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LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Pursuant to notice made by mailing agendas to news media, a selected list of jurisdictions and individuals in Lane County, a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held.

Questions should be directed to The Board Office Specialist 3, ext. 4203.

February 26, 1991
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Springfield City
Council Chambers

Chair Jack Roberts presided with Steve Cornacchia, Ellie Dumdi, Marie Frazier and Jerry Rust present. Judy Haldeman, Recording Secretary.

PUBLIC HEARING/Considering a Project Design for the Hayden Bridge Road, 5th Street to 19th Street, Improvement Project

Ollie Snowden, County Engineer, stated that this project was added to the County's Capital Improvement Program in 1986 and that a number of things will be considered prior to approaching the project: 1) the function that the road serves; 2) forecasted development in the area that might lead to traffic; 3) safety; 4) structure of the road; 5) other users in the area and 6) drainage. Hayden Bridge Road is a collector and has a traffic count of 5,400 to 6,600 per day; this traffic is forecasted to increase over the years. The pavement rating is 20 on a scale of 0-100 with 100 being good condition. Transplan called for a three lane road with curbs, gutters, sidewalks and bike lanes and these assumptions are still appropriate now. The Roads Advisory Committee recommended alternative 3, a 44 foot roadway with curbside sidewalks within a 65 foot right-of-way (see material on file).

Tom Stinchfield, Transportation Planning Engineer, stated that the County will continue to monitor the need for traffic signals at 5th and 19th Streets as well as at Page School. He stated that there will be minor shifts in the center line to minimize impacts to the property owners and stated that a center turn lane is warranted with the traffic counts on this road. Rust asked if the Department was weighing the use of center turn lanes on either end of the project and Stinchfield commented that the turn lanes were most important at the signals. Cornacchia commented that the Public Works Department uses a set of standards regardless of the politics and wishes of a Commissioner and that the Board supports staff in the standards that are used. The Commissioners have the authority to factor in the human element related to the road projects.

Roberts opened the Public Hearing.

Urbane Rogers, 2467 Dumas Drive, Springfield, commented that there was an EWEB bike lane only 2 blocks away and he wondered why a bike lane was being considered in this plan. He stated that the sidewalks seemed wide and that he was concerned about the large amount of private property that was being taken. He would support an intermittent center lane rather than a continuous one.

Allen Coleman, 1555 Hayden Bridge Road, thanked the Board for its interest and urged the continuance of a two-lane road to maintain the residential area. He stated that 40 mph is too fast near a school and commented that a number of property owners had signed a petition opposed to this project.

Lou Christian, 1396 Hayden Bridge Road, asked if there would be an alignment shift to accommodate on-street parking. He commented that houses sit close to the roadway and that speeding will increase with a center turn lane, though he would support turn lanes on either end of the project. He commented that no survey had been done regarding bike use in the area and he would not support a bike lane without this information.

L. H. Grimes, 1477 Hayden Bridge Road, commented that homeowners have a vested interest in this project. He is primarily concerned about having the speed limit increased and would support a traffic light for the kids going to school. He stated that he was concerned about the five foot allowance for utilities.

Dale Stover, 1433 Hayden Bridge Road, commented that he was against the project, particularly increasing the speed limit. He suggested that the way to solve the traffic problem was to go out around the town.

Ron Kenyon, 510 Hayden Bridge Road, commented that he had trouble getting out of his driveway near 5th and Hayden Bridge Road.

Rodney Chase, 798 Royaldel Lane, commented that he and his wife were the owners of the farmland involved. He stated that he was aware that there were traffic problems on this road and commented that it would cost much more if the City of Springfield were to develop this street. He suggested that the County defer the sidewalks on the north side near the farmland until the land is developed. He commented that the new alignment would save front yards from 5th Street to 7th Street, though the assessment on his property would be great.

Guy Johnson, 1792 Hayden Bridge Road, commented that he had written many letters to the County on this issue. He stated that he would support turn lanes at 5th Street and 19th Street as stated in the letter from the County. He stated that accident reduction will not be significant with the new design and suggested that the EWEB bike path be used rather than constructing a new bike path. He commented that traffic control was needed at the school and traffic needed to slow down. He suggested that traffic be diverted to Q Street.

Ron Meyers, 1146 Hayden Bridge Road, commented that curbs on Hayden Bridge Road will run water down the side streets. He asked how much money would be spent on

constructing the bike lane and stated that he would not be opposed to sidewalks. He commented that speeding is intense on this road after hours.

Avis Holmes, 537 Hayden Bridge Road, commented that she has a problem getting out of her driveway now. She commented that speed checks should be installed.

