

## Item 23-0594: Glendale Avenue Maintenance Project

### Municipal Services Committee

Mon, May 22, 2023, 4:30PM

#### Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 20:53

We have just one information item. This the 23-0594 the Glendale Avenue maintenance project. Any questions or concerns about this project? Alder Hartzheim?

#### Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 21:07

Thank you, chair. I only ask this because of course I represent district 13. And district 13 has lots of not good asphalt as well. So where—how did Glendale be—how was it ranked? And how was this determined to be the next place to use some available funds?

#### Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 21:32

Thank you chair. Glendale Avenue, we use a PASER rating type scale on our pavement conditions, resident feedback, and field review feedback from our operations team on this section of Glendale Ave. It's also been in our schedule as I understand it. It's still scheduled, but it became apparent that our temporary patching, pothole filling in this area was not sufficient. And a mill and a fill in this area could really help us get to and prolong the life of Glendale Ave until a full reconstruction is possible. And it also serves a pretty important trauma center right there at the at the corner. And that elevated our concerns too about Glendale Ave.

#### Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 22:34

So, I should have district 13 folks call you about French Road, is what you're saying.

#### Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 22:38

I'll just remind everyone that we can actually go online and report any potholes or road maintenance issues. So, I would ask your constituents just as I asked mine, to do that.

#### Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 22:51

Thank you.

#### Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 22:53

Alder Meltzer.

#### Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 22:54

Thank you. I am so excited to see this come forward. I get so much feedback regularly about the condition of Glendale. In fact, people in other districts have told me that they believe that Glendale is the worst street that they have to drive on in Appleton. So I hear from a lot of people, and consistently what I've been hearing for the past number of months is that things have just been getting worse and worse and worse after the last kind of freeze thaw episodes, that it's kind of—I don't know if the Pacer rating or whatever would suggest that it's a crisis, but my constituents certainly feel that it is and they'll be very, very happy to see that something is able to be done about it.

#### Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 23:46

Alder Doran?

**Alderman Chad Doran (District 15) 23:47**

Thank you. Director Block, I know—I don't know if this necessarily maybe is just a blip in for one year that asphalt is coming in, you know, less expensive than maybe we had anticipated. But is it something staff will be planning to monitor to see if, you know, there are potentially other asphalt projects that could be moved up in the future or if we even are looking bigger at our road program in general, and that maybe if the price of asphalt continues to be so much less than concrete, do we start shifting that direction at all?

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 24:21**

Thank you, chair. You are correct. This was a welcome surprised in terms of the asphalt bid prices we received this year. As we started planning for the CIP moving forward I think we're still going to remain conservative in the estimates for inflation on asphalt next year, but it opens up this discussion on perhaps there are concepts, again with this mill infill and maintenance type projects, where we can significantly improve the roadway driving surface until a project can be formally slated and advanced in the reconstruction. So, it has generated a lot of good discussion within the engineering department and also as we look at utility replacement as well. And perhaps there is different ways we can approach roadway maintenance to make that wait for reconstruction a little bit more palatable.

**Alderman Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 25:22**

Are we still seeing issues with availability of concrete companies and things of that nature?

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 25:31**

So I won't be able to give a definitive answer on that until new projects are bid out next year but of course with A-23 this year and the amount of specialized work that went in and hand pours and intricate streetscape that that went along with A-23, it did significantly reduce the availability of contractors that bid on that. So.

**Alderman Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 25:53**

Thank you. Any other questions or concerns? All right, then I'll entertain number eight,

**Alderman William Siebers (District 1) 26:00**

Move for adjournment.

**Alderman Vered Meltzer (District 2) 26:02**

Second.

**Alderman Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 26:03**

We have a motion to adjourn and a second. All those in favor say aye. Aye. We are adjourned. Thank you.

**Alderman Vered Meltzer (District 2) 26:09**

Thank you.