

**CITY OF MONONA**  
**Ad Hoc Pedestrian & Bicycle Committee**  
**Wednesday, July 25, 2018**  
**MINUTES**

1. **Call To Order:** 6:38 PM by committee chair, Doug Wood.

2. **Roll Call:**

Members Present: Chair Doug Wood, Alderperson Chad Speight, Julie Byrnes, Leslie Busse, Mary Possin  
Members Absent: Angie Fassl, Larry Reed  
City Staff Present: Dan Stephany, Brad Bruun, Curt Wiegel  
Professional Guests: Josh Straka, Jeff Held of Strand Engineers Inc.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved June 27, 2018 Minutes; First – Leslie Busse, Second – Julie Byrnes

4. **Appearances:** None

5. **Unfinished Business:** None

6. **New Items:**

**A. Final Typical Sections and Corridor Types**

Jeff Held categorized corridors by traffic volume and explained treatment options for each type of corridor. Each different type of corridor has different types of treatment options. Roadway volumes and options were organized and categorized as follows: Low volume bike corridors/boulevards - < 750 vehicles per day; Higher volume bike corridors – 750-1,500 vehicles per day; Collectors no sidewalk – approximately 1,500 vehicles per day; Collectors with sidewalk – over 1,500 vehicles per day; South Winnequah Rd.; and Ped connections using the “Monona Sidewalk” (painted line approximately 4-5’ from the curb line designated for pedestrians.

Committee discussed and reviewed all typical section options for differing corridors. Frostwoods corridor specifically as it relates to what can be done with simply restriping paint. However, it was noted that restriping has not solved an issue with speeding along the corridor. Suggestions of separators for bikers like bollards as well as striping was a suggestion, but Dan – Public Works Director, stated that there is a risk of the bollards being a maintenance issue, especially for snow removal. If the bollards were temporary or able to be removed this would still require staff time.

South Winnequah Rd. was discussed as a high priority corridor. The committee debated speed tables both temporary and removable as well as permanent. The removable ones would require more staff time each year and are less durable than a permanent raised table. Department of Public Works would prefer permanent tables. The suggested issue of the tables hindering emergency response was raised. Doug stated that the raised intersection on Monroe St. is on a main corridor for emergency response vehicles as well. Bus stops on each side of the street are needed for kids older than 4K. Kids need a place to stage safely on the side of the street while waiting and getting off of the bus. Doug commented on the subject of a potential shared use pathway along the West side of Winnequah. Doug stated that it'd be preferred to see bikes not conflicting with driveways along the route. Brad addressed the issue with potential pinch points along the route that would not allow for a properly sized shared use path. Chad voiced concern that cost of options must consider that reconstructing South Winnequah is not a viable option. There is a significant amount of pedestrians on the route and Julie suggested that there is a need for sidewalks along the route. Currently the route is not easy to use for either pedestrians or bikers to use. With only one lane on one side of the street to use for pedestrians it requires multiple peds cross unnecessarily from one side to the other and then potentially back again, putting peds in conflict with vehicles more times than would be necessary with sidewalks on both sides. Josh asked if there was an issue with the No Parking on S. Winnequah Rd. Dan stated that so far there have only been 2 calls and Julie stated they have not seen many comments on Next Door Monona. Leslie asked if there was a way for a temporary permit for anyone needing to park for brief periods of time or would there be anything that could be done during winter. Assuming the curb stays where it is along S. Winnequah Rd., there are 2 options, a shared use path with parking or 2 bike lanes, sidewalks, and no parking.

## **B. Priority Corridors Discussion**

Proposing no parking along collectors without sidewalks as a near term solution. Committee disagreed this was a good solution and these streets (Nichols, Dean, Maywood, Owen, and Winnequah) need to keep parking. Mary suggested there is no need to mark bike lanes on those roadway. The pedestrians do need to be taken off those streets. Mary also made note of the issue with bike traffic, vehicle traffic, and parked cars on N. Winnequah near Stone Bridge Park. This area is particularly crowded. Chad suggested that sidewalk would be much easier to tolerate in cases like that than limiting or stripping parking. Bikers seem to be able to manage these collector streets. Chad suggested that focusing on the pedestrian significantly improves issues along most corridors and makes a lot of sense. In most cases adding sidewalks allows to keep parking. Doug suggested that adding a multiuse pathway through Winnequah Park would alleviate issues of bikers, pedestrians, motorists, and parking sharing the section of Winnequah Rd. from Winnequah Trl. to Progressive Ave. Mary suggested that bikers need to be allowed to use the full lane along Winnequah Rd. and other collector streets. The committee proposed striping a sharrow, walk lane, and parking on one side along Winnequah in the short term from Winnequah Trl. and Dean Ave. Ped symbols should be added to the walk lane so bikers have a clear understanding not to use it. Chad suggested good signage is necessary along this corridor. Dan stated that the result of this project needs to include a sidewalk installation plan. Short term a “Monona Sidewalk” may be the best solution, but in the long term there needs to be off street accommodations for pedestrians.

Corridor ranking needs to include consideration of equity and connectivity. Also suggested was to add bike and pedestrian counts as a consideration once rankings were completed. These counts can assist in the prioritization of street corridors and the treatment options suggested for those corridors. Staff to continue collecting bike and ped counts along higher priority corridors. A bike and pedestrian shared path running from Bridge Rd. south of Broadway running behind WPS, over Hwy. 12 and along the eastern border of the industrial park to meet up with the Capital City Bike Path. The committee agreed that there is no efficient and safe route from Winnequah Rd. to the South Town area of Monona.

## **C. Traffic Calming Notes**

Suggestions shared with the committee. Keeping these items listed generally at the upcoming group meeting was suggested.

## **D. Priority Intersection Updates**

The 5 way intersection at Maywood, McKenna, Greenway was asked to be added to the map as a priority intersection as well as Midmoor at Winnequah Rd., and Winnequah Trl/Tecumseh at Winnequah Rd.

## **E. Draft Project List**

See excel document shared at meeting. Besides finishing the draft of the engineering report from Strand, Brad will be drafting the rest of the E's that are considered in a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle improvement plan. Doug also suggested that the plan should include a safe routes to school section or that the safe routes to school suggestions should be included in every section where it would fit.

## **F. Implementation**

South Winnequah Rd. is the highest priority at this time. A budget is being requested for 2019 that includes funding to remove the raised bump outs/sidewalk sections in the bike paths, 3 table top traffic controlling devices, mill and overlay new asphalt, and restriping. Doug suggested that due to budgetary constraints the “Year of the Paint” may need to wait until 2020. Bridge Rd. at Winnequah Rd. will be reconstructed in 2020. Next step would be to get cost estimates for high priority projects.

## **7. Next Steps**

### **A. Joint Meeting with Public Safety, Public Works Committees, August 29, 2018**

There was a discussion of the best items to present at this meeting. Data should be gathered about the effect of removing parking along S. Winnequah Rd. This meeting will be a dry run for the second public information meeting.

\*\* Combined Meeting of Public Works, Public Safety, and Ad Hoc Pedestrian and Bicycle Committees on Wednesday, August 29, 6:30 PM – Library Municipal Room

## **8. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. Motion – Leslie, Second – Mary

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