



ROAD COMMITTEE (“COMMITTEE”) MEETING - MINUTES

Thursday, April 06, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 647 970 5713

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Committee Chairperson
 - Committee Members Present: Dan Rippe, Jim Bushey, Tim Reith, Todd Thurber, and Bob Hill
 - Committee Members Absent: Larry Dean
 - Other Attendees: None
2. Approval of Agenda Committee Members
 - No changes identified.
3. Approval of Minutes Committee Members
 - a. March 23, 2023
 - Approved
4. Unfinished Business Committee Members
 - a. Review of March 23rd action items
 - i. Todd Thurber accepted an action to collect and consolidate into an email how other communities are dealing with horse traffic on their roads from a design and maintenance perspective.
 - Todd briefed the committee on the structural demands horse traffic imposes on the asphalt surface and the need for regular maintenance (crack seal) to prevent further deterioration.
 - Todd also informed the committee that there has been some limited success (couple of years additional life) with adding a steel slag to the asphalt mix increasing the asphalt surface hardness.
 - Communities offset the increased cost by implementing a buggy plate.
 - ii. Jim Bushey accepted the action to perform a google search on communities with ordinances dealing with horse traffic on roads.
 - Jim found information from Daviess County, IN who implemented operational restrictions between the months of May through October if horse is fitted with shoes with sharp edges (carbide)
 - Daviess County, IN removes operational restrictions if horse is fitted with plain steel shoes with borium.
 - Steuben County, IN identified 80% of horse traffic originates out of Michigan.
 - Bob Hill found a Shippshewana and Amish Ordinance study whereby a manure-catching diaper was tested on a horse however the test didn't last long because the horse kicked in protest and nearly ran off.

Please Note: Agenda items listed are those reasonably anticipated and may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may necessarily be discussed and there may be other items not listed that may be brought up for discussion.



- After a thorough discussion of the research and the realizing that the level of irritation is not significant enough to require deliberate action at this time.
- The committee recommends trending maintenance costs attributed to horse traffic and revisit every several years if costs or the irritation has reached a threshold to consider passing an ordinance requiring buggy plates or something similar.
- Todd will also provide the TOCL with information on RACK (Rubberized Asphalt Concrete mix).

5. New Business

a. Develop Road Mission Statement Committee Members

- Committee defined the key phrases within the Vision Statement: Establish and maintain a network of roads which enhance community lifestyle and safety at targeted cost.
- Using an Asphalt Surface Best Meets Vision Statement’s “Enhance Community Lifestyle & Safety”
- ≤\$250K/Year Meets Vision Statement’s “Targeted Cost.”
- Increasing Road Lifespan to 15-20-Years is critical to ensuring TOCL can afford an asphalt surface w/o CCMG Meets Vision Statement’s “Establish and Maintain.”
- Draft Mission Statements (MS):
 - Example MS: Incrementally perform road improvement projects until all town roads have been improved to a 20-year lifespan.
 - Additional considerations were discussed by the members.
 - Equitable for each road segment
 - Asphalt surface on all roads
 - Maintain between PASER 10-3
 - Time of year to minimize community disruption.
 - Other work
 - Weather
 - Precipitation: wet=bad, dry=good
 - Ground & Ambient Temperature: surface >45F intermediate >32
 - MS Draft #1: Review & recommend fiscally responsible solution that corrects road deficiencies with a post mill & resurface goal of 15–20-year lifespan.
 - The RC meeting was abruptly halted due to a ZOOM scheduling conflict with the Fremont Schools referendum.

6. Confirm Next Committee Meeting (Confirmed for 4/20)..... Committee Chairperson

7. General Discussion (NONE) Committee Members

8. Adjournment..... Committee Chairperson

- RC members voted to halt the meeting, collect additional draft mission statements over email and resume work at our next Committee meeting.

Next Committee meeting:

Thursday, April 20, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.
Finalize Mission Statement and Begin
drafting road project prioritization process