

**CITY OF GILBERT**  
**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Milos called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Milos, Councilors Pontinen, Robich and Vertachnik.

Absent: Councilor Bol (w/Notice).

Staff Present: City Engineer Jamnick, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar and City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison.

Also Present: Mike Kalnbach, MN DOT and Brian Larson, MN DOT

The purpose of this work session is to discuss the construction projects for MN Hwy 37 and MN Hwy 135.

MN Hwy 37-Mike Kalnbach

2019 bid letting with construction scheduled for 2020. The current cost estimate is \$4.8 million for the project scope from USTH 53 east to MN Hwy 135, 3.6 miles. The rural area will be a mill and overlay. Timing was discussed with consideration given to 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities.

MNDOT ADA group evaluated the sidewalks to determine which ones will be replaced. Street lights will be the city's responsibility, new standards require stainless steel. The 1991 plans show 2" non-metallic conduit going to the poles. Lighting may be a means to slow down traffic so may want to consider taking out some light fixtures. Discussed replacing the light pole at Dakota Avenue.

Bump outs have not been considered. Two driving lanes in each direction. Traffic signals are not an option because the warrants do not support one. It is even difficult to get warrants for stop signs. The police have done speed surveys. Speeding really isn't a problem. Empty semi-trailers sound like they are traveling faster than they actually are. There was discussion about snow removal on MN Hwy 37 in downtown Gilbert.

Discussed what would be required to get a pedestrian route all the way to Alaska Avenue.

Right turn lanes for Alaska Avenue, Rock 'N Pines, West French Avenue and Station 44 Road would be nice along with a bypass lane at CR 97. A wider shoulder at West 40 Campground entrance would also be nice.

In the rural section seven (7) culverts will be replaced. In town approximately 12 storm sewer structures will be replaced. Michigan Avenue storm sewer is a problem but maybe it could be relined. Sanitary sewer could potentially move under the sidewalk. The city could leverage MN DOT's \$4.8 million to go for outside funding.

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There are four (4) water crossings, Florida Avenue, New York Avenue, Minnesota Avenue and New Jersey Avenue. If not touching the pipe casing piping may not be required. The city could consider doing the work the year before construction is scheduled.

Storm sewers will be replaced so if the city needs utility work, it could be done at that time. If catch basins on the corners interfere with ADA ramps, the catch basins will be moved. Louisiana Avenue could be widened at the approach.

MN Hwy 135 – Brian Larson

The scope of the project is from 0.5 miles east of USTH 53 to 0.6 miles south of CR 21 for a total distance of 22.6 miles. The bid opening is scheduled for November 2018 with construction to begin in 2019. Highway resurfacing, culvert repairs and replacements, intersection /turn lane changes at MN Hwy 37 in Gilbert and at CR 100 near Aurora. Also will be some bridge work. Estimated project cost is \$10.2 million.

The concrete median in Gilbert will be removed due to maintenance reasons. Gilbert would like an additional access on to MN Hwy 135 west of the Holiday gas station. Discussion about the reduced speed limit being backed up all the way to the Indiana Avenue access. Also discussed the need for a turn lane for Holiday station and an acceleration lane going west up the grade because loaded trucks turning on to MN Hwy 135 have difficulty getting up to speed.

Discussed how to get a service access point off MN Hwy 135 to the wastewater plant.

There are no plans to do anything about the drainage issue on the north side of MN Hwy 135.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

  
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Debra Sakrison, City Clerk

ATTEST:

  
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Dorothy Elizabeth Milos, Mayor