



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 19, 2021

Re: Authorizing Construction of the Wabash Drive Extension Project; Calling for Bids through the Purchasing Division.

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for council consideration an ordinance authorizing construction of the Wabash Drive extension project, and calling for bids through the Purchasing Division. The Wabash Drive Extension project includes the extension of Wabash Drive to Paris Road (Route B). The extension will allow only right-out turning movements onto Paris Road from Wabash Drive in order to reduce the right turning movements from Vandiver Drive onto Paris Road. An online Interested Parties (IP) meeting for this project was held from November 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and the public hearing was held on February 1, 2021.

## Discussion

The Wabash Drive Extension project includes extending the east end of Wabash Drive to Paris Road (Route B). The extension will only allow the right-out turning movements onto Paris Road from Wabash Drive in order to reduce the right turning movements from Vandiver Drive onto Paris Road. Signage and the geometry of the road extension will restrict the right turn movement from Paris Road onto Wabash Drive. As part of the project, a portion of the existing railroad will be replaced with new rails and precast concrete panels where the road extension crosses the tracks. A concrete median island will be constructed along Paris Road to restrict the left turn movements to and from Paris Road at Wabash Drive. Finally, street lighting will be installed and stormwater improvements will be completed.

No easements are expected to be needed for the proposed improvements. An online IP meeting for this project was held from November 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and the public hearing was held on February 1, 2021.

The total project cost estimate (design, utilities, and construction) for the Wabash Drive Extension project is \$164,300. The project will be funded with the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Program sales tax. The project is scheduled for construction in summer of 2021.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The estimated total project cost (design, utilities, and construction) for the Wabash Drive Extension project is \$164,300. The project will be funded with the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Program sales tax.

Long-Term Impact: Routine maintenance.



## Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Public Safety, Tertiary Impact: Economy

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Tertiary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility

## Legislative History

Date	Action
02/01/2021	PH2-21 Proposed construction of the Wabash Drive extension project.
01/04/2021	R1-21 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of the Wabash Drive extension project.

## Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance authorizing construction of the Wabash Drive Extension project and calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.