

**MINUTES
LAWTON ACCESS BOARD
NEW CITY HALL - CITY ATTORNEY'S CONFERENCE ROOM
212 SW 9th STREET
NOVEMBER 25, 2014**

Rusty Whisenhunt called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in the City Attorney's Conference Room. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Sharon Fanning; Joseph Harper; Don Kesler, Jr.

ABSENT: Kay Love; Jim Russell.

OTHER PRESENT: Doug Wellhouse, License & Permit; Rusty Whisenhunt, Public Works; Denise Ezell, City Clerk's Office.

APPROVE MINUTES from October 28, 2014 meeting

Kesler stated on page 9 where Harper talks about where he lives we need to add 26th Street.

Motion by Kesler, Second by Harper, to approve the minutes of October 28, 2014 with stated correction. **Aye:** Harper; Kesler; Fanning. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. New Business

A. Transition Plan Update and review milestone chart for completion, take action if necessary.

Whisenhunt stated we need to prioritize the routes. The reason for prioritizing is the actual cost for sidewalk installation is about \$17,000 a block if we own the right-of-ways and if we do not it goes up. If we have to make the traffic signal compliant that is another \$12,000 to \$15,000 per intersection.

Harper asked "Doesn't the city always have the right-of-way?"

Whisenhunt stated in residential areas that is generally the truth but once you move along the arterial roads those were not platted as a 4/5 lane road. They have already widen and used most of the city right-of-way.

Fanning asked "So you have to negotiate with each individual?"

Whisenhunt stated yes. In the CIP there was approximately a million dollars set aside for accessibility issues. So we need to decide what areas we want to prioritize. That is what we are

going to do today. Here are some maps for us to look at and mark our priorities and we will start putting the projects together as we get the funding. Let's begin with map 40. This is the south side of Gore on 38th Street over to Sheridan.

Harper stated that is kind of a main street there because it goes right straight to 27th and it is the only one that goes through for a ways. It goes to Sheridan and that is the only one until you get to A Street.

Whisenhunt stated on my map I have already marked the projects that are in the works. We have a project on 27th Street that will start at Lee Boulevard and go to J Avenue. Depending on the funds will depend on how far north of J Street it will go.

Harper asked "Are they not doing anything from J Avenue to Gore?"

Whisenhunt stated Cameron put in a parking lot between A and B Avenue so there is new sidewalks there. We are doing a realignment of 27th Street at the intersection of Gore which will go all the way to the north side of Gore. It will start about Cornell and from there all the way to 29th Street north of Gore. That project will have sidewalks.

Fanning asked "On 27th Street from Lee to J Avenue where will the sidewalks be placed?"

Whisenhunt stated on the school side.

Harper asked "What about 26th Street from E to the dead end at the railroad tracks. That is really a devastating piece of street there?"

Whisenhunt stated we don't have a project for 26th Street. I agree 26th Street just south of Gore down to E is in very bad conditions and needs work. What we really want to do is identify the primary routes and their priority. Then we will put together a plan to fill in the vacancies.

Fanning stated on Gore from 52nd to 68th Street you have no sidewalks for the kids going to school. Is that a priority.

Whisenhunt stated the only project that was identified along that area was the mill and overlay that has been completed. That area has not been identified as a project. At 52nd Street we are redoing from the railroad tracks to north of Gore. There will be sidewalks that cover that area.

Kesler stated I think as we identify the priorities for sidewalks one of the things we need to look at is where are the schools, health care facilities, and bus routes. We need to get the sidewalks where they merge up with those 3 facilities.

Fanning stated on the Lee to J Avenue on 27th Street I still think they should go around with the sidewalk at least up to DHS. There is a bus stop there that is used a lot.

Whisenhunt stated we will call from 27th Street over to DHS will be Route 1. Route 2 will go from J Avenue up to E. Route 3 would be up to where it connects to the relocation of the alignment of the intersection which would get you all the way to Cornell. That gives you 3 routes on 27th and will complete up to Gore. When that intersection is done there will be some sidewalks done. Route 4 will be from 27th back to traffic signal right in front of the hospital down Gore. Okay we need a route from 27th all the way to Sheridan.

Harper stated what about E Street. It goes directly from Sheridan into the university. If you go from Sheridan to 27th, then from 27th to D you can go right into the university.

Whisenhunt stated Route 5 will be from 27th down E Street to Sheridan and Route 6 will be from 27th down Gore to Sheridan Road.

Kesler stated once we get north of Gore we need to be careful because the hospital is buying up all that property and are going to realign the streets.

Whisenhunt stated the city actually has a plan to realign the street and 27th will be connecting to 29th Street. They are going to purchase some of the homes and curve it over.

Harper asked "What about 31st Street?"

Whisenhunt stated 31st Street will become a parking lot for the hospital.

Harper asked "How will you get to Arlington?"

Whisenhunt stated you will have to go down 27th or 29th over to Arlington. On the west side of 29th the city is buying 6 of those homes to realign the intersection.

Kesler stated as long as we are in that area Adams Elementary only has sidewalks around the school where they redid Ferris on the south side. There is sidewalk from 35th Street to 35th Place.

Whisenhunt stated we have a new sidewalk south of Ferris all the way down to Gore and from Ferris north we are actually redoing the road and putting sidewalks in all the way to Kinyon.

Fanning stated I'm not following when you say there at 35th Place that the sidewalks will go all the way to Gore. Going through what?

Whisenhunt stated there is existing sidewalk that starts at Ferris and runs along 35th all the way down and at Arlington it comes across and runs on the hospital side. Now from Ferris north there is currently not a sidewalk and we are doing a street project there and we will be putting in sidewalks all the way to Kinyon.