George Simpson, 622 Hayden Bridge Road, commented that the County was trying to make this road a thoroughfare. He stated that the accidents are at 5th and 19th and stated that the alternate alignment would help. He commented that he wants on-street parking and not a bike path.

Peter Berezniak, 615 Hayden Bridge Road, suggested that the County address the traffic.

Richard L. Moffet, 2950 Hayden Bridge Road, commented that he was a bicyclist and that he rides along Hayden Bridge Road once a week. He stated that there was a steady stream of bicycles on the weekends and that quality of life is improved with bike lanes. He stated that the Springfield Bike Committee has advocated for bike lanes on Hayden Bridge Road.

Jeff Pattee, 1635 Hayden Bridge Road, commented that his father had built the house that he lives in and he does not want to lose half of his front yard to a bigger road. He commented that there was no need for a center turn lane or a bike path and suggested a 26 foot wide roadway with fog lines.

Ron Cooper, 1550 Hayden Bridge Road, asked the Board to consider the opposition to a center turn lane.

Merle Keeney, 1119 Hayden Bridge Road, asked who is paying for this road and stated that he hates bicycles.

Jerri Meyers, 1146 Hayden Bridge Road, commented that the mail box is on the other side of the road and she is afraid to cross it. She stated that she would enjoy the bike path.

There being no one else present who wished to testify, Roberts closed the Public Hearing.

Snowden and Stinchfield addressed the questions that were asked by those who testified during this Public Hearing.

Roberts asked what the situation would be if the City of Springfield decided to put sewers into this area at some point in the future. Snowden stated that storm sewers would be taken care of with this design. He stated that the County did not have a decision yet from Springfield regarding sewers.

Frazier asked if there were any options to divert traffic to another area and Stinchfield stated that there were no east/west routes north of the freeway except Hayden Bridge Road.

Cornacchia stated that he had taken Roberts and Rust on a walking tour of Hayden Bridge Road. He commented that he had grown up in this area and concluded that it would not change much with time. He stated that sidewalks are needed, but that bike lanes are not. He stated that turn lanes seemed like a good idea, but they will increase speeds on the road. He would support on-street parking and will advocate for a two-lane road. He commented that this project will impact people and the quality of the neighborhood. He commented that Chase's property will have a section left for development if the realignment is chosen and suggested that sidewalks could be added and assessed later where they border his property.

Dumdi commented that this is a quiet residential area and that she would prefer to have the major arterials handle the traffic. She suggested that the center turn lane be deleted and commented that the bike path is questionable, though sidewalks were important for safety.

Rust commented that the objectives should be safety, access, minimizing the cost to the public and private individuals, quality of life and future plans. He stated that a two-lane facility was of primary importance to him. He commented that enforcement was a problem and he would like to have the Board get the Sheriff's office and the City Police to do what it takes to provide better enforcement. Rust stated that sidewalks appear to be a necessity to meet the safety issues, especially for children, and he would like to see turn lanes at 5th and 19th. He commented that he had questions about the bike path and the bike plan that need to be answered before he could make a decision about it. He commented that this society is very sensitive to the price of gas and he would not like to see the County overbuild facilities for single vehicles.

Frazier echoed the comments of Cornacchia and Dumdi that this was primarily a residential area. She stated that she was concerned about safety issues for pedestrian traffic and children crossing this street. She would like to have the issue of access to driveways addressed in some way. Frazier stated that she would eliminate the center turn lane except at 5th and 19th and make any other adjustments that would make this project work for the residents as well as the bureaucracy.


Roberts commented that he did not see a good alternative route for this collector and commented that the speeding shows that this is already a collector. He stated that there were some real benefits to having a bike path and he is not convinced that the EWEB path is a satisfactory alternative. He would not advocate for a bike path over livability of the residents on Hayden Bridge Road. He would support the idea of no center turn lane except at the intersections. He supports sidewalks and commented that these sidewalks could be widened to allow for bicycle traffic, though this is not completely acceptable. Though this may be a good plan from the road transportation standpoint, the Board is sensitive to the impact this has on the local community.

Cornacchia commented that the alternate route does make some sense and Dumdi commented that she was inclined to approve the alternative. Rust commented that he would like to have the speed limits enforced and bring on the buses; that he

was inclined not to support the alternative route. Frazier commented that alternative 3 does make sense for traffic flow reasons. Roberts commented that this alternative seems to make sense, but that this was a technical decision that he would need to weigh after a presentation from staff.

The Board will hold a Work Session on this proposed project within 4 weeks to explore a tentative decision.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



Judy Haldeman
Recording Secretary