

CITY OF STEVENS POINT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

Monday, December 14, 2015
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Wiza, Comptroller/Treasurer (C/T) Corey Ladick, Director of Public Works Scott Schatschneider and Tricia Church; **Alderspersons:** George Doxtator(1st), Garrett Ryan(3rd), Heidi Oberstadt(4th), Mary Kneebone(7th) and Mary McComb(9th).

ALSO PRESENT:

DIRECTORS: Michael Ostrowski – Community Development and Joel Lemke – Public Utilities and Transportation, and Tom Schrader – Parks and Recreation.

ALDERPERSONS: Denise Mrozek(2nd), Brian Van Stippen(5th), Jeremy Slowinski(6th), Tony Patton(8th), Mike Phillips(10th) and Shaun Morrow(11th).

CITY STAFF MEMBERS: City Clerk John Moe, City Attorney Andrew Beveridge, Police Chief Martin Skibba, Fire Chief Bob Finn, Streets Department Staff Mike McHugh, David Worzalla, Kenny Rozek, Dan Rutkowski, and Cliff Bembeneck.

OTHERS: Nate Enwald – P.C. Gazette, Brandi Makuski – Stevens Point City Times, Ryan Barz, Kevin Hagen and Bruce Gerland – AECOM, Carl Chase and Eric Skille – Sentry Insurance, Bill and Bonnie Maher – Maher Water Corporation, Pam Gartman – Delta Dental, John Williams – General Beer, Pat Wesenberg – Central City Credit Union, Lloyd Spatz – 5218 Howard Avenue, Bob Fisch – 1033 Smith Street, Cathy Dugan – 615 Sommers Street, Neil Prendergast – 1924 Plover Street, Chuck Glodowski – 5276 Howard Avenue, Troy Obremski – 5258 Howard Avenue, Raina Zanow – 2416 Osprey Retreat, Michael Corrigan – 3271 Tulip Lane, Reid Rocheleau – Whiting Resident, and Keith Aron – Plover.

Mayor Mike Wiza called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on December 14, 2015. The meeting was held at the Lincoln Center located at 1519 Water Street in Stevens Point.

1. Consideration and possible action to accept the Directors Report and place it on file.

Director Schatschneider had nothing to add to his report but stated he was open for questions.

Aldersperson Kneebone asked if we bill insurance for knocked down city signs. Director Schatschneider responded that if we catch you we do bill insurance.

Aldersperson Doxtator made a motion to accept the Director's Report and place it on file; seconded by Aldersperson Oberstadt.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Relocation Order and Right-of Way Plat for the Hoover Road Grade Separation Project.

Director Schatschneider stated that we discussed this at last month's meeting and since then have met with the Town of Hull and have included the signed Relocation Order and Plat in the packet.

Mayor Wiza made a motion to approve the Relocation Order and Right-of-Way Plat for the Hoover Road Grade Separation Project; seconded by Aldersperson Kneebone.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Consideration and possible action to approve the Parking Ordinance Modifications in Section 9.05 on the north side of Ellis Street between East Avenue and Reserve Street.

Aldersperson McComb asked if the only change was pushing the no parking zones away from the intersections. Director Schatschneider responded that was correct.

Aldersperson Doxtator pointed out that he grew up in this neighborhood and agreed this is a good suggestion in making it safer for children walking to and from his old school.

Aldersperson Ryan moved approval for the Parking Ordinance Modifications on the north side of Ellis Street between East Avenue and Reserve Street; seconded by Aldersperson Oberstadt.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

4. Discussion regarding a request by Sentry Insurance to add angle parking on Ellis Street between Strongs Avenue and Church Street.

Mayor Wiza stated this is for discussion explaining that it was brought to the city by Sentry Insurance. He explained that recently they updated one of their parking lots and due to the City Ordinance regarding the amount of green space requirements; they lost some of their parking. He added that they tried to go through the Historic Preservation and Design Review last month requesting to allow a portion of their green space be allowed for parking but it was denied.

Director Schatschneider added that after looking at this idea internally, staff felt that the idea had merit bring it before the Board for discussion.

Aldersperson McComb said she received word from a constituent who pointed out that Ellis Street from Clark Street east is considered a bike route and on the bicycle and pedestrian plans for shared lane markings. She asked if there would still be room for an against the flow bike lane if this

goes through. Mayor Wiza responded that there probably would not be enough room but bikers could still use the sidewalk.

