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July 14, 2014

UHC General Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:07PM

Presentation on Reconstruction of Kenmore Avenue from Lauder Road to Main Street

Presenters: Tom Duk –City of Buffalo Department of Public Works and Gina Wilkowlaski – KHEOPS

For additional project-specific information please refer to the PDF of the presentation given

- Lauder Road to Main Street
 - 1 lane in each direction
 - 1 bike lane in each direction
 - Southside will be permeable asphalt
 - Center turn lane
 - HAWK signal at trail crossing
- Project started May 12, 2015 scheduled to be done on Spring 2016
- Website with updates is available on the City's website
- Q: Why does one side have permeable asphalt?
 - A: Permeable asphalt is being paid for by the Sewer authority on the Buffalo side to help with combined sewer overflow events
- Permeable asphalt has pores which allows water to soak through
 - They ride and look the same
 - Carlton Street on Medical Campus was a similar project which shows difference between permeable asphalt and regular asphalt in front of Futures Academies
 - The hope is that there will be less water build up
 - Reservoir will be underneath the road to catch the water
- Q: Will the reconstruction increase traffic along Kenmore Avenue?
 - No anticipated change in traffic volume
- There will be a left turn arrow at the Kenmore and Niagara Falls Blvd
- Q: Speed calming measured at the Kenmore/Niagara Falls Blvd Intersection?
 - A: Designated right turn lane on Kenmore
 - A: Lanes will be 11ft wide (down from 12ft)
- Q: Lost bricks where Niagara Falls Blvd meets Kenmore – what will be done there?
 - A: Question needs to be directed to Mike Finn – City Engineer

- A: If there is not an adequate response, the issue should be presented to the Councilmember
- Englewood will be full depth reconstruction toward Martha Jackson
 - New curbs, new sidewalks
- Designated left turn lanes at the Englewood intersection on either side
 - Drivers need to be made well aware of this change as most are used to just turning left on green
- Q: Why are certain stretches full depth reconstruction while others aren't?
 - A: Material on western portion of Kenmore was in such disrepair that it needed full depth reconstruction – eastern portion was in better shape
- Q: Any feedback from businesses about what the impact has been on the reconstruction?
- Q: With trees that are getting taken down will they be replaced?
 - Trees will be replaced that are taken out
 - Trees cannot be put on private property
 - Lots of underground utilities
 - 96 trees will be planted along the corridor
- Construction has had significant impact on Snyder Ridge nursery
- Dairy Queen Rep. – grass is being installed and will not be usable for Dairy Queen – stamp concrete as an alternative?
- Businesses and residents will be responsible for cutting the grass
- For complaints/issues with Kenmore project on the Buffalo side contact Councilmember Wyatt's office
- Q: Where is the traffic study available online for the changes in the intersections?
 - A: Not sure if it is available online
 - A: Will try to make that available on the website
- Wiring hanging in residents backyard along Larchmont
- DOT signs off the intersection – who's responsibility is the turning lane?
- Bi-weekly progress meetings
 - Time Warner, Verizon, National Grid, Councilmember Wyatt, Legislator Savage, City of Buffalo, Town of Tonawanda, Village of Kenmore
 - Private meetings
- All town/city engineers should have copies of the plans
- No benches being installed – standard street signs will be installed
- Lighting
 - Town of Tonawanda did not want to accept new poles and pay for electric
 - No new lighting standards
- Q: What is the HAWK signal?
 - A: Signal will be on green until pedestrian pushes button
- Tonawanda side of Trail will have a trailhead for cars to park
- North lane of Englewood will have two crossings
- Each left turn lane will have a signal and a sign
- Q: Will there be a red arrow when you can't turn left?

- A: There should be
- Q: Is it possible that the project will be done by March?
 - A: That is optimistic
- Q: Can contractors work on off hours to finish the project faster?
 - A: Overtime costs will cost budget overruns
- Website will show what phases are completed as they happen
- Plowing will be curb to curb
 - 5ft snow storage space
- Dotted lined to delineate where the bike lane will be at each intersection

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

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The next general UHC meeting will be Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 7:00pm