



City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton Road
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Meeting Minutes Infrastructure Capital Review Committee

*Michael Schnetzer, Chair
Karen J. Angelou
Nancy R. McGregor*

Monday, April 9, 2018

6:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schnetzer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present 3 - Michael Schnetzer, Nancy R. McGregor, and Karen J. Angelou

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Streets & Bridges**

Objective is to take a holistic look at City's capital asset base; how it's maintained; in good repair; desire to be more upstream in budget process; have list of one time capital projects that are asked to be approved; beneficial to have a more informed look; four broad topic areas; 2 weeks - look at enterprise systems; then facilities; and then parks; reserve right for a fifth meeting for additional items or follow up; City Engineer, Rob Priestas is here as subject matter expert; also joined by Parks Director, Jeff Barr and Public Service Director, Dottie Franey; Barr asked about facilities - we have parks facilities, asked if those are kept with parks, not part of facilities, i.e.: City Hall, Police; Schnetzer agreed; said in late 2016, asked Priestas to present on this topic; show annual cost to maintain what we have and view the backlog; Priestas said talked about our cost of deferred maintenance; explained pavement condition rating and when it needs addressed; explained how cost savings can be gained; for every \$1 you spend to maintain, you are potentially saving up to \$4 for maintenance; Schnetzer said GoForward Gahanna said connector streets have a minimum; Priestas said those are short term goals; cannot improve all roadways at once; when we started that planning process our roads were in worse condition; we have made good progress; 65-70 should not be our goal; 75 is our goal; 96% of streets at 75PCR or better; do not have the funding capacity to bring it to that point; Angelou asked what we are at; Priestas said we are at 86% of 75 or better right now; from 2017; have 70 or better for all arterials; Angelou asked if we should separate the residential and arterial streets; Priestas said we did but we have an overarching goal for all of them; 108 miles are local and 28 miles are arterial; worst rated streets are

addressed first, regardless of local or arterial; Schnetzer said streets he hears about are the residential streets; McGregor said a lot of benefits to maintaining the roads; improves the neighborhood as a whole; Angelou said a levy would pass for residential roads only; people want their roads looking good and without potholes; asked once roads are done this year, what will percentage be; Priestas said holding 2017 ratings, think we'd stay at 100% for 70+ on arterial and close to 97% on local; do not have that exact number; Schnetzer clarified 86% of streets are rated 75+; Priestas confirmed; Schnetzer asked about the streets program; Detroit streets is separate; Priestas said will incorporate targeted maintenance; at \$1.1 million in funding in asphalt overlay program; \$1.9 million to complete Detroit rebuild program; Schnetzer asked if the \$1.1 million is sufficient; Priestas said we are getting there; see average PCR increase; back to 2006 when we weren't investing, had an average PCR of 91.5; bottomed out with PCR average of 86.7; significant drop; getting there, but it is taking time to project that 5-6 years; not knowing 2018 ratings, with worst pot hole season we have had in a while; looking at an additional \$7 million over 1 year; Schnetzer clarified 6-7 years would get us to a minimum of 75; Priestas said yes, but not a guarantee; not at 75 is the reality; Schnetzer asked risks to that; Priestas said impacts to vehicles and traffic; if we cannot attract residents because of roadway, will impact development and businesses; Schnetzer asked about grant funding being potentially cut; Angelou said potentially more coming in; working on large grants; Priestas said grants are extremely competitive; more improving intersections and glamorous projects are more successful, not up keeping roads; not sustainable to rely on; said the \$1.1 million continues to grow with mileage of street; not a static number; projects based on age of street; Angelou asked about improvement of product we use on streets; is it less expensive; Priestas said products we are using are mainstream products; are readily available; more options could come in the near future; innovative ideas are out there that need further testing for longevity; Angelou asked about the GoForward Gahanna goals, do we have the dashboard on that still; Mayor Kneeland said working on ensuring data is right.

Schnetzer said wants to walk through same for bridges; Priestas said average life is max. 75+/- years for bridges; we are seeing an average life of 66-67 years; Schnetzer asked if Pizzuro is on this list; Priestas said 10' or more qualifies; have 20 that meet that; a lot are ODOT or Franklin County jurisdiction; Schnetzer asked what the City's role is in bridges we don't maintain; Priestas said completely theirs; are inspected annually and whoever the owner is, they are the responsible party; Schnetzer asked about the rating system for bridges; Priestas explained; based on ODOT's bridge rating manual; rated 0-10; 10 is brand new; 0 being it does not exist anymore; 4 is poor; once it reaches 4, we start

looking at programming the structure for replacement; Schnetzer asked about our inventory; Priestas said we have 17 structures that rate 5 or better; 2 rated 4 and 1 at 3; Angelou asked what is done for the 17 to keep them from going lower; do we do anything; Priestas said minor maintenance; not much you can do, structure will continue to degrade; Bridge Program was created in 2015 or 2016; had carpenter road and the 3 structures that need replaced; front loaded; savings on an annual basis decreases as time goes on; long term is 70 years for life of structure; Angelou asked about roads without sidewalks and only ditches; Priestas said will be on a project basis; some areas might make sense where some do not; Havens Corners is a big project; looking at master corridor study with County; have capacity issues; mostly is Franklin County's roadway; patterning; Schnetzer asked about future additions to capital improvements; traffic is an issue; our neighbors to the east are driving through Gahanna; do we need to start adding turn lanes or widening roads; how do we assess what the traffic will look like over time; Priestas said have our thoroughfare plan; create a 20 year outlook; Angelou said key to growth is public transit; is our year to have someone go to COTA; Schnetzer asked if there is an overarching view; are we in the process; Priestas said we have big picture thoughts; still finalizing thoroughfare plan; have over \$25 million of planned projects in the upcoming years; significant ask; potential for east/west connections; that is \$10's of millions of dollars; significant investments; will see continuous traffic congestion; Schnetzer asked for reasonable net assumptions with grants; Priestas said \$25 million is reasonable, not to rely on grants; Angelou asked Priestas to explain fast lane project; Priestas explained, and explained Tiger Program; has a minimum cost; Angelou said once we get on the 670 project, will have several lanes coming off instead of crossing over to merge; Barr said City of Toronto has a similar setup; Priestas said \$25 million is not linear; based on projects; Schnetzer asked when PCRs are complete for 2018; Priestas said likely Dec. of 2018; start doing ratings in October.

ADJOURNMENT

6:57 p.m.