

## Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
November 1, 2016

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday October 31, 2016 following the Street Committee with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath  
Bill Cost Jr.  
Mark Fraizer

Carol Floyd  
Ryan Bubb

We wish to report:

1. **Resolution No. 16-92** ODOT preliminary legislation for bridge inspection program services, including but not limited to bridge load rating calculations, scour assessments, bridge inspections and fracture critical plan development was considered.

**Brian Morehead-** this is a program that ODOT instituted two years ago where they are funding the inspection of all our bridges within the city and we'd like to take advantage of that again. This would be for the years 2017-2019. ODOT will hire the engineering consultant with bridge inspection qualifications and we will consult with that inspector for whatever information he needs. The consultant will file the inspections with us and with ODOT.

**Mr. Rath-** why does this need expedited?

**Brian Morehead-** that comes from ODOT. I know they are trying to finalize the program in November.

**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mrs. Floyd**

**Mr. Fraizer-** after the inspection they compile the results, give them back to you then you prioritize it for next year, what are the steps after the inspection?

**Brian Morehead-** we have a priority list of the ones that need repaired or replacement right now. This is an annual inspection that is done every year. If there are items that pop up that we can repair we do that. Our list of bridges that we are going to be working on for the next four or five years is already set right now. We don't expect any surprises in the meantime but occasionally some items pop up on the that we might need to repair.

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

2. **Resolution No. 16-93** supporting the Ohio Department of Transportation for the designation of State and US bicycle routes crossing Ohio, including US bike route 50 and State bike route 65 in the City of Newark was considered.

**Brian Morehead-** this is again a piece of legislation that came from ODOT. I think last year you passed a piece of legislation designating US Bike Route 50 which runs east and west through Newark and now there is a proposal to designate a State Bike Route 65 which would be coming from the south from Heath. It basically comes up Forry Avenue, goes across Grant Street, up Williams Street all the way up to the YMCA and then jumps on the bike path heading to the west. This is a new addition by ODOT.

**Mr. Rath-** is this going to utilize primarily roadways?

**Brian Morehead-** yes

**Mr. Rath-** exclusively roadways?

**Brian Morehead-** not exclusively when it jumps on the bike path behind the Y but generally through town it is on the existing roadways.

**Mr. Fraizer-** what all does ODOT's contribution entail?

**Brian Morehead-** there is no financial commitment for us. They will ask us to show the routes on our mapping at some point when it is actually official and I believe the last time with Route 50 they provided the signage. I am assuming that we will get signage for State Route 65 bike signs.

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second by Mr. Fraizer**

**Mr. Fraizer-** are we designating bike lanes on the roadways in order to expedite this and protect bicyclists?

**Brian Morehead-** we're not doing that at this point it will just be a signage type of thing. ODOT has driven these routes through the cities and counties and find them to be lower traffic routes that aren't the state route or actual roadway traffic. These lower traffic volume and in ODOT's opinion this is the type of route that they want to designate as a State Bike Route.

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

3. **Resolution No. 16-94** authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and enter into contract for certain essential supplies for various departments of the City of Newark, Ohio, for 2017 was considered.

**Director Rhodes-** this is an annual thing, we ask for authority to go out to bid for some items to purchase for use in various departments for the calendar of 2017.

**Motion by Mr. Cost to send to full Council, second by Mr. Bubb**

Jeff Rath, Chair