

ZIONSVILLE STREET DEPARTMENT

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STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT ZIONSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 5, 2010

1. **SR 334 PATHWAY DESIGN**
Design continues on this project, and a second meeting with INDOT officials was held on Thursday, March 4th to present the preliminary design for comment. No major issues were identified, and design is proceeding accordingly. The pedestrian bridge over Eagle Creek will be similar to the design used on the Willow Rd. pathway bridge. Design is expected to be complete by June 2010, after which time any necessary easement and/or ROW acquisitions will be pursued.
2. **TURKEY FOOT PATHWAY DESIGN**
A second public meeting was held on March 23rd to present an alternative alignment proposal along the east side of Turkeyfoot Ave. Public comment was received and will be summarized and submitted to the Town Council for consideration at the May 3rd council meeting. Along with the public comment summary, a recommended alignment will be provided from the design engineer and Street Department Superintendent. Design is expected to be complete by June 2010, after which time any necessary easement and/or ROW acquisitions will be pursued.
3. **JOBS BILL FOR MAIN STREET ACT OF 2010**
Upon signature by the President, it appears that no additional stimulus-type funding will be provided to local entities. The street repair being contemplated locally for this funding will still be submitted in the event that funding becomes available.
4. **STORMWATER UTILITY STUDY**
The Utilities and Environment Committee of the Town Council met on March 8th to consider the results of the final report of the stormwater utility study. At that meeting, the committee determined that the creation of a stormwater utility should continue to be pursued, and that public information pieces should be developed and distributed. Staff is developing said public education components for distribution through a variety of media.
5. **NEW STORMWATER PROGRAM MANAGER POSITION**
Five applications for the new position of Stormwater Program Manager have been received to-date. No interviews have yet been conducted due to time constraints, but will occur as time allows.

6. STREET SIGN INVENTORY

Pursuant to FHWA regulations and requirements, Street Department staff continues a comprehensive inventory of all street signs within the Urban district of the Town of Zionsville. This endeavor will continue until all signs have been identified, evaluated for both daytime and nighttime visibility, and digitized as a new layer in the ThinkMap GIS. Current regulations require that all signs meet minimum retro-reflectivity standards (how bright they appear in the dark) over a phased-in timeline beginning in 2012 and ending in 2018.

7. HEAVY TRASH COLLECTION

The annual heavy trash collection schedule has been set and will occur the week of May 3rd this year. During that week, residents of Urban Zionsville can place heavy items not normally accepted with weekly trash curbside on their normal collection day for disposal. Again this year the Town has partnered with DAO recycling to dispose of refrigerant-bearing appliances at no charge. Notices and schedules will be posted in the Zionsville Times Sentinel, as well as on the Town web site and e-newsletter. Residents are encouraged to contact the Street Department with any questions.

8. BRUSH AND LIMB COLLECTION

Annual brush and limb collection has been scheduled for the weeks of April 19th and April 26th. Specific schedules are posted on the Town's web site for residents of Urban Zionsville, and will be placed in the Zionsville Times Sentinel. Residents are encouraged to contact the Street Department with any questions or to determine their specific day of collection.

9. DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET PARKING LOT

The final element under the construction contract was completed this past week, which included placement of the handicapped parking stall pavement markers. Additionally, local gardeners, coordinating through PZAZ have developed a list of plant materials to supplement existing landscape. These plants will be acquired and placed locally through coordination with Street Department staff and PZAZ.

10. ANNUAL STREET REPAIRS

Due to the severity of winter and subsequent thawing season, several roads within Urban Zionsville experienced major failure. As a result it was necessary to contract emergency repair work, and the worst areas have been repaired and gravel placed as a temporary driving surface. These areas will receive asphalt under the annual street repair program. The emergency repairs required approximately 20% of the funds budgeted for street repairs this year. As these were unexpected and unanticipated expenditures, the paving program for 2010 will have to be scaled back, and future years adjusted as well.