



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

Citizens Pathway Review Committee

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Wednesday, March 20, 2019

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Paul Davis started the meeting at 6:00 pm. He stated he is the City Engineer and leading this meeting. Included in the agenda is a summary of the meeting minutes from our last meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Anne Dieters-Williams, Penny Brady, Chad Gietzen, Samantha Phillips and Tate Vo

Absent 2 - Rodney Hulbert and Hannah Bennett

Others Present:

Paul Davis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2019-0129](#) Draft Minutes from the February 6, 2019 Regular Meeting

Attachments: [Draft Minutes 2-6-19.pdf](#)

A motion to approve the minutes was deferred until the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nobody from the public is attending the meeting to offer any public comments.

COMMUNICATIONS

[2019-0130](#) Current Listing of Potential Pathway Construction

Attachments: [Ranked Pathway Projects \(2019 Master\).xlsx](#)

Mr. Davis stated that this committee previously came up with a ranking formula and we talked about it at the last meeting. We reviewed the categories and weighting. I now have the listing of the projects that, as of today, are still included

in the capital improvement project plan. We use this listing to determine how that pathway millage money should be spent. A lot of it is spent on pathways adjacent or adjoining to ongoing road projects. There are other stand-alone projects that could move forward so we developed this ranking form. I'll go through a few of them.

Crooks Road Pathway Gaps - a pathway link to go from Bonnie Bray south to the Clinton River Trail. It's a good project but we've had homeowner opposition in the past. We tried to do it when the Crooks interchange was being constructed but we couldn't get participation from the residents. We want pathways on both sides but sometimes it's not cost effective to get residents onboard.

Livernois Road - west side, north of Walton, there's a few cul-de-sacs; New Life and New Love. New Life to Tienken could use a pathway but there are some difficulties.

Auburn Road, John R to Dequindre - the Auburn Road project should remove any gaps in that area.

Technology Park Pathway Crossing - rated at 79 points. It allows people in the Technology Park to access the shopping district on the other side of Adams.

Pathway through the Historic District - difficult with the close proximity with the homes to the roadway.

Pathway around the Museum Property - this would have to go through Rochester. There has been difficulty getting this done with some of the residents.

Tienken Road Gaps - another area where there is a historic home that proves difficult.

Drexelgate Pathway Project - doesn't rate very high. This committee could make a recommendation to staff to change the ranking formula or propose a project to move forward.

The City does have a requirement to spend a certain amount of money for non-motorized projects. The maintenance millage will expire in 2026.

The Historic area Pathway; the Tienken/Runyon Road Gaps - rated high but it is an expensive project for the distance but it did get a lot of points because of Tienken Road.

Yates Pathways - This is one of the highest rated projects. This one probably will go forward. It coincides with the 96in watermain project that the Great Lakes Water Authority is doing. Eventually this watermain is being relocated because it runs under a landfill. This will shut down Dequindre road for a few years. It will have a big impact. We will look into having the contractor put in the pathway. The road commission is looking at constructing a few roundabouts in that area as well. It will provide a lot of benefit to the community and help at Yates. The

watermain will run up to the Macomb Orchard trail and then run along the trail.

Nawaka - a pathway project near the Senior Center down to Country Creek.

John R - being done with the current John R road project going on.

Cidermill Village by Avon - under consideration but not much support from the owner of the complex.

Adams Road - difficult unless Oakland University is on board.

North side of Hamlin west of Crooks - this is by Innovation Hills which has some pathway already. This area is difficult because of wetlands in the area.

South Blvd from Rochester to John R - haven't heard much about this one. This is a border road with Troy, may provide benefit to Troy.

2019-0131

Rochester Road at M59 Proposed Pathway Project

Attachments: [Rochester at M59 Ranking.xlsx](#)

This is the project that we discussed at the last meeting and was suggested by a resident. We ran it through the rating system and it rates high. An example of this one is the Crooks interchange and this would be similar to that. Crooks has full pathway on both sides from S. Blvd to Avon. It has been designed as a safe crossing. I think we can do something similar on the bridge at Rochester Road. This project goes through the ramp areas. It will have to be a little different but will provide the same benefit as Crooks is providing. We should be able to get a pathway on both sides. We have not submitted this through MDOT and they would have to issue a permit.

This will be expensive and we would have to get some federal funding. There are some grants that we can apply for called Transportation Alternative Programs or TAP grants. Another option is to build a separate pedestrian bridge but it would be very expensive.

2019-0043

Pathway Ranking Form Review

Attachments: [Pathway Ranking Form.pdf](#)

Mr. Davis stated he would explain the ranking form and how it relates to the Rochester Road Pathway project. This is a good project and it rates high. I'm going to try to apply for some grant funding for this. Going through the ranking form, I used a new format. The expected expense rated 0. The easement cost won't be much so that rated high. The amount of vehicles gives it a higher rating. Does not provide connectivity to a school or park but does to a shopping center. Surprisingly over a five year period there has not been any pedestrian accidents. Traffic count was 53,500.

Normally what we do is take a half mile radius to see the population that will be served. We estimated 1,900 residents could use this. A member asked if there was a way to measure if it would be used. Mr. Davis stated that it was a good question but not sure how we would measure it.

We could also prepare a project for Livernois pathway over M-59 but the problem is the clearance that MDOT requires and it is pretty cost prohibitive.

A member asked if the City gets many calls requesting pathways. Mr. Davis stated Rochester Road and M59 is the only one he received in the past year.

2019-0045

Pathway Wayfinding Map

Attachments: [Pathway Inventory Map w-Way Finding Loops rev.pdf](#)

Mr. Davis asked if anyone had any suggestions on revising the map from ten years ago. A member stated they would like a map. Mr. Davis stated he could make a citywide map that the residents could mark up for future ideas. He stated he could provide a map with the current loops and they could look it over. The members would like to see the trails and how the loops were previously presented and ones without the loops. I could show commercial and industrial districts. Mr. Davis will update the map with new pathways. Mr. Davis stated it would be a good idea to start fresh. Technology has changed with new apps and maps on phones. We would eventually have to get into what level of signage we would provide. A member stated that it would be a good idea to provide maps to schools. Mr. Davis stated he would prepare some drawings and send them to the committee. The members were asked to each come with their own ideas and put it on the maps once Mr. Davis provides them. A member asked that he also provide the excel file with all the projects that have been rated.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Mr. Davis asked how often the committee would like to meet. One member stated they didn't think they had enough to meet monthly but every other month might work. The next meeting date is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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