



Memorandum

To: Neighborhood Revitalization Commission
From: Tim Acklin, Senior Planner
Date: March 30, 2018
Re: Jackson Street/State Road WisDOT Resurfacing Project

Below is a summary of the public input that was gathered.

Staff was asked by the Engineering Department to assist with gathering neighborhood input on the WisDOT's resurfacing project of Jackson Street/State Road from 3rd Street s to approximately 100ft before Losey Blvd. The WisDOT was specifically looking for input from the neighborhoods on whether or not to design the road to accommodate bike lanes, and if so, which side of the streets should on-street parking be removed from. (North or South Side) They were also willing to take preliminary feedback on possible safety improvements to intersections or anywhere along the project area.

The WisDOT is requesting the City provide official direction before moving forward with the design phase of the project.

The Board of Public Works was in favor of bike lanes with parking removed from the north side of the street but directed the Engineering Department to solicit input from the adjacent neighborhoods. (See attached proposed street section)

Planning Staff placed the item before the Neighborhood Revitalization Commission (NRC) at their December 4, 2017 meeting. The NRC was in favor of bike lanes but directed staff to take the item to each of the four adjacent neighborhood associations and hold a public meeting for the adjacent property owners to gather additional input.

Staff attended the January 8, 2018 Weigent-Hogan Neighborhood Association Meeting. Staff members from the WisDOT, including the Project Manager, were in attendance. An overview of the project was provided. The Neighborhood Association was in favor of bike lanes but did not have a preference for which side of the street to remove parking. They wanted to hear from the adjacent property owners on what would have the least impact to them. They also stated that they would like to see improvements made to the safer crossing of the road at

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Jackson Plaza/19th Street S where Jackson Street turns into State Road. Many pedestrians, including children, cross to get to and from Jackson Plaza and Longfellow Middle School and it is very unsafe to cross. Staff attended the January 15, 2018 Holy Trinity Neighborhood Association Meeting. Staff members from the WisDOT, including the Project Manager, were in attendance. An overview of the project was provided. Much like the Weigent Hogan Neighborhood Association they were in favor of bike lanes but did not have a preference for which side of the street to remove parking. They also wanted to hear from the adjacent property owners on what would have the least impact to them. They also stated that they would like to see improvements made to the safer crossing of the road at Jackson Plaza/19th Street S.

Staff attended the January 17, 2018 Powell-Poage-Hamilton Neighborhood Association Meeting. Staff members from the WisDOT, including the Project Manager, were in attendance. An overview of the project was provided. The Neighborhood Association was in favor of bike lanes but did not have a preference for which side of the street to remove parking. They did feel that it would have an impact on the surrounding neighborhoods around Viterbo as the students that park on Jackson Street now would get pushed into them. It was felt that it would make more sense to remove parking from the north side as they felt there was less permitted parking there now so it would have less of an impact. They also stated that they would like to see improvements made for a safer crossing at 8th Street S as that is where most of the children cross to get to Hamilton Elementary or Lincoln Middle School. They do not walk to 7th Street where there is a signalized crosswalk or use the Rapid Flashing Beacon that is between 9th and 10th Streets.

Staff attended the January 23, 2018 Washburn Neighborhood Association Meeting. Staff members from the WisDOT, including the Project Manager, were in attendance. An overview of the project was provided. The Neighborhood Association was in favor of bike lanes but did not have a preference for which side of the street to remove parking. They also agreed with the PPH Neighborhood about safer crossings at 8th Street

Staff held a public input meeting for the property owners adjacent to Jackson Street and State Road on March 6, 2018 at Viterbo University. Staff mailed a postcard to each property owner to invite them to the meeting. Staff provided an overview of the project as well as presented all of the information that was gathered from the neighborhood associations. Staff took a vote on who was in favor of bike lanes or not. A little more than half were in favor of bike lanes. Those that were opposed were very vocal about how unsafe it would be for cars and bicycles if there were bike lanes. They also were very vocal about not losing the parking. Concerns were expressed about pushing those cars that currently use the street for parking into the neighborhoods. Those that were in favor of the bike lanes were more in favor of removing the parking from the northside as there would be less parking space lost then if it were the south side.

At their April 2, 2018 meeting the Neighborhood Revitalization Commission recommended to have bike lanes designed into the WisDOT's Jackson St/State Road resurfacing project and to have parking removed from the north side of the streets. Additionally they recommended that the traffic lanes be reduced to 11ft and the 2ft is added as a buffer between the parking lane and the bike lane.