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Hiawatha Insights

Tower Terrace Overview

Overview

The Iowa 380 corridor between Hiawatha and Cedar Rapids is growing. The communities have made improvements to the local road system and in order to address transportation needs in the area, the Iowa Department of Transportation has initiated two separate, but concurrent and complementary studies - an Interchange Justification Report (IJR) and an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate if any future improvements are needed to Tower Terrace Road and I-380.

The study goals are to:

- Determine what future transportation improvements, if any, in the vicinity of Tower Terrace Road and I-380 are needed.
- Evaluate the proposed improvements for environmental impacts, including natural resource, social, and economic impacts.
- Coordinate any proposed improvements with local, regional and state long-range plans.

The Iowa DOT has previously conducted studies of this area, but conditions have changed and now improvements to the area may be needed. The previous studies have given the following recommendations:

I-380 Urban Corridor Feasibility Study - this study is ongoing and is addressing the feasibility of improvements to I-380 throughout the Cedar Rapids urban area.

Tower Terrace Road Corridor Management Plan (2010) - this study suggested corridor preservation and an upgrade of Tower Terrace Road to a 5-lane arterial with a speed limit of 35 or 40 mph in the vicinity of I-380.

I-380 Tower Terrace and Boyson Road Interchange Justification Report (2006) - this study approved improvements to the Boyson Road interchange, but determined a new interchange at Tower Terrace and I-380 was not warranted at the present time.

Purpose and Need

Based on review of the previous studies, additional traffic and environmental review of the corridor, the study team has developed a purpose and need statement. The purpose of the project is to accommodate increased travel demands generated by existing and future planned development in the vicinity of I-380 and Tower Terrace Road. In order to meet increased travel demands, the project is expected to meet the following needs:

- Alleviate forecasted future traffic congestion at the Boyson Road and County Home Road Interchange.
- Accommodate anticipated future traffic growth in the vicinity of the project area.
- Support planned economic development and land uses.



Tower Terrace Overview Continued

Schedule and Next Steps

The schedule shows the tasks to complete the Environmental Assessment and IJR documents. Design of the initial improvements could begin in Summer 2013. Once these steps are complete and if funding is available right-of-way acquisition and construction will begin.

The City of Hiawatha has secured funding for the proposed short-term improvements and is proceeding with improvement plans. Ultimately, four through lanes will be needed on Boyson Road, which will require future bridge widening or replacement. The proposed loop ramp in the NW quadrant will eliminate the existing and forecast heavy westbound left turn volumes at the SB ramp intersection.

The City of Hiawatha will be working very closely with Cathy Cutler of the Iowa Department of Transportation and Senator Liz Mathis to help keep these projects in front of them and seek needed funding to make the project successful.

- This information courtesy of the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Task Name	2011		2012			
	Quarter 3 June - September	Quarter 4 October - December	Quarter 1 January - March	Quarter 2 April - June	Quarter 3 July - September	Quarter 4 October - December
Collect Data						
Develop Purpose and Need Statement						
Conduct Traffic and Safety Analysis						
Develop Initial Alternatives						
Conduct Environmental Analysis						
Conduct Public Involvement Events						
Select Preferred Alternative						
Prepare EA						
Respond to Public Comments on EA						
FONSI Approval/NEPA Complete						
Prepare LR Document						
Submit LR for Approval						
FHWA Review and Approval						

Park & Recreation Activities

Free Professional Seminars Don't miss these valuable FREE events!!! Sponsored by Farmer's State Bank

Budgeting - March 20, 2012 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Hiawatha Multi-Purpose Room

This free seminar, led by Jim Garnett, will aid you in disciplining all aspects of your financial life. This portion will focus on budgeting, spending and buying. The presentation works from the premise that having money is based not so much on how much money we make, but how much we manage what we make. This seminar will also take a look at the way most people look at their finances.

Credit - March 21, 2012 - 3:00 p.m. - Hiawatha Community Center

This presentation touches on just about every aspect of credit: reporting, scoring, establishing, repairing and improving. Individual counseling sessions available at Hiawatha City Hall on Wednesday for \$25.

Smart Discipline - March 21, 2012 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Hiawatha Community Center

The last portion of this spectacular seminar is the nationally acclaimed Smart Discipline Workshop. This workshop offers a guaranteed way to stop the fighting and bickering, stop disrespectful language, instill positive beliefs, get kids to clean up their rooms and do what you ask the first time. Also helps with ADD/ADHD kids.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Hiawatha Easter Egg Hunt is approaching again! Mark your calendars for this fun-filled, free event sponsored by Culvers Frozen Custard and Hiawatha Parks and Recreation. This event will take place on April 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Hiawatha's Guthridge Park. Children are welcome to attend with their parents to visit with the Easter Bunny and search through the grass for eggs filled with candy and toys. Don't be late, the eggs will vanish in minutes! Event held rain or shine.