Aldersperson Ryan mentioned that Sentry Insurance stated at the Historic Preservation and Design Review Board Meeting he attended that they do have additional offsite parking within two blocks of their building; however, their employees do not want to use it nor have they been advised to do so. He does not feel we should be providing more parking when it already exists and is not being used.

Mayor Wiza added that one pro to this configuration is that it is paved and we are not adding anything structurally other than signing and striping which Sentry Insurance will be covering. He added that if this does not work, we can change it back. He feels this would not cause the city much inconvenience and it would be adding additional downtown parking.

Aldersperson Doxtator asked if we considered the bottle necking and the blind corner off Strongs Avenue if it were changed to a one-way. Director Schatschneider responded that it was looked at but did not warrant any potential issues.

Aldersperson Kneebone asked if it would be required to designate a number of stalls to the handicapped. City Attorney Beveridge responded that because it is on street parking and not designated to a specific building it would not be required.

Neil Prendergast – 1924 Plover discourage the Board from approving another one-way street. He also feels it would be detrimental to the circulation of bicycles downtown in particular the folks trying to access downtown from the south side neighborhoods.

Bob Fisch – 1033 Smith Street does not feel we should allocate public space to a private company for what would effectively be a 40 hours per week of employed parking for free. He feels that if we want to look at angle parking we should do it on a street in the area that is already one-way.

Eric Skille representing Sentry Insurance pointed out that it is not realistic to have bicycle lanes on every city street. He pointed out that Sentry Insurance only has about 78% of the parking spaces that would be required by ordinance for new construction. He added that it is not realistic to have bicycle lanes on every city street.

Reid Rocheleau – Whiting Resident feels we should listen to the Pokey Peddler Committee on getting bicyclists off sidewalks and into bicycle lanes and not forming gaps in the bicycle route.

Mayor Wiza clarified that nobody that spoke at tonight's meeting is on the Pokey Peddler Committee; however, some are very avid bicyclists. He also added that this is not a permanent solution, only temporary.

Aldersperson Ryan asked is this is a short term request, what is the long term look like. Mayor Wiza said that we are still working that out and added that a parking structure is off the table but they are very expensive.

Aldersperson Ryan asked to table this until we can do more analysis.

Mayor Wiza encouraged people to call if they had any suggestions or possible solutions.

5. Discussion/Update and possible action regarding design alternatives for the proposed Coye Drive and Hoover Road Intersection Improvements.

Director Schatschneider added for clarity and simplicity purposes the Coye Drive and second access point to the industrial park have been separated into two different projects.

Please visit our website to view the PowerPoint slides showing the design alternatives for the proposed Coye Drive and Hoover Road Intersection Improvements presented by Bruce Gerland with AECOM.

Bruce Gerland – representing AECOM went through a PowerPoint Presentation explaining from an Engineering standpoint what the projected 20 year life for the Coye Drive intersection would look like once the Joerns Drive Intersection is closed. He stated in summary, the existing east driveways have been removed from the west lane due to the proximity to the intersection and moved further to the west and aligned them. We are proposing a shared access point 200 feet south of the intersection for First Law Group and the empty lot for possible future development. The east lane has been moved 10 feet north to minimize impacts to parking. We eliminated the curb and gutter prior to the entrance at Maher’s and investigating a shared access point to Maher Water Corporation and the property to the south.

Bill Maher owner of Maher Water Corporation stressed his disappointment regarding losing their access off of Hoover Road. He does not recall any accidents or even close calls due to cars pulling into his driveway off Hoover Road even though it is close to the intersection. He feels it is because the driveway is so close to the Coye Drive Intersection and cars have already slowed down at that point. He also added that Maher’s has a Hoover Road address and eliminating that driveway will lower the value of his property.

Bonnie Maher owner of Maher Water Corporation pointed out that this is the second time the city is taking away some of their property. She pointed out that there is a lot of land on the west side of Hoover Road that is not being used. She is requesting we look at moving Hoover Road to the west to avoid having the road any closer to their building. Bruce explained that in order to angle Hoover Road we would have to construct the entire roadway going back about 1,000 feet in each direction.

Alderperson Slowinski voiced his concerns regarding the layout of the Maher Water Corporation property. He feels there is going to be serious issues when they have a truck in their loading dock. He asked if it would be possible to move the road to the north in order to get access to a second driveway into their property.

Mayor Wiza reminded everyone that no matter which way we go someone is going to be affected. We also need to keep in mind that we are trying to do the most good for the most people.

