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City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
2009-0800	Communication	Introduced
	Communication from City Engineer Regarding 60th Street Reconstruction Project-Traffic Signals at Mineral	
	Introduced: 12/15/2009	Controlling Body: Public Works Committee

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

APPROVAL

ACTION DATE:	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
<u>12/15/2009</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barczak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weigel		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
			TOTAL	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>		

SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

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Chair

Vice-Chair

Member

COMMON COUNCIL ACTION

approve to put the traffic signals (lights) back into the project

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			TOTAL	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>		



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Memorandum

TO: Gary Barczak, Chair, Board of Public Works
Michael Czaplewski, First District
Martin Weigel, Second District
Daniel Roadt, Fourth District
James Sengstock, Fifth District

FROM: Michael Lewis, City Engineer

DATE: December 11, 2009

RE: Communication from City Engineer Regarding 60th Street Reconstruction Project-Traffic Signals at Mineral

We have been asked by a couple of Aldermen to revisit the action taken in June of this year on the traffic signals at 60th and Mineral Streets. At that time, we presented to the Board that part of the traffic study that showed that the traffic signals at Mineral Street do not meet the signal warrants now or in the next twenty years.

The June memo pointed out that installing unnecessary signals causes a number of problems besides additional costs. It restricts and delays traffic flow for cyclists and drivers alike, increases air pollution and increases accidents like rear-end collisions. It also encourages people to run yellow and red lights. As an example, accidents decreased after the traffic signals were removed on 72nd and 74th Street along National Avenue. Traffic signals do not decrease accidents.

In June, using the best information we had, we estimated that West Allis' share of reinstalling the signal at about \$26,000, based on the 80%-20% WisDOT-West Allis split. The final estimate recently sent to WisDOT has us at our WisDOT funding cap. Therefore, any additional costs will be 100% West Allis.

Considering traffic control and street light design is the last thing done, the original estimate of \$120,000 in June is now \$80,000. This reduction is basically the result of physically inspecting every fixture along 60th Street since June and determining that some fixtures can be reused. Along with the estimated \$80,000 there will also be an additional \$2,000 for consulting fees to redraw the plans and add this work as an addendum to the bid package that WisDOT will hand out on January 5th.

The Engineering Department is not recommending spending \$82,000 (plus future operating costs) on traffic signals that are not warranted, but we are recommending an alternative.

For maybe \$2,000 we would, with our crews, install the conduit needed for traffic signals. After the project is completed and new traffic data obtained, it's shown that signals are needed, we could install them without opening the new street.

Cc: Common Council
Mayor Dan Devine