure Committee Meeting. Since the initial pipe failure, Staff have been exploring various solutions including 1) repair the pipe; 2) reroute the drainage between homes; 3) reroute the drainage to the north. At this time rerouting the drainage to the north appears the most favorable, however a capacity study is currently underway to make sure the drainage system to the north can handle the additional flows. In September staff will have the results of this study and a high-level cost estimate for the project. Staff anticipates returning to Council later this year to approve a contract to complete the design and will include a New Budget Item in the 2021 budget for the construction.

The Committee discussed the alternatives and recommended informing the entire neighborhood about the project, especially as construction impacts get closer.

3) Contracting & Purchasing Overview

Staff provided an overview of various contracting and purchasing processes used by the City as summarized in the handout provided at the meeting.

The Committee asked several questions about the City processes and discussed whether a centralized contracting and purchasing process could benefit the City. In addition, there was discussion regarding 30/60/90 phases of a project design.

4) Operations Update

Staff provided a brief update of some of the activities in Operations over the past month including returning to full staffing, the hiring of a new Maintenance Worker in the Storm division, hiring of seasonal staff to help with parks maintenance, as well as various service requests received and activities each division is working on.

The Committee had questions about safety of the employees with the recent increase in COVID-19 cases. There was discussion around the various safety measures put into place to minimize contact between staff and reduce risk of contracting COVID-19.

5) August & Future Virtual Meeting Times

The Committee discussed changing the meeting times of future meetings indefinitely to an earlier meeting time. After further discussion via email after the meeting, 11:00AM will work for all committee members.

Next Meeting: Monday August 24, 2020 from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:20PM

Extended Topic Items:

- Infrastructure Programs Review