DES MOINES TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 13, 2019

Agenda for the Des Moines Transportation Safety Committee scheduled for 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 13, 2019, in the MacRae Conference Room, at the Municipal Services Center, 1551 E Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway.

The teleconferencing option will not be available for this meeting.

Transportation Safety Committee Rules and Procedures

1. The Transportation Safety Committee is an advisory body to the City Council.
2. Staff will be given time to present the background on each item.
3. Guests are then allowed to speak, with each speaker allowed a maximum of 5 minutes.
4. All comments are to be germane to the issue under consideration and speakers are to maintain a courteous manner.

Approval of Agenda

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of July Minutes
2. Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

1. Cherry Street Restriping—5th Avenue to 12th Street
2. Meeting Time Survey
3. Other New Business

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ITEM #1: Cherry Street Restriping

BACKGROUND:

Cherry Street is a one-half mile (7-block) long street on the south edge of downtown that connects 5th Avenue to 12th Street. Notable landmarks include West End Salvage (9th Street), overhead viaducts (8th and 9th Streets), DART Station (6th Avenue), and the Polk County Courthouse (5th Avenue). Existing pavement markings provide a variety of lane configurations, peak-hour restricted parking in some areas, and dedicated parking in other areas. In 2017, Public Works identified the need to resurface Cherry Street. This presented the opportunity to review how the street currently operates and whether it could be utilized more efficiently.

Traffic and Transportation Division staff studied existing conditions and coordinated with stakeholders along the corridor. The street carries 2,000-3,650 vehicles per day. Metered on-street parking is virtually unused except near the courthouse. Traffic signals under the viaducts at 8th and 9th Streets do not meet MUTCD traffic signal warrant criteria. Incorporating Connect Downtown recommendations and Complete Street elements, Traffic and Transportation Division staff proposes the following reuse of the existing paved section:

- One lane of vehicular traffic each direction
- Center continuous left-turn lane 7th Street to 9th Street adjacent to structured parking.
- Bike lane on each side of the street.
- Parking 5th Avenue to 7th Street (south side) and 9th Street to 10th Street (north side)
• Adjustments to parking surrounding Polk County Complex and Megabus bus stop.
• Removal of traffic signals and addition of all stop controls at 8th Street and 9th Street.

This creates a uniform and predictable vehicular pattern, preserves parking at critical locations, and creates an important link in the downtown on-street bicycle network.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends proceeding with the proposed restriping as part of the resurfacing project.
ITEM #2: Meeting Time Survey

BACKGROUND:

Carl Voss requested that the City send out a survey to the Transportation Safety Committee members to determine if there is a different day/time board members would prefer the committee to meet. The results of the survey will be shared at the meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only. No action is required.