

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 30, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Rick Von Holdt with the following members present: Larry Janssen; Chris Kielblock; Chad Cummings; Amy Ernst; Alaina Kolpin.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Steve Schnieder, City Engineer; Hyunmyeong Goo, Assistant City Engineer; Matt Selof, Community Development Director; Chad Nickel, Public Works Supervisor; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others Present: Peter Engelmeyer, MnDOT; John Crawford, KLJ Engineering; Joe DeVere, KLJ Engineering; Jamie Salinas, FORWARD Worthington; Kari Lucin, Daily Globe; Ryan McGaughey, Radio Works.

PROJECT UPDATE - US HIGHWAY 59 TURNBACK

Peter Engelmeyer, MnDOT District 7, along with representatives from KLJ Engineering Services were present to recap the March Council Work Session. Alternatives 2,4,5 were chosen by Council to be carried forward. Peter Engelmeyer said after meeting with staff on May 11th alternative 3 should also be considered.

Joe DeVere, KLJ Engineering, said that there is slightly better traffic flow with a signal and slightly better safety with a roundabout. Council Member Cummings asked if there is a difference in widths of the roundabouts that would be located at Ryan's Road and Oxford Street and Humiston Avenue. Mr. DeVere said the roundabout at Oxford Street and Humiston Avenue would be 15 feet wider than the one at Ryan's Road. He also explained the width difference between the two lane and four lane would be 20 feet.

Discussion was held concerning the proposed configuration options. Council Member Cummings asked what plan would be easier for maintenance and Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director said that from a maintenance point of view it would be easier to have four lanes.

Mr. Engelmeyer suggested carrying forward Alternatives 2, 3,4, 5. He shared the preliminary cost estimates with Council, and explained the costs have been inflated since the project will take place in 2027. The City's portion of the cost estimate depending on the alternative that is chosen would range from \$700,000 to \$1.2 million dollars. He said the next step is to have the City of Worthington pass a resolution of intent for the turnback. Public engagement sessions then would be held for the community with a final decision needed in August on the preferred alternative so items can be submitted to the legislature. Completion of the preliminary design is slated for October.

Mr. Robinson said staff will present a resolution to Council on June 12, 2023 for consideration, noting it does not bind the City but shows its intent.

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ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Kolpin and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers, CMC
City Clerk