NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT: Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Registration Link: bit.ly/publicfacilitiesreg

I. Parliamentary Items (6:00 pm)

a) Call to Order*
Attendees: Doster, Kahvazadeh, Stucky, Pounaki
b) Modifications & Adoption of the Agenda **Doster/Stucky 4-0-0**
c) Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes: March 11th, 2020 **Stucky/Doster 3-0-1 (Pounaki abstain not at previous meeting)**
d) Announcements

II. Non Agenda Public Comment (2 minutes each)

III. Action and Informational Items (6:15pm) – *Order and timing of items are estimates only; items may be heard earlier than the time shown.*

A. Switzer Canyon Sewer and Storm Drain 828 Project (6:15-6:45pm) Action Item
Presenters: Sabeen Cochinwala, Project Manager, City of San Diego, Public Works Department, SCochinwala@sandiego.gov

Sewer and Storm Drain Group 828 will replace the aging and deteriorating sewer mains and install new storm drain pipes within parts of the Balboa Park Golf Course and Switzer Canyon. The construction work will take place on City right-of-way (streets) and other paved surfaces, as well as easements located in the canyon. The project will:

- Replace approximately 1.71 miles of existing 6-inch, 8-inch and 10-inch sewer mains with 8-inch, 12-inch and 15-inch pipes;
- Install approximately 0.07 miles of new 18-inch storm drain pipes;
- Abandon approximately 3,800 linear feet of existing sewer mains;
- Abandon approximately 170 linear feet of existing storm drains pipes;
- Use best management practices (BMPs) for erosion control, storm drain inlet protection and restoration of disturbed areas to their original condition;
- Resurface streets impacted by its construction activities;
- And install new curb ramps that will improve mobility access for people with physical disabilities.

Requested Action: Approval and/or recommendations for the Site Development Permit on the Sewer and Storm Drain 838 Project.

Presenter – Sabeen and Patrick Mulvey

- Gave overview of project
- Red lines are abandoned pipeline, green lines are proposed
- Proposed pipeline will follow almost the same alignment as the current pipeline to be replaced

- Manholes are dug in specific locations. Then special equipment is used to dig tunnels to connect each manhole location. There is not as much open trench work as was done in the past.
- Strom drains will be installed at three location identified by brown locations on map. Olive and 30th, Palm and 32nd – Concrete dissipaters will be used. Work will require open trenching. Impacts to canyon will be restored with native vegetation.
- Door hangars will be provided to residences in the impacted areas prior to construction.

Public comment

- Carrie Schneider – head of Friends of Switzer Canyon, helps preserve Switzer Canyon. Is concrete dissipater a specific style? Would like alternative. This type is large, fenced in, graffiti-prone. Have identified certain type of ring dissipater that would request City look into as alternative.
    - Response from Patrick – SDD 105 energy dissipater used for handling the velocity in this location. Ring dissipater was looked into as an option. It wasn't able to handle the velocity. The SDD 105 is the smallest they can use based on the storm modeling expected for this canyon.
    - Mitigation ratios require that mitigation needs to be greater than 1:1 based on requirements. Most areas will be restored. The paths in the bottom of the canyon would have to be mitigated in order to achieve mitigation ratios. In order to keep the paths, some mitigation will be completed offsite to achieve requirements.
- Matt Thompson – what are major streets and where will construction equipment be stored?
    - Contractor will determine where equipment will be stored once a contractor is hired. Project will begin at Pershing and move up the canyon.
- Carrie Schneider – Appreciate offsite mitigation is required. However, areas have been identified within canyon for potential mitigation by Friends of Switzer Canyon that would improve canyon. There is an example of SDD 105 energy dissipater at end of Grape St and golf course. It is surrounded by fencing and covered in graffiti.

<u>Board comments</u>

Matt Stucky – Agrees with comment that there is plenty of on-site mitigation. Is it possible to do mitigation onsite? Typcial dissipater size is 7.5 feet by 5.5 feet. Is there a less invasive dissipater? Can vegetation be used to help with graffiti? Could colored concrete be used?

Patrick Mulvany - Offsite mitigation will be on other City properties that are not nearby. Usually the scope is not part of doing onsite mitigation. Dissipater options are SDD 104 (rip rap rock) and 105 based on the storm flow velocity in this canyon. This is the least invasive option

Aria – Is there an inventory of trees that will be impacted? Is there a way to dress up the dissipater? Would like to see schematics of different options.

Patrick – Did an EIR, no large native tress being removed. One palm tree getting removed. Everything else is smaller vegetation. The dissipater is covered on three sides with dirt. Only the open end is visible where water enters. The internal concrete walls are visible while looking into it. Could use anti-graffiti coating. Fence is for safety – must have this.

Steve – Is mitigation looked into onsite? Are the Otay and Marin sites the default sites for mitigation? Does the City identify these areas?

Patrick – It's not part of scope to look into areas within the canyon. The City decides Otay and Marin site

Sabeen – She will check to see if it's possible to look into mitigation within the canyon.

Arash – Concrete is the least invasive option based on size? The rip rap option is possible but would take up too much room?

