



TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: January 23, 2023 Council Agenda Responses

DATE: January 19, 2023

CA-1 – Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with C.A. Hull for the East Medical Center Drive Bridge Rehabilitation and Widening Project (\$9,657,770.26)

Question: In some designs shared, the intersection of Fuller and East Medical Center drive is widened to accommodate the additional lane with paint only to maintain two lanes on the west side. Can you clarify what the most recent designs call for at the intersection as relates to the bridge widening? It would also be helpful to see the design. (Councilmember Akmon)

Response: The curb lines at East Medical Center Drive and Fuller remain in their existing locations in the current design. Therefore, the crossing distance for pedestrians will remain the same at this location. This is shown conceptually on the attached drawing.

CA-3 – Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Bailey Excavating, Inc. for the South Main Street Water Main Replacement and Resurfacing Project (\$5,742,710.73) and to Appropriate \$2,812,000.00 from the Street, Bridge, Sidewalk Millage Fund, \$436,000.00 from the Stormwater Fund, \$46,000.00 from the Sewage Disposal Fund, \$45,000.00 in AAHC Funding, and \$99,000.00 of Funding from the Downtown Development Authority (8 Votes Required)

Question: The resolution talks about some money and work on pedestrian safety upgrades. Do you have more specificity than is in the resolution? (Councilmember Akmon)

Response: The pedestrian improvements included in this project primarily consist of the construction of bump-outs at several locations, which reduce crossing distance and make pedestrians more visible, and the installation of accessible pedestrian signals. New crosswalk markings will be installed throughout the project after final paving is completed.

Question: Would this project preclude later removal of on street parking and putting in bike paths? (Councilmember Akmon)

Response: No.

Question: Is the Downtown Circulation Study plan public somewhere? Who is leading this effort? (Councilmember Akmon)

Response: Yes – the scope was finalized during this year’s CIP, building on a project need that was first identified during the People-Friendly Streets 2 public engagement process. A summary scope can be found in the [CIP – Active Transportation Project List](#) (page 9). The DDA is taking lead on the project, but City Transportation staff are partner to the initiative.

Question: Are there plans for public input to create the RFP? (Councilmember Akmon)

Response: No. Since this is an extension of the People-Friendly Streets work, the DDA is expected to use the consultant team that has worked on that initiative and other City initiatives. This has the benefit of a team that already understands the complexities of the study area, has baseline data, and familiarity with the policies we are striving to implement.

Question: Can you tell me the expected timeline for the study completion? (Councilmember Akmon)

Response: The study is expected to take 10 to 12 months after kickoff (kickoff is probably over a month out as contracts and approvals are still being lined up).

Question: The Moving Together Transportation Plan was approved in 2021. How can we ensure that road projects that come before Council going forward incorporate the Moving Together and Vision Zero plans? (Councilmember Akmon)

Response: This has already been happening with the update of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) this past Fall. Staff used the new Transportation Plan to add scope items for projects in the CIP, so that these items will be captured for future projects from the very beginning.

CA-4 – Resolution to Approve Contract Amendment Number 1 with WeCare Denali LLC for Operation and Management of the City’s Compost Facility for a 3-year Contract Extension, with an Option for Two 3-year Renewals (Estimated Cost \$953,337.61 for the Initial 3-year Contract Term: \$297,795.24 for Year 1, \$317,486.86 for Year 2, and \$338,055.50 for Year 3)

Question: I did not see in the new, very exciting contract any mention of whether We Care Denali would subcontract with a vendor who could provide compost pickup for AA restaurants downtown. Is there any plan in the works to provide such a service? If provided, would it be offered for a subscription fee? (Councilmember Disch)

Response: The agreement with WeCare Denali is for the operation of the City’s compost facility and does not include any collection services. However, the City did include in its most recent Commercial Solid Waste Franchise Collection contract solicitation RFP #22-44 a request for an optional compost collection service to be made available to commercial customers for a fee. That contract is still being finalized with the selected vendor, WM, and at present does include such an option to be provided by their subcontractor, My Green Michigan. The contract with that service will be coming before Council within the next several weeks.

ONLY 1 LANE FEEDS EAST MEDICAL CENTER DR AT A TIME

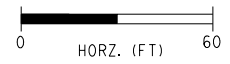
MAIDEN LN

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EXHIBIT 2B
ADDED RIGHT TURN LANE
12/8/21



-PEDESTRIANS/
BIKES CROSS
4 ACTIVE LANES
-SAME CROSSING
LENGTH AS EXISTING

Pathway is NOT part of the 2023
Bridge Construction

WIDEN BRIDGE
TO WEST SIDE

EAST MEDICAL
CENTER DR

WEST MEDICAL CENTER DR