Activity Registration

Please join the Parks and Recreation Department on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Hiawatha City Hall for Activity Registration. Programs are available to sign up online from our website now. If that doesn't work for you - register for programs, including Blastball, Soccer, Tennis, adult programs and many more.

Registration for Tot-Lot, Playground, Youth in the Parks begins online March 1, 2012 and on paper April 1, 2012.

Parents are encouraged to support our programs by becoming a volunteer coach, no experience necessary. Teams are determined by the number of coaches that volunteer.

Community Development Department - Pet Waste Pollutes!



When it comes to scooping the poop, studies show *men* are less likely to do their "doodie" duty. To keep water clean plan for "accidents" by grabbing a bag or two before heading out for a walk or romp in the park. It's the right thing to do when it comes to dealing with number two.

One gram of dog poop (about the size of one pea) contains 23 million fecal coliform bacteria. Whether it's in your yard or out in the neighborhood, please scoop the poop to keep our streams and waterways safe.

Learn More, Do More IowaStormwater.Org



Save these Dates!

City Wide Cleanup

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. This is the scheduled date for our City Wide cleanup at Guthridge Park, located in the 10th Avenue Parking Lot. Watch for the flyer in next months newsletter detailing all of the specifics about this event that help to make our City a better, cleaner and more environmentally friendly place to live, work and play.

Also mark your calendars for the week of April 30, 2012 for the Leaves, Brush and Yard Waste Pickup; Saturday, May 5, 2012 for the City Wide Garage Sale and the week of May 7, 2012 for the Bulky Items pickup!

Hiawatha Lions Club Hog Wild Days 2012

The Lions Club of Hiawatha Presents Free Events at Hog Wild Days this June 21 - 24, 2012.

Watch future newsletters for more details and flyers for this upcoming event!

www.hogwilddays.com



Library News - Free downloadable e-books and audiobooks!!!

The Hiawatha Public Library is pleased to be offering free downloadable e-books and audiobooks for public checkout. With your Metro Library Network library card, you have access to hundreds of free e-books and audiobooks available for download during any day of the week, any time of the day!

Overdrive Media Console is compatible with most e-book readers and MP3 players. You must have a valid Metro Library Network library card and pin number to check out. For more information about this free service, please see the library's Overdrive website at www.hiawathalibrary.com (click on the download icon) or call the Hiawatha Library at (319) 393-1414.

Hiawatha Fire Dept. - Battery Up Event to Help Replace Smoke Detector Batteries

Almost every home in the United States has at least one smoke detector, yet as many as 3,500 Americans die and 18,300 are injured every year in fires! In almost two-thirds of the fires where people die, the smoke alarm did not activate! 73% of the time it was because there were missing batteries, or the batteries are dead. Additionally, smoke detectors over 10 years old have failure rates in excess of 50%. Your best chance of surviving a home fire is to have a working smoke detector and a family escape plan.

The Hiawatha Fire Department recommends having a working smoke detector in every sleeping room, and on every level of your home. Batteries should be replaced yearly and the smoke detector replaced if it's over 10 years old. Having interconnected smoke alarms with electrical power and battery back-up are the best, however, those units also age and need their batteries replaced yearly.

The Hiawatha Fire Department and the Grant Wood Chapter of the American Red Cross will visit those who need special assistance in changing their smoke detector batteries. They will be available to discuss fire safety concerns and have a limited number of smoke detectors for those who don't have them. This year, Battery Up visits are on Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31, 2012. To schedule an appointment, call the Red Cross at 393-3500 or go online at www.grantwood-redcross.org.

Iowa League of Cities Legislative Day

On January 24, 2012 Council Members Dick Olson and Marty Bruns, Mayor Theis, City Clerk Kim Downs, Deputy Clerk Kelly Kornegor and Finance Director Cindy Kudrna attended the Iowa League of Cities Legislative Day. The City's first stop was at the Capital, spending a few minutes with Republican House of Representative Kraig Paulsen and Democratic Senator Liz Mathis. In both meetings, our elected representatives along with staff, discussed the effects that the Legislative 2012 Priorities may have on our city. Then off to Legislative Day hosted by the Iowa League of Cities in Des Moines.

