

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Mobility & Infrastructure Committee

6:30 PM
March 14, 2023

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Committee Members:

Chris Reh, Chair
Barbara de Michele (excused absence)
Zach Hall

Administration/Staff:

Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reh called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. John Girt – Mirrorwood – spoke regarding the NW Sammamish project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of February 27, 2023. DCP Hall asked to amend the minutes regarding the septic policy of the Sewer Master Plan to state “Support adding this element to the broader Sewer Master Plan for continued Committee discussion.” The minutes were approved as amended.

AGENDA ITEMS

ID 1387 NW Sammamish Project Options

Presented by:

Matt Ellis, Utility Engineering Manager

After the staff presentation the following residents spoke during public comment:

- Julian Mydlil – Vice Chair, Transportation Advisory Board – spoke regarding TAB’s review of the project options.
- John Girt – Mirrorwood – expressed concerns over the height of the roadway.
- Mary Atkins – South Cove – had questions about the WSDOT bridges.
- Jim Mantell – expressed concerns about WSDOT funding for fish passages and increased maintenance.
- Sam Elder – Eagle Cove – had questions about how the choices affect the WSDOT wall and metro stop. Mr. Elder also had questions about traffic calming.
- William Stromberg – South Cove – urged the south side approach alternative.
- Eileen Hotchkiss – would like there to be restrictions on the size of vehicles along the route.
- Connie Marsh – Squak Mountain – spoke regarding Sammamish Cove park and deed restrictions.

Committee comments included the following:

- Council will need more information when this comes before them in April.
- Community survey shows opportunity to reduce vehicle traffic in the future.
- Consider that the route is used for a bicycle race.
- Avoid negative bicycle/car interactions.
- Explore options for traffic calming.
- Need more traffic data.

- Be realistic about timeline with residents.
- City should keep the ball rolling even if its hand are tied by WSDOT.
- Create Public Comment/Concerns matrix.
- Consider the park access question.
- Explore vehicle size/weight restrictions.
- More information needed from WSDOT before committing to schedule options.

Committee recommendation is to proceed with design and to place on the Council's Regular Business agenda for April 17.

a) **ID 1291 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Capital Project Options**

Presented by:

Isabel Diaz, Senior Transportation Engineer

After the staff presentation the following residents spoke during public comment:

- Julian Mydlil – Vice Chair, Transportation Advisory Board – spoke regarding TAB's deliberations on this topic.

Committee comments include the following:

- Committee was supportive of the proposed staff focus on efforts to build readiness for future ITS projects and that the prioritized projects should be include in the next Capital Improvement Plan.
- Committee felt that the ITS plan is a useful operations tool.
- Asked staff to do community outreach for additional dynamic message signs.
- Felt ITS is a great opportunity for a city of our size.
- Committee expressed willingness to fund pilot projects relating to ITS.
- No need to bring back to the committee before taking to the full Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:26 PM.

Chris Reh, Chair

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk