

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(6)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: April 8, 2003

TITLE: A Report on the Reconstruction of Weaver Street

DEPARTMENT: Public Works	PUBLIC HEARING: No
ATTACHMENTS: Resolution Henry Wells Memo dated 2/9/01	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: M. Christopher Peterson 918-7427 David Poythress 918-7432

PURPOSE

The Board requested at its January 2003 Planning Retreat that the Administration submit the proposed Weaver Street Reconstruction Project to them as an item for discussion. The administration recommends adoption of the attached resolution that recommends re-examination of this project in the spring of 2004 when the downtown circulation study is completed.

INFORMATION

Public Works in conjunction with the Town Engineer, Henry Wells, determined in July 2000 after much review and geotechnical testing of the subgrade and base materials of Weaver Street, that due to the poor condition of the existing subgrade and base, that the removal and replacement of all the asphalt, base materials, subgrade materials and curb/gutter for the street would be necessary.

Public Works was working with the Town Engineer, Henry Wells, in the summer of 2000 preparing Construction specifications for the Weaver Street Renovation Project, when Public Works was informed by the Town Manager, that the Town was preparing to have a Downtown Vision report performed by a private consultant. The report would include Weaver Street businesses and residents. The Administration at that time decided that it would be best to put the Reconstruction of Weaver Street Project on hold until this report was complete, so that any recommendations for changes in the Downtown Vision Report, could be considered as a part of the reconstruction plans. By doing this, Weaver Street could include any suggested improvements such as; decorative street lights, benches and wider sidewalks etc. Sungate Design Group completed the reconstruction drawings in the summer of 2000.

The Weaver Street Reconstruction Project is still on hold. The estimated cost to perform the reconstruction project as developed by Sungate Design Group in 2000 is now estimated to be approximately \$400,000.

Public Works had projected in the current 2002-03 fiscal year that the Weaver Street Reconstruction Project would be performed this spring. No decisions have been made to date from the Downtown Visioning Report on what, if any suggestions from this report should be included in the Weaver Street Reconstruction Project. Therefore, plans are still pending for performing the reconstruction work needed on Weaver Street.

The current condition of the asphalt on Weaver Street continues to worsen. This means that we will begin to have larger potholes to repair and the ride quality of the street will continue to deteriorate. We could do a temporary repair to the street. However, the temporary repair or repairs in this situation can only be

done as the deteriorated sections occur. We will address and make those repairs as needed until the project can be performed.

The Weaver Street Reconstruction project cannot be postponed indefinitely. Delay will not affect the need to completely reconstruct the street, which is already deteriorated. However, the longer reconstruction is delayed, the more expensive temporary repairs will be.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the resolution (Attachment A) that recommends re-examination of the Weaver Street Reconstruction Project in the spring of 2004 when the downtown circulation study is completed.