



MEMORANDUM

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TO: City Council

FROM: Rich LaBombard, City Manager

DATE: March 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Water Street Workshop Summary

At the February 21, 2023, City Council workshop, attendees made up of City Council members, residents, the City Engineer, and City staff met to discuss possible solutions to resolve safety and speeding concerns on Water Street between Randolph Street and Wiley Road. Participants broke up into groups to compile lists of possible solutions to be explored. As discussed at the conclusion of the workshop, the ideas would be ranked by City Council and the ranked list would be provided to the City Engineer to estimate a cost to implement the solutions for inclusion in the annual budget process.

The following lists are being provided to City Council to rank according to highest feasibility / moderate feasibility / lowest feasibility. Some of the items listed can be performed by City staff, however, some of the items will require engineering expertise and project budgeting in FY 23-24. For reference purposes, the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD) is the guide for traffic standards used throughout the State of Michigan.

The potential solutions for the City Council to rank are:

- Widened asphalt shoulder to accommodate pedestrian traffic
- Path / sidewalk along route with crosswalks at intersections
- Traffic light at Wiley and Blue Star Highway
- Increase speed on Wiley Road to discourage using Water Street as a preferred route to Blue Star Highway
- Reduce truck traffic by restricting weight / length / time of day
- Eliminate guardrail to give more room for pedestrians to walk
- No speedbumps
- Install stop signs
- Install stop signs at Chestnut Street and Main Street
- Install stop sign at Washington Street and Center Street
- Install guardrail at curve
- Install flashing caution lights in advance of the northerly curve
- Increase police enforcement of speeds
- Install permanent radar speed sign

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- Standardize installation / removal of reflectors on the curved section of street
 - Standardize pavement marking / refreshing
 - Paint "SLOW" in advance of the curves (will MMUTCD allow?)
 - Reduce number of 25mph speed limit signs (based on MMUTCD standards)
 - Improved signage (advance warning of curve ahead)
 - Remove posted speed signage between the curved sections of Water Street

I recommend City Council prioritize the list of potential solutions to address safety and speeding concerns on Water Street between Randolph Street and Wiley Road.