

Meeting Summary
Janesville Road Reconstruction Advisory Group
3rd Meeting

Muskego Public Library, Rooms 4 and 5
February 26, 2008
4:00p to 6:00p

General

The third Advisory Group meeting was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 from 4:00p to 6:00p at the Muskego Public Library in meeting rooms 4 and 5. Buddy Desai, CH2M HILL, made opening remarks and introductions.

Advisory Group Members Present at the Meeting

Jerry Hulbert	Rob Glazier	Andy Drefahl
Mark Noah	Len Pilak	Mary Hanners
Judy DeWinter	Chuck Wichgers	Mary Llanas
Kurt Fifer	Gerald Boisits	Craig Fischer
Kathy Chiaverotti	Tom Ludwig	

Advisory Group Members Not Present at the Meeting

Andy Mack	Steve Ziegler	Don Reidy
Jim Fuerst	Gary Rosploch	Ray Ingold
Michael Young	Steve Roncke	Rick Pitfalski

Technical Resources Present at the Meeting

Waukesha County – Ed Hinrichs, Kevin Yanny, Karen Braun
City of Muskego – Jeff Muenkel, Jeff Rainwater, Brian Peterson
Ayers Associates – Joe Gallamore, Bill Schilling
CH2M HILL - Buddy Desai, Jim Jodie, Dave Rodebaugh

Meeting Agenda

- 4:00 Convene the Meeting
- Welcome and Introductory Comments
 - Agenda Review
- 4:10 Recap of Meeting Number 2 – Review of Weighting Exercise
- Revised Problem Definition
 - Recap of Weighting Exercise
- 4:30 Alternatives, Issues, and Performance Measures
- 5:15 Initial Thoughts on Application of Alternatives along Corridor
- 5:30 Right of Way Process Discussion
- 5:45 Streetscaping Update
- 6:00 Adjourn

Materials Available at the Meeting

Five display boards showing the various typical sections for Janesville Road.

Future Meeting Schedule

- March 11th Public Meeting – 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Muskego High School, Old Cafeteria
- April 8th Advisory Group Meeting

Introductions

The meeting was convened by Buddy Desai, CH2M HILL. Buddy introduced the consulting staff, PDI, County, and City staff. The Advisory Group members introduced themselves.

Performance Measures Review

Individual vs. Group

Alternatives

Buddy reviewed the methods for determining how each typical section would be rated. Buddy presented the following table and discussed some of the detailed information presented in the table.

Janesville Road Performance Measures

Issue	+	Neutral	-
Accommodate/enhance existing businesses and economic development opportunities	Provides good access to existing businesses and/or opportunities for new businesses		Limits ease of access to existing businesses and/or opportunities for new businesses
Improve operations/geometrics/ vehicle safety/relieve congestion/ speeding	Improves roadway operations, provides safer cross road intersections, encourages lower speeds		Limited roadway operations and cross road intersection improvements
Develop downtown Muskego identity/ Streetscaping	Incorporate streetscaping elements that enhance Muskego's identity		No streetscaping elements
Accommodate pedestrians/safety	Mix of techniques such as crosswalks, lighting, lower speeds, shorter crossing distances	Single use of techniques such as crosswalks, lighting, lower speeds, shorter crossing distances	No improvements over current conditions
Address noise and visual impacts	Travel lanes further from existing homes/slower speeds/visual buffer		Travel lanes closer to existing homes/higher speeds/ no visual buffer
Limit takings/relocations	Fewest number of relocations/takings		Greatest number of relocations/ takings

Andy Drefahl asked that the wording under the column with the + sign for the first issue be changed to say existing businesses.

Typical Sections

Buddy reviewed the typical sections for the AG. Various comments were made and questions were asked during the review. Each section is discussed below.

Raised median with parking lanes -

One member asked where lighting would be located. It was explained that those elements would probably be determined as a result of the city's streetscaping effort.

Tom Ludwig commented that a median is more aesthetically pleasing as it provides some green space.

Len Pilak wanted to know if this proposed typical would be same throughout the corridor. It was explained that the resulting typical section would probably be a mix of a number of the typical sections.

Craig Fischer stated his opposition to the 5' sidewalks on both sides of the road.

Jeff Muenkel reminded the AG that the typical sections that were being displayed were just representative and that a number of combinations might be used in the selected section(s) for Janesville Road.

Andy Drefahl wanted to know if there was any difference between the typical sections with medians and the typical sections with two-way left turn lanes (TWTL) in terms of safety. He said that he would appreciate seeing data supporting one typical over the other.

Mark Noah commented that the parking lanes along Janesville Road would add conflict points and probably were not a good idea.

Jerry Hulbert provided information about the multiuse trails. The Park Board would prefer the multi-use trails to be 10 feet, however 8 feet is sufficient. The existing trail along Woods Road is not plowed because it is less than 10 feet in width.

Andy Drefahl wanted to know how the engineering and streetscaping would be married together.

Rob Glazier wanted to know if the typical sections they were looking at were generic.

Ed Hinrichs said that the streetscaping will fit within typical section.

TWTL with a parking lane

Ralph Llanas stated that he believed there would be a maintenance cost advantage using the TWTL with a parking lane.

Kevin Yanny, Waukesha County DPW responded that a TWTL made snow removal more problematic because there is no where to store the snow.

Kathy Chiaverotti wanted to know if there were statistics that indicated an advantage of a typical section with TWTL to one with a median.

Tom Ludwig mentioned that with a median a chance for a head-on crash is less likely to happen.

Andy Drefahl suggested looking at areas where there are these type of typical sections to see what works and what doesn't work. He mentioned Capital Drive, west of I-43 as an example.

Len Pilak stated that alternating typicals could be a problem for drivers, especially at intersections.

Gerry Boisitis wanted to know how many businesses would be affected by a median. Also, he stated his opposition to the inclusion of parking lanes.

Andy Drefahl, Ralph Llanas and Jerry Hulbert all stated their opposition to parking lanes.

Raised median, without parking lanes

Len Pilak wondered about adding right turn storage lanes and the length of left turn storage bays. It was explained that turning volumes dictate the length of the left turn bays in the median.

Chuck Wichgers asked about the left turn lane for Moorland Road SB to Janesville Road WB.

Kathy Chiaverotti wondered about the use of access management and stated that other areas are using access management successfully.

Judy DeWinter stated that her business access is also used by three other businesses.

TWTL with no parking lanes

Ralph Llanas wanted to know who would maintain the multiuse path.

Andy Drefahl made a plea that the AG, City and County consider safety as the paramount issue given the location of the elementary school along Janesville Road and also the location of the school on Bay Lane.

Chuck Wichgers wanted to know if the Park Board would accept an on-street bike lane.

Right-of- way

Karen Braun, Waukesha County DPW, provided an overview of the right-of-way process.

Streetscaping

PDI presented a 15 minute presentation about their streetscaping efforts to date.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm. The AG was reminded about the upcoming Public Information Meeting on March 11, 2008 at Muskego High School and reminded about that the next AG meeting would be held April 8, 2008 at the Muskego Public Library.