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MEMO

TO: Mayor McFarland and Committee Members

FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.

DATE: June 4, 2024

RE: Finance Committee Agenda Narrative for June 11, 2024

Agenda Item:

Review and take possible action: approve State/Municipal Maintenance Agreement for STH 16 Bypass/E. Main Street Roundabout

BACKGROUND

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has a forthcoming roadway improvement on STH 16 Bypass at E. Main Street. The project description is as follows:

Project Description: Construction project 1370-00-73 is a pavement replacement project on STH 16 from East Main Street to Rock River Road. Construction project 1370-00-76 is a safety project building a roundabout at the STH 16/Main St/Oak Hill Road intersection. Construction project 1370-00-77 replaces water main and installs pipe conduit in the area of the RAB. Construction is currently anticipated to take place in the calendar year 2025.

As part of the project, the State has forwarded the City of Watertown a State/Municipal Maintenance Agreement (SMMA) for the STH 16 Bypass/E. Main Street Roundabout. The State/Municipal Financial Agreement (SMFA) for this project was passed by the Common Council at their April 16, 2024 meeting – Resolution #9601.

The City has been asked to review, sign and return the agreement to the State as soon as possible. Attached is the SMMA, a site map, and a draft resolution for your review.

WisDOT was asked to verify some of the maintenance requirements of the City following roundabout construction. Questions can be seen below with WisDOT answers shown in red:

1. 3.a) Would Watertown be responsible for maintenance of roundabout curb and gutter, concrete, etc. moving forward?
   WisDOT would be responsible for the pavement and curb and gutter to the back of the splitter island as seen in Appendix A, Figure 2
2. 3.a) What is the extent of landscaping maintenance required? Which party would maintain the roundabout center island?
   The City would be responsible for landscaping maintenance in the center island and any areas between the sidewalk and curb as seen in Appendix A, Figure 4

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3. 3.d) How much storm sewer would Watertown be responsible for maintaining as part of the subject projects?
   The City would be responsible to maintain any storm sewer outside of the back of the splitter islands (Appendix A, Figure 2)

4. 3.e) How many new streetlights would Watertown be responsible for maintaining as part of the subject projects? I'm seeking clarification on WisDOT responsibility per 2.a) and City responsibility.
   With this project it is my understanding that the only new lighting would be for the roundabout and therefore WisDOT's responsibility as seen in Section 3A of the agreement.

5. Please confirm which pavement markings WisDOT would be responsible for maintaining vs. the City.
   WisDOT is responsible for maintaining "…marking necessitated for safe and efficient flow of traffic" in this case edge lines, center lines, and any directional arrows or wording for the roundabout. The city would be responsible for crosswalks, and anything else not deemed for the safe and efficient flow of traffic. (Section 2b and 3g-h)

6. Would the City be responsible for clearing snow and ice from all pedestrian islands associated with the roundabout?
   Yes, as seen in Appendix A, Figure 4

7. What is the intent of 4.b)? To what extent is parking to be regulated by the City?
   Keep people from parking where they not supposed to like any other street in your jurisdiction (e.g., near a fire hydrant, or too close to a cross walk)

Attachments:
- State/Municipal Maintenance Agreement
- Site Map
- Draft resolution