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To: Public Infrastructure Committee

From: Greg Minikel, Engineering Division Manager

Date: September 3, 2019

Re: Memo from Greg Minikel – Requests for Sidewalks on the west side of S. Rapids Rd. and/or pedestrian crossings at Mill Rd. and Rivers Bend

Since, the completion and reopening of Rapids Rd. between Broadway St. and Custer St. on August 12th, we have received 3 requests for pedestrian crosswalks in order to get to the new multi-use asphalt pathway on the east side of the roadway.

The City of Manitowoc is now responsible for maintaining Rapids Road in this area.

Attached is a copy of the three requests for sidewalks and/or pedestrian crossings and some additional information regarding crosswalks (DOT Facilities Development Manual – FDM and Safe Routes to School Marking and Signing Crosswalks).

I would recommend the City to study this request further and suggest forwarding the issue to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion:

1. The Manitowoc County Highway Department did not feel that these would be safe crosswalks and therefore did not incorporate them in to the reconstruction of the roadway.
2. I would only support in the installation of crosswalks if the City installs the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB). These RRFB's are approximately \$7,500 per installation or per crossing. These crosswalks would still be dangerous even with the RRFB's installed.

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