Kesler stated there are bus stops on both side of the street there by Adams. There is also another set of bus stops over by Tomlinson.

Harper stated where there are bus stops we need to have access.

Whisenhunt stated the problem is there are 75 bus stops and you are talking 150 miles of sidewalks at a cost of \$250,000 per mile.

Fanning asked “And how much was put in the CIP?”

Whisenhunt stated a million dollars.

Harper stated I thought it was \$300,000 a year.

Whisenhunt stated the CIP was a million but we have to spend \$350,000 a year. This year alone we have spent almost \$800,000 and \$1.7 million last year.

Harper stated I can’t see where it went.

Whisenhunt stated 2nd Street from C Avenue to Gore, the Town Center, 67th Street, and 38th Street.

Harper stated I haven’t been to those areas.

Kesler asked “Did 82nd Street pay for their own sidewalks?”

Whisenhunt stated no. Those areas are coming through tax dollars. Okay we have got to Sheridan Road and 27th Street. Now we probably want to look at going down Sheridan Road. Route 7 will start on Sheridan Road from Gore to Ferris. Route 8 will be Ferris to Cache Road. Some of this has sidewalks that can be modified without doing total replacement but there is a lot of it that is so far out of compliance and is un-useable.

Harper asked “What about the sidewalks in front of Sheridan Square?”

Whisenhunt stated there is too much cross slope and it doesn’t have curb ramps. It can be used but it is not compliant. If we build it we have to make it 100% compliant.

Whisenhunt stated those 2 routes will take care of Sheridan Road from Gore to Cache Road. What about a route south of Sheridan Road. Do you want to go to Lee?

Harper stated yes.

Whisenhunt stated Route 9 will go down Sheridan from Gore to E Avenue and Route 10 from E Avenue to the Health Department.

Fanning asked “Are we not going to go all the way to Lee?”

Whisenhunt asked “Do you want to go to the end of Sheridan to Lee and then over to DHS?”

Fanning stated I think we should.

Whisenhunt stated Route 11 will be just south of J on Sheridan to Lee Boulevard around and down Lee and reconnecting to DHS. “Do you want to move from Sheridan on Gore to the downtown area”?

Harper stated maybe to 11th Street.

Whisenhunt stated Route 12 will start at Sheridan going down Gore to 17th Street. Route 13 will go from 17th Street down Gore to 11th Street. There will be another project on 11th Street from Gore to Ferris that will have compliant sidewalks.

Fanning asked “Will this be done by the city?”

Whisenhunt stated yes. They are moving the light poles now and construction will start right after the first of the year. To move a street light pole cost \$8,000. Why don’t we continue on Gore all the way to 2nd Street and that way we would be compliant to reach the mall and the shopping center.

Fanning stated okay.

Whisenhunt stated Route 14 will be from 11th Street going down Gore to 6th Street and Route 15 from 6th Street to 2nd Street. 2nd Street is compliant and it will take you to the mall, Elmer Thomas Park, and the new shopping center.

Harper stated all we need now is something down Gore to east 20th and that would cover the casino and the ABC clinic.

Whisenhunt stated that gets real difficult because you have bridges to cross and an archeological dig site. We can’t do anything along Gore from the east side of I-44 to 20th Street. This area will have to be accessed by bus. That gives us 15 routes and that would be about 400 miles worth of work. That means we have to prioritize what we have.

Harper stated we can almost go by the routes. I would like to see down E and Sheridan done first. That connects a lot of different places.

Fanning stated I don’t have a problem leaving it the same as the routes.

Harper stated I think Sheridan being at 9 and 10 is a little far out. I believe 9 and 10 should come before 8 and 7. There are no good sidewalks on Sheridan and that is a dangerous street.

Whisenhunt asked “Do we want to look at those routes on Sheridan as priority 1-4?”

Harper stated you could leave Route 1 as it is.

Whisenhunt stated the routes and priorities are as follows:

Route	Priority
1	1
7	2
8	3
9	4
10	5
6	6
4	7
3	8
2	9
5	10
11	11
12	12
13	13
14	14
15	15

I will convert the route numbers to the priority numbers and put them on a map. Now we have a good layout and from the sidewalk study part of the existing sidewalks are usable and part of them are not. At the traffic signals we have to put in poles and the pedestrian buttons and it will cost about \$15,000 a traffic signal.

Fanning asked “Is that on top of the \$17,000?”

Whisenhunt stated yes.

ADDENDUM

A. Approve Annual Meeting Notice for 2015.

Whisenhunt stated we have to file a yearly meeting notice in the Office of the City Clerk for the meetings next year by the 15th of December. This item is to approve that notice.

Motion by Kesler, **Second** by Fanning, to approve the yearly meeting notice. **Aye:** Kesler; Fanning; Harper. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

2. Comments/Discussion

Whisenhunt stated the meeting for next month will be on December 30th. We need to speak with Russell about amending the by-laws so he can appoint a designee in his absence who would be a voting member.

Kesler stated we also need a vice-chairman.

Ezell stated I'll talk with Russell.

Harper asked "How soon will it be before we start seeing some of this work done?"

Whisenhunt stated now that the priorities are established we will have to do the surveying and design. It will be a while before they are able to start construction. Also they don't start collecting the funds until January 2015.

3. Adjournment

Motion by Kesler, Second by Fanning, to adjourn. **Aye:** Fanning; Harper; Kesler.
Nay: None. **Motion Passed.**