Patrick – Rip rap is feasible but would take huge area. Rip rap would also impact trail system in canyon.

Sabeen – City Maintenance will not maintain rip rap dissipaters

Carrie – Looking at alternative analysis is optimal time. Would like to see a ring dissipater with rip rap to see if that analysis will support the velocity.

Patrick - Will have to go through City review process again after consulting with Friends of Switzer Canyon. Report could be produced for alternative dissipater. Could take a month or two.

Motion

Recommend the City consider onsite vegetation mitigation within Switzer Canyon in colloboration with the Friends of Switzer Canyon to the greatest extent feasible, and conduct a dissipater alternative analysis with priority on minimizing invasiveness and potential for vandalism prior to approving the SDP.

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B. Texas Street Resurfacing (6:45-7:15pm) Informational Item

Presenter: Everett Hauser, Mobility Program Manager, City of San Diego, Transportation & Storm Water Department, ERHauser@sandiego.gov

City staff will present the options evaluated for assessing the feasibility of complete streets elements including (not limited to) pedestrian safety improvements, bike lanes, and/or improved access to transit per SB-1 Sec 2030(f) mandate, as part of the resurfacing projects on (a) Texas St. between Madison Ave. and El Cajon Blvd., (b) Texas St. between Upas St. and University Ave., and (3) Madison Ave. between Texas St. and Utah St.

Presenter

- SB 1 funding definition
- Slurry contract 1924. Information available on the Streets City website.
- Continental cross walks are always addedfor SB 1 projects, traffic lanes made to current width
- Texas St is a planned Class II bike lane. However, bike lane won't fit unless parking is removed and turn lane is kept per planned street classifications.
- In 2014 evalution, recommendation was to add sharrows to Texas
- Strava data shows people biking are using
- Texas Street resurfacing is happening now on west side of University
- Two types of resurfacing – slurry and overlay. Slurry is less change and opportunity for pedestrian improvements. Overlay has more options for pedestrian improvements.
- Can use GetItDone app to recommend areas for bulb outs or other improvements
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Public comment

- Speaker 1 - 2 deaths in 2019 and 25 injuries since 2018. Pedestrian safety should be considered.
- Speaker 2 – Is project to remove parking or add sharrows? Don't bulb outs push bicyclists into oncoming traffic? (Everett – sharrows already on Texas. No proposal to remove parking. His department works with planning groups if they request an analysis)

- Speaker 3 – Any removal of parking would be huge impact to residents? How much parking would be removed?
- Speaker 4 – Opposed to remove any parking on Texas St.
- Speaker 5 – Engage with residents of Texas St for any street improvement recommendations.
- Speaker 6 – Board member of BikeSD. Would like to see the bike lane continue that comes up Texas St. Community Plan calls for bike lanes. City needs to add more bike lanes to get people to move differently for the future.
- Speaker 7 – Bulb outs make it difficult for right turn lanes for cars and bikes. Are pedestrian injuries from car or pedestrian fault? What are parking requirements of new projects?
- Speaker 8 – Texas St resident concerned about any removal of parking. Parking is needed on Texas St. Would like to see improvement on making right turn lane only on Texas and Madison to avoid accidents
- Speaker 9 – How would community be notified if City wanted to remove parking spots? (NPPC board would hear these issues if they come up. City also notifies impacted residents)
- Speaker 10 – 26 parking spaces removed on Meade for bikeway. Opposes any removal of parking.
- Speaker 11 – If bike lanes added, it would cause problems on other streets.

Board comments

- Arash – Agree residents are parking on Texas and essential. Would like to see more pedestrian improvements
- Aria – Will lines be painted in the next week or so? (Yes) Is there any motion or suggestions we could make that could be implemented? (Not for this project, but a large conversation could occur) Could 2-way cycle track in the center of street? Could narrow lanes and bike lanes work and not remove parking? Would be interesting to find a way to connect Texas to Meade and Howard bikeways without large impact on parking. Could side streets be converted to head-in parking?
- Matt – Texas is a Class II bike lane in community plan and only possible way is to remove parking, which isn't feasible. We should find an alternative to replace a planned bike lane if the one identified is not feasible. Not in agreement that SB1 funds can't be used for more meaningful pedestrian improvements. Was there a consideration of pedestrian and bicycle improvements unless they are determined to be impractical? Seems like the state legislature wanted cities to complete fewer projects but do them right.
- Steve – Any opportunity for traffic calming measures? Can a crosswalk be added at Texas and Monroe? (Can use GetItDone app to suggest analysis for specific project. Can also contact Councilperson's office for assistance)

Motion

Subcommittee requests that the City perform a corridor evaluation on Texas Street with special focus on pedestrian safety using suggestions from NPPC, North Park Community Plan and past community input.

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V. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items (7:15pm)

C. Future Agenda Items:

1. Wireless Ordinance – have a wireless company present on future installation of new lamp posts
2. North Park Garage – collaborate with City and North Park Main Street

VI. Adjournment (7:20pm) Aria/Arash 9:04PM

Next PF&T Subcommittee meeting date: Tuesday, September 8th, 2020

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