Michael Corrigan – 3271 Tulip Lane stated that he feels this is a terrible design including the proposals for the Heffron Street extension. He feels this proposal will not alleviate any of the income or outcome of the traffic situation that Coye Drive has to deal with now and it will only get worse when grade separation happens.

Kathy Dugan – 615 Sommers Street voiced her concerns regarding how Maher's will be impacted. She feels we need to go back to the drawing board and figure something else out.

Chuck Glodowski – 5276 Howard Avenue suggested to leave Coye Drive as it is but change it to a one-way heading east or west and put in a new access road heading the opposite way between Hoover Road and Krembs Avenue north of the Elmer's Building.

Pam Gartman representing Delta Dental stated that they have plans to expand their footprint in the area they own.

Bill Maher owner of Maher Water Corporation pointed out that when they built Maher's they were told that their building had to have a 40 feet setback from the road and at that time Hoover Road was only two lanes. Since then the city took 15 feet of their property when we widened Hoover Road and now we want to take more property from them.

John Williams representing General Beer asked if there are plans for signal lights at this intersection. Bruce Gerland responded that right now it does not warrant signals; however, it will need to be signalized sometime within the 20 year design life.

Aldersperson Kneebone asked if we really need a right hand turn lane if it will be signalized and if that would leave enough room for Maher's.

Mayor Wiza expressed that we need action on this very soon in order to begin construction this spring.

Aldersperson Oberstadt asked if the parking area at Maher's could be moved further to the north corner of their property and if that would then be enough room for vehicles to get around with a truck in the loading area. Bruce Gerland said it could be looked at.

Aldersperson Slowinski asked what kind of timeline we have. Director Schatschneider said we will need a decision next month. He also encouraged the Alderspersons to setup an appointment to meet with him.

Mayor Wiza asked the board if they were comfortable with this concept and making a decision tonight and if not we will have to do something. He does not think AECOM will be able to come up with anything different.

Aldersperson Ryan stated anyway we look at this we are cutting off access for Maher's and that seems to be the only issue so he made the motion to accept the design alternatives as proposed; seconded by Aldersperson McComb.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

6. Discussion/Update for a proposed second entrance into the Stevens Point Industrial Park.

Director Schatschneider stated that this proposal does not have nearly the immediate pressure as the Coye Drive and Hoover Road proposal did.

Bruce Gerland explained the three alternative proposals on PowerPoint slides.

Please visit our website to view the PowerPoint slides showing the alternatives for the second entrance into the Stevens Point Industrial Park with Bruce Gerland with AECOM.

Bruce Gerland explained the issues and concerns of each alternative and stated he was open for input on each alternative.

Pat Wesenberg representing Central City Credit Union stated they could probably find a way to work with alternatives one and two; however, alternative three would not work for them.

Lloyd Spatz – 5218 Howard Avenue stated his concerns of alternatives one and two going through his backyard. He added that if we go with either of those alternatives the city should have to buy his property.

Troy Obremski – 5258 Howard Avenue stated that he just purchased his property before all these meetings and he purchased where he did for the peace and quiet.

Chuck Glodowski – 5276 Howard Avenue stated that alternative number two saves his garage. He stressed his concerns with truck traffic coming into the neighborhood. He agreed that the city should have to purchase his property if they go through residential area for an industrial park. He does not see any benefit to alternatives one and two.

Michael Corrigan – 3271 Tulip Lane stated that he lived in this neighborhood for 27 years and his kids grew up in the park off Howard Avenue. He stressed his concerns with taking away that green space and going through people backyards. He feels we should go back and look at the impacts of doing an underpass.

Chuck Glodowski – 5276 asked if land acquisition, rebuilding structures and landscaping was included in the estimated prices. Bruce Gerland said that land acquisitions along with costs for real estate consultant, construction engineering and construction.

Director Schatschneider added that alternatives pertaining to a second access point will be discussed further at the January Board of Public Works Meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mike Wiza adjourned the December 14, 2015 Board of Public Works Meeting at 7:50 p.m.



