



Infrastructure Task Force Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 25th 2017 @ 10 AM

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Updates on Requests & Projects

1. Damen-Elston- Fullerton intersection Improvement Project (CDOT)

Updates:

- Currently shut down for winter, all lanes are open
- Plan to restart construction in March, which will shift traffic to 1 lane in each direction
- Estimated completion by July 2017, there will be a new traffic signal and paving

2. Western Ave. Improvement Project (CDOT)

Updates:

- 2 month delay from initial completion date of Memorial Day due to winter season
- Estimated completion by August 2017 before school starts

3. Division St Bridges & Overall Division St. Improvement Project (CDOT) - Status of both Division St bridge reconstruction projects & Left turn signal for east bound Division St. turning left onto N. bound Elston

Updates:

- Currently in Phase I design: Construction is scheduled to start in May 2019, in coordination with Coast Guard. There are no anticipated River closures and the bridge/river clearance will be ~18 feet. Phase I funded by Federal/ State monies. Phase II and Construction may be funded by TIF dollars or federal money.
- From N Cleveland St to 90/94. Division will be open the whole time.
- R^2 requested the bridge designs to be shared. North Branch Works will publish the preliminary design in our newsletter.
- The Left turn signal for east bound Division St. turning left onto N. bound Elston is part of this project
- 5 feet on the North side of Division Street will be obtained to widen the street

4. Chicago Ave bridge replacement (CDOT) - schedule for the Chicago Ave Bridge reconstruction.

Updates:

- Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in May 2019 to remove & replace the viaduct at Halsted, anticipated construction to be finished in 1.5 years
- For viaduct: Ancona St. to river
- For bridges: Chicago river on east, Green St. on west
- This project will have street detours
- With new changes, there will be no truck weight limitations on Chicago Ave
- There will be no issues with the Water Taxi stop on the east side of the Chicago River at 600 W Chicago

5. 4-way stop sign request on Kingsbury & Evergreen (Ward 27) – Currently has two stop signs on Evergreen and two pedestrian cross walks on Kingsbury

Updates:

- Reggie Stewart from Ward 27 has this item on the agenda for February Council meeting and they will pass it at the February City Council. After it is approved, it will take 4-6 weeks for installation.

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-Lauren will notify Joe at CDOT once approved at City Council so he can put in the request at the sign shop.

6. Stop sign at Cherry/ Blackhawk & Cherry/Hickory (Ward 27)

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7. Railroad at Blackhawk / Cherry Street tracks under-maintained and dangerous. (CTRR, CDOT)

Updates:

-CTRR will be spraying weeds by Cherry St. this spring in April/May as well as in the fall as CTRR does with all CHI lines in. Tim will notify NBW when the spraying has been completed.

-Shavon with Wrigley asked for reflective signage or guard rail near Jetro at the tracks where the road curves. Cars getting stuck on the curb in the snow. Lauren will follow up with Shavon to clarify location and will send to Joe at CDOT to analyze and propose solution.

-CDOT put up reflective signage at end of Cherry St

8. Fence blocking railroad at Kingsbury, just north of W North Ave (CTRR/Iowa Pacific)

Updates:

-Due to current litigation dispute, no comments can be provided.

9. Resurfacing Mendell Street between Cortland & Homer (Ward 2, Mendell St Lofts)

Updates:

-Dean Argiris from Ward 2 has reported that this item is added as a recommendation for 2017 agenda.

CDOT has identified this street as being in good condition. This means streets identified as being in poor condition will be given highest priority for funding.

10. Continuous issue of large pot holes with rebar sticking out on Cherry Ave. from Division south along the railroad tracks. There are hundreds of holes and only a few have been fixed- little to no action has been taken to fix this issue. (Berger Brothers Inc., CDOT, CTRR and Ward 27)

Updates:

-Short Term Solution: Called 311 to fill pot holes. Ticket #1700430513 at 1200 N Cherry St.

-In Spring 2017, the Chicago Terminal Rail Road will be fixing up the pot holes along the rail with the rebar sticking out from Division on Cherry St south to Kendall College. CTRR are waiting for the hot mix companies to open shop in March/April to fix this issue. There is potential trans loading near Big Bay so they are preparing the rail.

-North Branch Works will introduce CTRR to Ogden Avenue Materials for local hot mix solution

-Long Term Solution: Aldermanic request to resurface the street

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New Projects

1. Driving west on W North Ave where the low viaduct is (just east of 90/94) there are two collapsed manhole covers on the far right hand lane, one before the tracks and one after the tracks. (Howard Medical, CDOT, CDWM)

Updates:

-Ticket #: 17-00434644

-Lauren and Joe will follow up with CDWM

Completed Projects

1. Traffic signal installation at intersection of Kingsbury/Weed/Sheffield streets (CDOT)

Updates:

Has been installed and is working properly

Open Discussion

1. R^2 has new request in regards to the Division Street Bridge on the west side of Goose Island. The bridge has squatters in the bridge house that are technically on R^2 property and need this area secured.
-Lauren will follow up with Zack for more information and work with the Alderman on this issue.
2. CH Robinson wonders if there are any plans in the next 3-5 years for the Webster Bridge.
-Lauren will follow up with Solomon at the CDOT office to find out any upcoming projects or closures.

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