

**MINUTES
ROTONDA WEST STREET & DRAINAGE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT (MSBU)**

**ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022
1:30 p.m. – 2:54 a.m.**

**West County Annex, Room 120
6868 San Casa Drive, Englewood, Florida**

Members Present: Nicholas Kotzalas, Chair
Samuel Besase, Vice Chair
Carol Delucca
Laura Ingrassia

Members Absent: Denise Burns, apologies sent

County Staff: Kimberly Kelley, Community Liaison
Kelly Slaughter, Project Manager
Jeff Litherland, Project Engineer

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

Call to Order / Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit):

- Hank Killion inquired on repair versus rehabilitation, questioned why the bridges are being made to be American Disability Act (ADA) compliant, the order of which bridge will be repaired first, if the project is out to bid, why there have been delays and the humpback bridge changes.
- Jerry Eldred reviewed a list of questions provided to Ms. Kelley for the Engineer and Manager.
- Leo VanOrden also provided a list of questions, inquired on the paint and commented on the Texas barrier style bridge and its future deterioration.

Unfinished Business:

- a) Bridge Maintenance/Repair Update: Ms. Kelley reviewed the initial bridge maintenance plan, past scenarios, the budget provided and the current design project to start the needed repairs. Mr. Litherland explained the current thriebeam is not crash rated, and the vertical face barrier was initially the recommendation due to increased costs of a Texas barrier; however, either barrier are viable options. He noted that no bridges are being replaced, lowered, all are considered humpback and not being brought to ADA compliance as that would require widening. Ms. Kelley confirmed that staff would not recommend keeping the current style thriebeam, as it could lead to a liability issue, and Mr. Litherland stated it needed to be brought to current safety standards. Ms. Kelley provided information received from the Fiscal Department as follows: In a "worst case" scenario (meaning if the Advisory Board chose the higher of the two options, the more expensive rails, and the cost of keeping one lane open during bridge construction) the budget can afford the extra expense. Fiscal built the numbers into Fiscal Year 2023, Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025. Fiscal Year 2025 would be at 13.1% of reserves because of the anticipated paving program in Fiscal Year 2025. The projections would be revisited when the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget cycle is proposed. There was additional discussion on the increased costs of materials for both bridge and paving programs, as well as the drainage maintenance programs that need to be done within Rotonda West. Mr. Kotzalas stated that the Rotonda West Association has asked, no matter what recommendation was made on the type of thriebeam chosen by the Advisory Board, if the Texas barrier style bridge option could be considered for the Gas Tax

Road bridges, as these are the face of the Rotonda West entrances. Mr. Litherland stated staff would consider the request but cannot guarantee that design would be chosen. Mr. Litherland and Ms. Slaughter reviewed the questions provided. There was discussion on painting of the bridges, maintenance of traffic (MOT), road closures and one lane road closures. Mr. Litherland stated that staff is conscious of the flow of traffic, and other departments such as Fire/EMS and school bus transportation would all be notified and involved. Public Works also sends out traffic advisories.

Citizen Input on MSBU Items (3 Minute Limit):

- Hank Killion stated the first bridge to be closed would be acceptable and he asked that humpback bridges remain the same height.
- Jerry Eldred inquired on the steel guard bridges and the historical preservation of the bridges.
- Kathy Hadamik commented on the budget of the bridges, future budget and rate assessments.

Advisory Board Open Discussion:

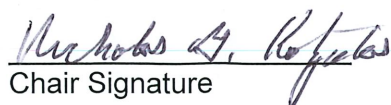
Ms. Kelley shared Ms. Burns input via email as she was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. She stated the following: If I am allowed to vote remotely, I vote for the Texas barrier and the \$34,250 additional cost over the vertical face barrier with the funding predicated on closing both lanes with detour signs that will pay for the better aesthetics and leave a small balance of \$1,750 (\$36,000 for no detour - \$34,250 additional cost for barrier selection = \$1,750). Ms. Kelley stated that unfortunately an Advisory Board members cannot vote remotely, however, felt it was important to provide her input. Mr. Kotzalas asked each individual Advisory Board member to share their input. Ms. Ingrassia stated that she likes the Texas barrier, but the vertical face barrier is fiscally more practical. Ms. Delucca agreed with the upcoming projects and that the vertical face barrier is the best option as far as cost. Mr. Besase does not support either option and wants to keep the current style. Mr. Kotzalas believes with the increased costs of concrete and other materials, and drainage maintenance and paving projects, that the vertical face barrier would be the best option for seventeen bridges. Mr. Besase motioned to move forward with the Texas barrier, there was no second and the motion failed. Ms. Ingrassia motioned to move forward with the vertical face barrier, seconded by Mr. Kotzalas and was approved 3:1 with Mr. Besase casting the dissenting vote. Mr. Besase inquired on state and federal grant funding. Ms. Kelley noted that Public Works Grant Analyst is consistently investigating grant funding for infrastructure needs to provide to project managers and engineers.

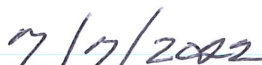
Schedule Meetings / Items for Next Agenda:

Future meetings are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. as follows:

- Thursday, July 7, 2022, at Mac V. Horton West County Annex
- Thursday, October 27, 2022, at the Ann and Chuck Dever Regional Park Recreation Center
- Thursday, December 15, 2022, at Mac V. Horton West County Annex

Submitted by Kimberly Kelley
Public Works Department


Chair Signature


Date



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 Municipal Service Benefit Unit**
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AGENDA

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BOARD MEMBERS: Nicholas Kotzalas, Chair
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Carol Delucca
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COUNTY STAFF: Kimberly Kelley

PURPOSE: Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order / Roll Call
2. Citizen Input on Agenda Items (3-Minute Limit)
3. Unfinished Business
 - a) Bridge Maintenance/Repair Update
4. Citizen Input on MSBU Items (3-Minute Limit)
5. Advisory Board Open Discussion
6. Meeting Schedule
7. Motion to Adjourn