The day included a legislative briefing presented by the League staff and key legislators. Governor Terry Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds also attended the event, to present awards to the winners of the "If I were mayor..." contest; a program to encourage 7th graders to learn more about local government. Legislators presented their stance on the 2012 Legislative Priorities such as Property Tax Reform, Tax Increment Finance Reform, Pensions and Transportation Issues. As individuals and as a group, cities spoke out about the advantages and disadvantages each of the bills presented and most importantly what effects each bill may have on their cities and the services they provide to their citizens.

"The League's Legislative Day is a great chance for officials and legislators to develop and maintain valuable relationships," said Council Member Dick Olson. City Clerk Kim Downs noted the importance of staying in contact with our representatives so when they are drafting or voting on a bill, they know and understand the affects their decisions may have on our community and others in the state.



Council Action

February 1, 2012

Resolution 12-017 - Approve Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2012-2016.

Resolution 12-018 - Set date of (February 15, 2012 @ 7:00 PM) for meeting on proposition to authorize Loan Agreement and issuance of Notes to evidence obligations of the City thereunder.

Resolution 12-019 - Set Public Hearing Date of (February 15, 2012 @ 7:00 PM) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 99 Sewer Service Charges §99.06 Lien for Nonpayment adding 1. Procedures for Delinquent Final Accounts and Write Offs shall be adopted by resolution passed by City Council.

Resolution 12-020 - Set Public Hearing date of (February 15, 2012 @ 7:00 PM) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 101 Storm Water Drainage System §101.05 Lien for Nonpayment adding 1. Procedures for Delinquent Final Accounts and Write Offs shall be adopted by resolution passed by City Council.

Resolution 12-021 - Set Public Hearing date of (February 15, 2012 @ 7:00 PM) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 166 Sign Code amending §166.27.6.B.(4) adding Item (a) Pole signs on nonresidential properties zoned C-3 and C-4, amending §166.54 Definitions adding Murals, Sign and Sign, Non-Commercial and amending §166:17 Criteria for Sign Types adding Item 10 Murals.

Resolution 12-022 - Set Public Hearing date of (February 15, 2012 @ 7:00 PM) to consider amending Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 65 Stop or Yield Required amending §65.01 Stop Intersections adding the intersections of Metzger Drive and Hawkeye Drive, and Commerce Drive and Metzger Drive.

Resolution 12-023 - Awarding Contract for Ushers Creek Erosion Repairs Project to Skyline Construction, Inc., of Decorah, Iowa, for an amount not to exceed \$23,121.90.

Resolution 12-024 - Authorize staff to proceed with plans and specs for the North Center Point Road LED Street Lighting Improvements Project pending receipt of the State Energy Program Energy Retrofits Grant award and extension for use of Federal ARRA (Stimulus) Funding.

Resolution 12-025 - Approve payment for additional purchase of miscellaneous small equipment for new 2012 Chevrolet G4500 Type 3 Ambulance.

February 15, 2012

Resolution 12-027 - Institute proceedings to take additional action regarding the authorization of Loan Agreement and issuance of Notes to evidence obligation of the City regarding Not to Exceed \$2,925,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2012A.

Resolution 12-028 - Fix date of (March 7, 2012 @ 11:00 a.m.) for sale of \$2,855,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2012A and approve electronic bidding procedures.

Resolution 12-029 - Fix date of (March 7, 2012 @ 11:30 a.m.) for sale of \$955,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2012B and approve electronic bidding procedures.

Resolution 12-030 - Set date (March 7, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.) to consider appeal of Notice to Abate Nuisance of Hiawatha Code of Ordinances Chapter 165 UDC §165.23.9 C1 Parking and Storage Restrictions in Front Yards for the property at 990 Robins Road as requested by Marak Properties LLC.

Resolution 12-031 - Approve Final Plat for Longfellow Square Eighth Addition.

Resolution 12-034 - Authorize City Engineering to proceed with design plans and specifications and the solicitation of quotations for the 2012 Sanitary Sewer Repair Program.

Resolution 12-035 - Authorize payment to Linn County Rural Electric Cooperative for installation of switch at the intersection of Tower Terrace Road and North Center Point Road.

Resolution 12-036 - Approve an Electronic Recycling Event with Midwest Electronic Recovery on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Resolution 12-037 - Approve Community Shred it Day with Shred-it, Ltd., on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Resolution 12-038 - Approve a Community Collection Event for Household Hazardous Waste on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and authorize Mayor to sign the Memo of Understanding with Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency.

Resolution 12-039 - Amend 2010 Employee Handbook Sections: a. VIII Education Assistance amending tuition assistance request process and reimbursement procedures, and amend the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy, Needs Assessment adding safety toed shoes requirements to Road Use & Sewer, Community Development Department and Parks Department.

