

City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status		
2004-0124	Communication	In Committee		
	Communication from City Engineer regarding the reconstruction of Morgan Avenue.			
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Engineering Department

MICHAEL G. LEWIS City Engineer

February 24, 2004

Board of Public Works City of West Allis West Allis, WI 53214

RE: Reconstruction of Morgan Avenue

Dear Board Members:

The reconstruction of Morgan Avenue from STH 100 to 116th Street is on this year's paving program. We have been speaking with the City of Greenfield about the pavement design of this roadway and may have come to an impasse. We want a cross section similar to what worked on Morgan Avenue to the west, a 30 foot wide asphalt roadway, no curb & gutter and a minimal amount of storm sewer. This cross section has worked very well for this specific area.

For whatever reason, and none of the reasons offered by Greenfield make any engineering sense, Greenfield wants a 40 wide (it was originally 44 feet!!) concrete pavement with curb & gutter along with a fair amount of storm sewer. This is a lot of street for a local roadway that only gets 1,700 to 1,900 vehicles per day. A 36 foot wide minor collector street could handle 4,000 vehicles per day. Greenfield's proposal is simply over designed.

Our original estimate for an asphalt roadway was \$365,000 (our share \$173,000). We estimate Greenfield's 40 foot wide concrete and curb & gutter roadway at \$580,000 (our share \$290,000).

The Engineering Department feels that Greenfield's solution is overkill. We can't recommend spending that much money on a local street when we have such huge needs elsewhere. We would like the Board of Public Works to support a 30 foot asphalt roadway similar to Morgan Avenue to the west.

Respectfully,

Michael G. Lewis City Engineer

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Paul Ziehler, CAO

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