Coye/Hoover and Heffron/Hoover Intersection Alternatives

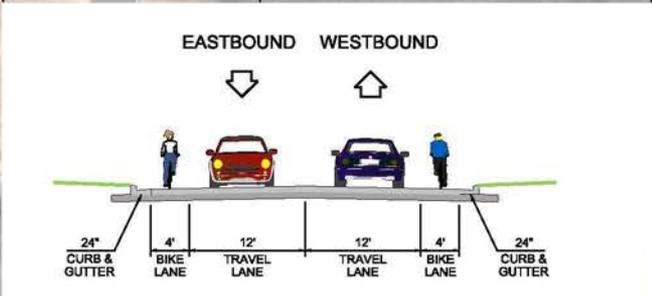
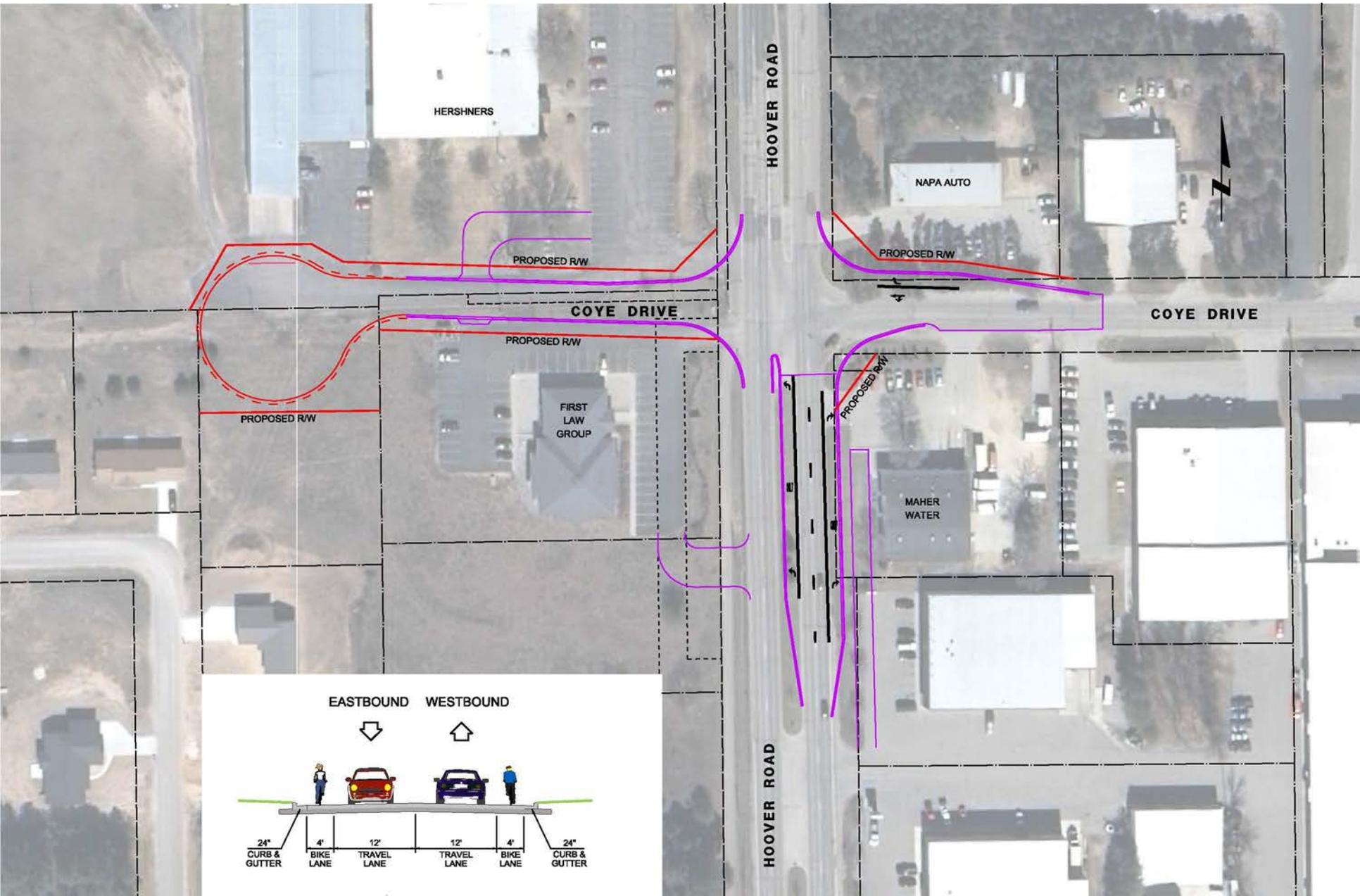
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Potential Street Extensions



