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AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Monday, November 4, 2019 - 5:15 PM
Wastewater Treatment Plant – 26729 98th Drive NW

AGENDA

1. Amtrak Train Station Maintenance

Discussion Items

- Update on Faber, Lautenbach, and Barron Contracts

CITY OF STANWOOD
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
AGENDA STAFF REPORT

ITEM NUMBER: 1

DATE: November 4, 2019

SUBJECT: Amtrak station maintenance report

CONTACT PERSON: Kevin Hushagen, Public Works Director

ATTACHMENTS: A) WSDOT report

ISSUE

Update on the WSDOT Amtrak maintenance meeting and subsequent report (attached).

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Staff met with WSDOT representatives August 13 to inspect the Amtrak platform station. WSDOT provided a follow up report.

DISCUSSION

WSDOT conducts annual inspections of the Amtrak platform station to check for deficiencies and overall performance of the station. The attached report indicates the station is performing very well with just a few follow up items that WSDOT is scheduling to be completed.

Washington State Department of Transportation

Stanwood Train Station Annual Inspection
August 13, 2019

Attendees:

- Amtrak
- Washington State Department of Transportation
- City of Stanwood
- Highlander Landscape

The inspection started at 10:50 a.m. and concluded at 11:45 a.m.

Summary:
The station is now ten years old and is in very good condition. Portions of the platforms were pressure washed in 2018, but are in need of another wash sometime in 2019. The pavement is generally in good condition, with a few areas in need of patching. The lighting system was tested and all lamps work in high brightness mode, with the exception of the northernmost lamp. The small transit shelter placed on the station platform in 2015 by the city remains in good condition. The city did not report any issues with vandalism, crime, or any negative feedback from citizens.

The western side of the platform has poor drainage and can become slimy and unsightly during the raining season. This issue needs to be addressed. It was also determined upon further research by WSDOT that the center railing of the staircase that was damaged and removed several years ago must be replaced to comply with Washington Administrative Code 296-307-25018.

The inspection team walked the entire length of the station and developed the following list of potential station upgrades.

Station Inspection Observations and Potential Upgrades:

- Fix platform western edge drainage issue
- Canopies and hand railings need to be washed and painted
- Upgrade “no trespassing” signs to Amtrak standard
- Install BNSF suicide prevention signs
- Upgrade lights to LEDs
- Ensure lighting beneath canopies is functional
- Some yellow tactile strips loose/buckling and creating tripping hazards; needs to be repaired
- Light at the far north end of the platform burnt out
- Label light poles for easier maintenance

- Chipping concrete along platform and at top of staircase needs repair
- Seal concrete with a seal coat
- Remove white line on platform when power washing
- Ask Highlander Landscape to cut back bushes further from platform
- Bolts on the platform benches are rusting
- The Cascades train schedule in the Amtrak kiosk is sun damaged and needs to be replaced
- The padlock on the lighting system electrical cabinet was cut but all internal components are intact and functional

Other:

- The City of Stanwood would like to work with WSDOT to better promote Stanwood as a destination for Amtrak Cascades passengers

Prioritized Next Steps:

1. WSDOT will replace the broken padlock on the lighting system electrical cabinet with a new combination lock and share the combination number with Amtrak, Highlander Landscape and the City of Stanwood. **Lock replacement completed; combination to be shared in a separate email.**
2. Highlander Landscape to cut back any foliage extending over the platform
3. Amtrak to eliminate bubbles/tripping hazards on tactile strip as soon as possible
4. Amtrak will develop a proposal, including cost estimates, to replace the center railing on the staircase and patch the chipping concrete at the top of the staircase. WSDOT is requesting Amtrak share this proposal with WSDOT by mid-October.
5. Amtrak will develop a proposal, including cost estimates, to install a new drainage trench and/or drill holes to release trapped water from the western edge of the platform. WSDOT is requesting Amtrak share this proposal with WSDOT by mid-October.
6. WSDOT will provide a new Cascades schedule poster to Greg Bannish for placement in the Amtrak kiosk. WSDOT will provide this to Greg by mid-September.
7. Amtrak to work with Highlander Landscape to get an estimate on increasing the frequency of pressure washing the station platform. WSDOT is requesting Amtrak share this proposal with WSDOT by mid-October.
8. WSDOT will provide Laura Kingman's contact information to the City of Stanwood for marketing coordination. **Completed.**
9. Station-owner WSDOT will work with Amtrak to explore repainting the entire facility in 2020 or 2021.