

**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE WORK SESSION**  
**November 15, 2021**  
**City Council Chambers**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor King. Council Members Paul Fischer, Rebecca Waller, Michael Postma, Oballa Oballa, Joyce Poshusta and Council Member-at-Large Jeff Austin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Jason Baskin

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert and Police Chief David McKichan

STAFF APPEARING ELECTRONICALLY: Public Works Director Steven Lang, Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum, Fire Chief Jim McCoy, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, Park and Rec Director Kevin Nelson, Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann and City Clerk Ann Kasel

APPEARING IN PERSON: Honorary Council Member Kris Heichel, Austin Daily Herald,

Mayor King opened the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

**Item No. 1 – State Aid Street Designation**

Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum stated the City is allowed to designated up to 20% of their local roadway miles as State Aid streets. He stated that amount in 2020 was 25.70 miles but it will be 24.11 in 2021. This is due to updates in the GIS system due to removing flood roadways. He noted this will be approximately \$23,000 less in State Aid funding each year.

Council Member Postma asked how was it decided what sections are designated as State Aid.

Mr. Wenum stated the busiest streets are designated as State Aid streets. He noted they are not treated differently for assessment purposes.

The item will be on the December 6, 2021 Council Agenda.

**Item No. 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW Traffic Discussion**

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested Council feedback about their concerns on 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW traffic. He stated the City roadways are designed to collect traffic from smaller roadways to busier roads. 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW is intended to be a high traffic roadway by design.

Council stated the north and south flow on the road is good. They noted that it is hard to get out of some residences and businesses on the road while making a left turn.

He noted that the proposed signal with the new bridge may help some but it will not be a magical cure for the traffic concerns.

He stated he will provide additional information at a future work session.

**Item No. 3 – Administrative Report**

None

**Item No. 4 – Open Discussion**

None.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Waller, adjourning the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ann M. Kasel  
City Clerk