Coye / Hoover Improvements



Analysis Summary



West Leg

- Eliminate existing east driveways – proximity to intersection
- Align driveways further west
- Shared access 200 feet south of intersection

East Leg

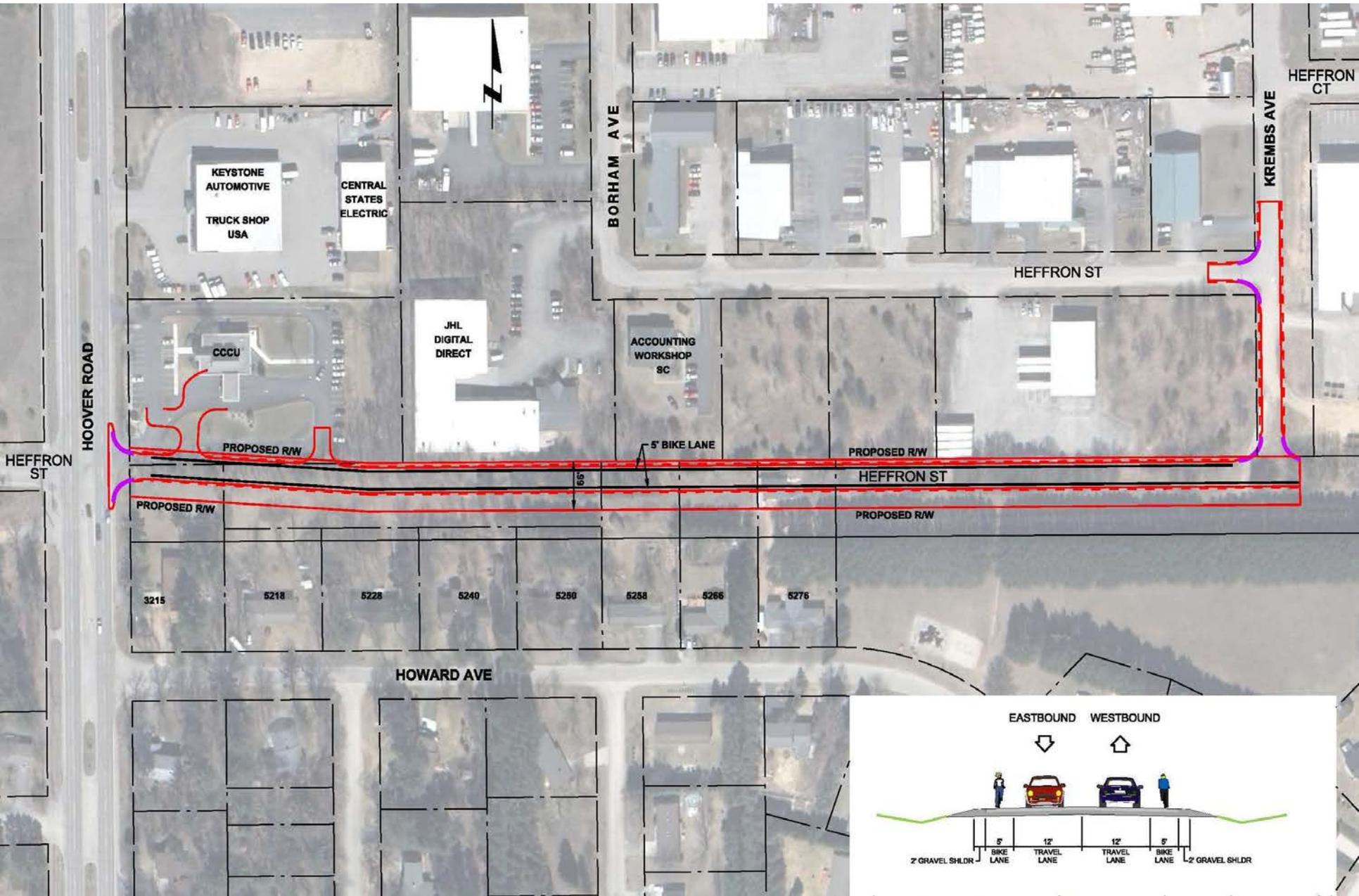
- Moved roadway 10' north to minimize impacts to parking at Maher
- Dropped curb and gutter prior to Maher entrance
- Potential shared access south of Maher

