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Agenda Wording

A resolution establishing the North Monroe Corridor Advisory Board for the City of Spokane.

Summary (Background)

The City will be making improvements along North Monroe starting north of Indiana Avenue to Kiernan Street. The goal is to improve pedestrian safety while supporting traffic volumes and business vitality. Major improvements include a three-lane section with center turn lane, pedestrian lighting, benches, new sidewalks and pavement rebuild. The project will require input from community stakeholders to identify what types of specific elements the community desires within the defined project.

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Agenda Wording

Summary (Background)

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-0045

A resolution establishing the North Monroe Corridor Advisory Board for the City of Spokane.

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane received two grants from The Highway Safety Improvement Program and WA State Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program totaling $4.1 million in 2014; and

WHEREAS, in the last 5 years Monroe Street roadway between Indiana and Kiernan has experienced a significant amount of collisions; 5 pedestrian collisions resulting in injuries or fatalities; 23 angle collisions; 4 fixed object collisions; 3 sideswipes; and

WHEREAS, the collision history coupled with the documented safety improvements that a 3-lane section will provide was the basis of being selected to receive funding; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the project is to support traffic volumes while at the same time improve safety and pedestrian access, enhance the streetscape, create a cohesive business area, support economic development and vitality of the corridor; and

WHEREAS, this project will not place bike facilities on this corridor but rather cyclists will be accommodated within the existing planned bike network; and

WHEREAS, the project will include improvements along North Monroe starting just north of the intersection of NW Blvd./Indiana to Kiernan Street to the north; and

WHEREAS, the project calls for an enhanced pedestrian environment to include a three-lane section with a center turn lane, decorative pedestrian lighting, benches, transit shelters, new sidewalks, street trees, pavement rebuild, stormwater management and three to four pedestrian islands; and

WHEREAS, the project elements are supported by the Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood plan which was adopted by City Council resolution in 2015; this planning process drew from a large pool of stakeholders including neighborhood residents, North Monroe businesses, and public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the neighborhood plan is aspirational and conceptual in nature and while the North Monroe Corridor project will require additional participation to finalize the scope and look more specifically within the defined project boundaries as a supplement to the work already being done by the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, North Monroe Corridor Advisory Board is established to assist the City of Spokane in the implementation of improvements along N. Monroe by providing objective information to the public and creating an accessible process to engage the broader diversity of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board will work to inform the public and stakeholders on funding requirements, overall project parameters and goals and involve the public by soliciting meaningful input that will affect the defined specifics of the project; and

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WHEREAS, the Advisory Board is representative of the affected stakeholders and possess the necessary skill sets that ultimately results in the successful implementation of the N. Monroe project.

WHEREAS, the attached breakdown of the positions are intended to help guide in the selection process, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SPOKANE that an advisory board is hereby created to assist the City of Spokane in implementing the North Monroe Corridor Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Monroe Advisory Board shall consist of seven to nine members; members will be selected by the City Council with one at large member selected by the Mayor. City Council members from district three will serve on the Board as non-voting members.

Adopted this 16th day of May, 2016.

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Assistant City Attorney

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N. Monroe Project Advisory Board

Position 1
N. Monroe Business Owner
Legacy

Position 2
N. Monroe Business Owner
New/Emerging

Position 3
N. Monroe Property Owner

Position 4
Emerson/Garfield Neighborhood

Position 5
North Hill Neighborhood

Position 6
North Hill Neighborhood

Position 7
At Large

Position 8
West Central Rep

Position 9
Business Owner From Riverside

City Council District 3

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BRIEFING PAPER
Public Works Committee
North Monroe Corridor Advisory Board
May 9th, 2016

Subject:
A resolution creating the North Monroe Corridor Advisory Board. The Board will assist the City in finalizing the scope for N. Monroe Improvements by creating an accessible process to engage the broader community and solicit input.

Background:
A major project to improve safety, enhance the streetscape, and reconfigure traffic is planned for the North Monroe Corridor starting north of Indiana to Keirnan Street. The project will improve pedestrian access and create a more cohesive business area, while continuing to support traffic volumes. The City received two grants totaling $4.1 million to improve pedestrian safety along Monroe from north of Indiana to Cora Ave. The proposed project calls for an enhanced pedestrian environment to include a three-lane section with a center turn lane, decorative pedestrian lighting, benches, transit shelters, new sidewalks, street trees, pavement rebuild, and stormwater management, among other things. Project elements are supported by the Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Plan which was adopted via resolution by City Council in 2015.

Integrated Capital Management, in coordination with Planning, is developing a public outreach program to supplement the work already done by the neighborhood. While the neighborhood plan is aspirational, this project is in the implementation phase. Additional public participation is needed to fine-tune ideas and look at the area specifically within project boundaries. Input on construction scheduling also is important, as is assistance for businesses in "surviving construction."

With a target of delivering the project to the design team early in the first quarter of 2017, outreach and engagement needs to begin this spring with most outreach work concluded by the end of the year. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2018.

In support this work, staff first is proposing the creation of a citizen advisory board to assist the City with outreach to interested stakeholders and the public and developing final recommendations for the project. The board should include representatives from businesses and property owners along the project, neighborhood representatives, and others. It is recommended that the North Monroe Advisory Board shall consist of seven to nine members; members will be selected by the City Council with one at large member selected by the Mayor. City Council members from district three will serve on the Board as non-voting members.

To deliver project timely, public outreach and engagement on large projects will occur during this final concept and scoping phase, allowing design to move forward more efficiently. This plan for North Monroe is consistent with that approach.

Action:
Recommend Council approval of the resolution creating the North Monroe Corridor Advisory Board.