Resolution 12-040 - Amend Procurement Card Program Policies updating City Staff Roles and Responsibilities.

Resolution 12-041 - Amend Administrative Policy Internal control updating City Staff authorization for Disbursements, Payroll Procedure, Accounts Payable Procedure, Receipts, Reports and Other.



MARCH 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Womens Street Smart Self Defense Class 10am - Noon
4	5	6	7 Council 7pm	8	9 Kids Movie Night 6pm Movie: TBA	10
11	12 History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 7pm	13 Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	14 Council Airs 7pm Channel 8	15 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	16	17
18	19 Begin Flushing Hydrants	20 Budget Seminar 6:30 - 8:30pm Water 6:30 pm	21 Credit Seminar 3pm Council 7pm	22 Smart Discipline 6:30 - 8:30pm	23	24
25	26 P&Z 6 pm	27	28 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	29 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	30 Hiawatha Fire - Battery Up www.grantwood- redcross.org	31 Hiawatha Fire - Battery Up www.grantwood- redcross.org



APRIL 2012



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1	2	3	4 Council 7pm	5	6	7 Easter Egg Hunt 9am Guthridge Park
8	9 History 1:30 pm Board of Adj. 7pm	10 Activity Reg- istration Day 5-6pm Parks 6:00 pm Library 7pm	11 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	12 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	13	14 Disc Golf Tournament Fay Clark Park
15	16	17 Water 6:30 pm	18 Council 7pm	19	20	21 City Wide Clean-up Guthridge Park 9:00 - 11:00 am
22 Farmers Market Begins 11-2 pm	23	24	25 Council Airs 7pm Channel 18	26 Council Airs 10am Channel 18	27	28
29 Farmers Market 11-2 pm	30 P&Z 6 pm					

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Water Department News

Source Water Development and Water Storage Maintenance

If you have driven down Robins Road and looked up at the water tower lately, you may have noticed the tower isn't in the best shape. In fact, the Robins Road tower has been in use for 44 years and is in desperate need of a face lift, inside and out. The Boyson Road water tower is 20 years old and could use a little TLC as well, at a reasonable cost to our citizens. Much like your water pipes at home, we need to eliminate any built up rust and sediment from the towers to ensure that clean and healthy water is provided to our community. So, the Hiawatha Water Board has entered into a water storage tank maintenance program with Utility Service Company of Perry, GA.

The maintenance program will help us clean up our water towers and then provide for a regular maintenance schedule to keep them in good shape for many years to come. The maintenance program will include sandblasting to get rid of the rust and old paint from the towers and then a fresh coat of paint will be applied inside and out. The Robins Road tower will be out of service this year, while work is being done and because the outside of this tower will be sandblasted, it will be encapsulated and contained for safety and cleanliness. Only the inside of the Boyson Road tower will be sandblasted, but both the inside and outside of the tower will be cleaned and painted next year. The projected start date on the maintenance program for the Robins Road water tower is set for 2012 and the Boyson Road tower the following year.

With this new project, you will see a new service line on your water bill. Starting July 1, 2012, you will see the initials MP, which refers to Source Water Development and Water Storage Maintenance Program. A proposed rate will be set in June and added to your water bill to help with pay for the up keep of our storage tanks. If you have any questions about this new charge, please feel free to contact the Water Office at (319) 393-5556 option four (4).



Flushing Water Lines / E-Bills & Online Payments

Starting Monday, March 19, 2012 through Friday, April 13, 2012, weather permitting, Hiawatha Water Department will be flushing hydrants throughout the City.

Flushing the water system on a routine basis removes sediment from lines and keeps the entire distribution system refreshed. Hiawatha Water Department maintains over 40 miles of domestic water lines throughout the City.

As a result of the flushing procedure, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt or deposits and does not affect the safety of the water. The water is still drinkable. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your home by running all water faucets for a minute or two. We also advise to postpone doing your laundry until all internal pipes have been cleared.

E-bills and Online Payments

We are very pleased with the amount of customers that have taken advantage of our new online payment option on our website. Just a reminder to anyone who may have missed how this software works, you can go to our website www.hiawatha-iowa.com.

Go to **Departments** and then **Water**. Once on the water page, you can submit your e-mail address for e-billing and pay your water bill. Please be sure to have a water bill on hand when creating an account as you will need your **account number** and **property location**.

Property location is located right above the perforated line of your water bill. You must enter your property location exactly as shown on your water bill, this is **not** your mailing address.