Opinion of probable cost \$700,000

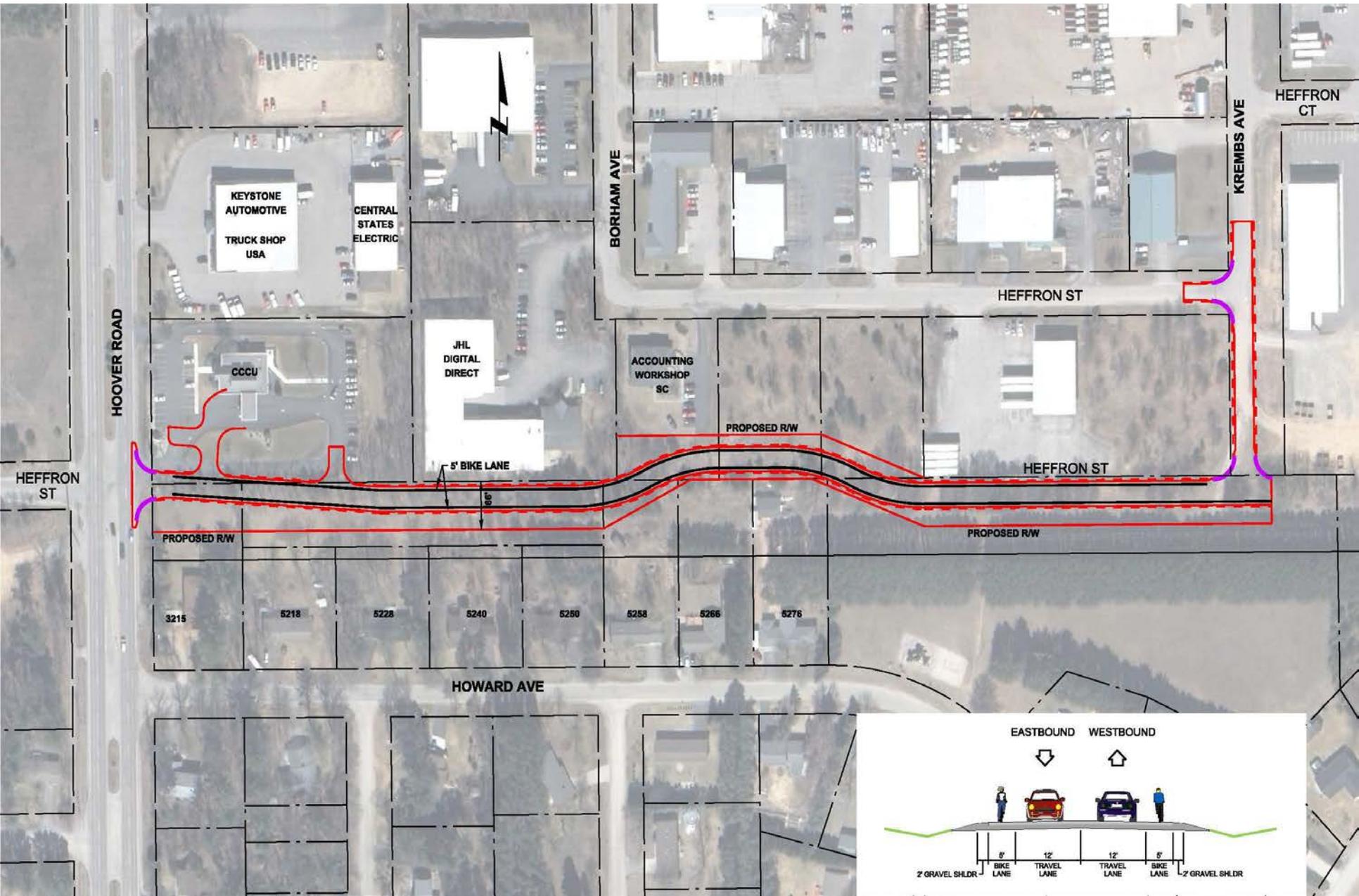
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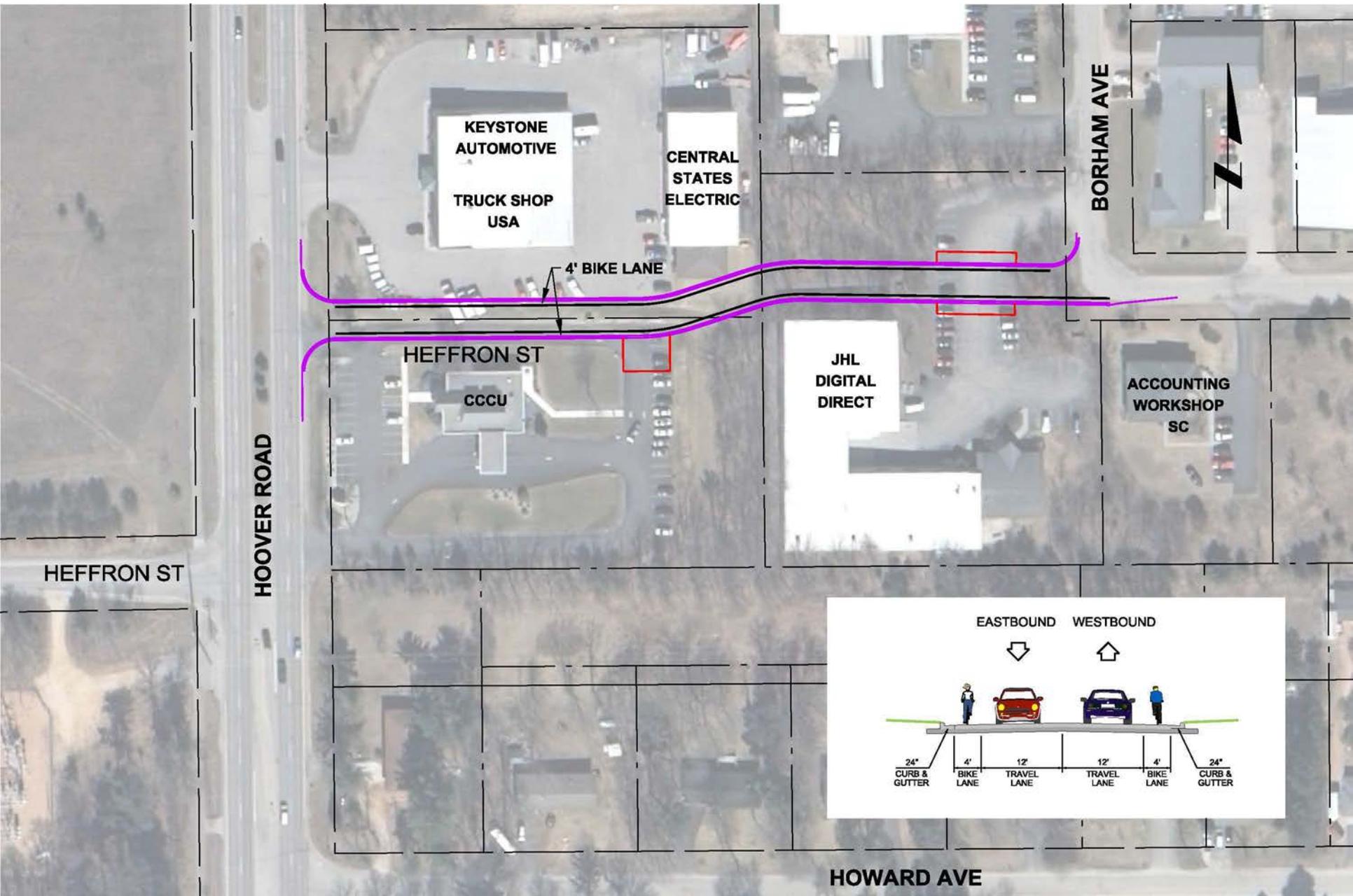
Alternative #1



Alternative #2



Alternative #3



Alternative Comparison



Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
Impacts to access for CCCU on south side of property	Impacts to access for CCCU on south side of property	Impacts to access for CCCU on north side of property
Limits expansion of JHL Digital Direct to south	Limits expansion of JHL Digital Direct to south	Impacts storage/parking at Truck Shop USA
Requires relocation of 2 garages (5266 Howard Avenue and 5276 Howard Avenue)	Avoids relocation of garages	Impacts office portion of Central States Electric
In backyard of 8 residences (3215 Hoover to 5276 Howard)	In backyard of 8 residences (3215 Hoover to 5276 Howard)	Limits expansion of JHL Digital Direct to north
	Impacts Accounting Workshop SC Parcel (AWS)	Splits parking lot of JHL Digital Direct
		Creates offset intersection with west leg of Heffron
	Creates curved roadway	Creates curved roadway
	Impacts 2 parcels east of AWS	Requires extension of storm sewer
\$ 735,000	\$ 675,000	\$ 635,000

Questions

