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Subject: Re: Reconstruction of Fleetwood Drive - Waldo to Stokes: Possible Elimination of the Island

At the mayor's listening session in district 10 last night that subject came up. Some of those in attendance seemed to favor keeping the island while some thought eliminating it would make it easier getting in and out of driveways. With the park and pickleball courts right there, there was huge concern over the speed of traffic and crossing to get to the park. They suggested extra signage and perhaps a pedestrian crossing light when this project is done.

I have no problem just bringing this to the Infrastructure Committee meeting. If there is some way of notifying the neighborhood when this comes up that would be great.

Thanks,
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Ald. Reckelberg,

The Engineering Office is starting the detailed design for the reconstruction of Fleetwood Drive from Waldo Blvd. to Stokes Lane and we would like to eliminate the existing island.

We would like to either meet with you to discuss this option further and/or put this issue on the December 4th PI Committee Meeting Agenda.

As with any changes, there are a lot of positives, but there are some negatives as well.

Our surveyor stated that while collecting data for the project this fall, he had 2 Property Owners come out and talk to him and told him they hope the City will eliminate the island for better access.

In order to transition from the wider width at Waldo Blvd. (for turn lanes already established), we are thinking that we would just paint an island from Waldo to the north side of the Fire Station driveway.

Positives:

1. Provides unhindered access to everyone's driveway. There are 11 driveways in this area, 9 of them are impacted or blocked by the island. Eliminating the island also provides much better access to driveways for those home owners with boats, campers or other trailers.
2. Reduces the amount of curb. The island more than doubles the amount of curb needed. Eliminating this curb saves about \$100K to \$120K.
3. Reduces the amount of concrete pavement (we do not need the concrete pavement at the island openings). This would save approx. \$25K.
4. Reduces the number of storm inlets needed (inlets are needed at the island if there is one. The island doubles the number of inlets needed). Eliminating half the inlets saves about \$30K to \$50K.
5. The wider terrace gives more room for snow storage.
6. The roadway will be about 6 feet further away from everyone's home.
7. The increased terrace width is better for any existing or new trees.
8. The construction time frame will be reduced by removing the island (Possibly 4 weeks, plus or minus).
9. City Crews no longer have to cut the grass in the island.
10. City Crews will be able to remove snow more quickly without the island.
11. City Crews no longer have to push-up or remove snow from the island ends.
12. Many of the existing sidewalk ADA Ramps at the intersections exceed the standard maximum slope of 8.33%. Eliminating the Island will bring in the roadway, which gives us more room to get flatter slopes on the ADA ramps (this saves us from going back along the mainline sidewalk and removing and replacing it, so we can drop the elevation down).
13. Some of the existing driveway approaches are at slopes steeper than 12% which is our standard maximum. The wider terrace/wider driveway approach width will allow the driveway approaches to be much flatter and ride smoother.

Negatives:

1. The terrace (area between the curb and sidewalk) width will basically double in width from about 6 feet to 12 feet plus or minus. This means that there will be more lawn for residents to cut.
2. The driveway approaches will be larger by about 6 feet. This means that there will be more snow for residents to shovel out of the driveways.

The single biggest reason to eliminate the island is simply the cost savings, which we have estimated to be in the range of \$200,000.

In order to do the design and prepare the plans, we need a decision on this issue ASAP. Not sure if we have time to send out a letter to the residents. We simply cannot wait until January for a decision. We would need a decision at the December 4th PI Committee Meeting.

Let us know if you want to meet to discuss further and when you are available, or if you just want this item put on the December 4th PI Committee Agenda. Thanks.