

**City of Stanwood
Workshop of the City Council
February 26, 2026 | 5:00 PM**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Sid Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Attendance:

Councilmembers Present: Dani Gaumont, Earl Cowan, Darren Robb, Robert Hicks, Steve Shepro, Andreena Bergman, and Jeff Wheatley.

Staff present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Finance Director David Hammond, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, City Engineer Alan Lytton, Communications and Marketing Specialist Niki Strachila, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

Others present: Paul Sharman and Patrick Lynch from Transpo Group attended via Zoom.

2. New Business

a. SR 532 Corridor Study

Paul Sharman and Patrick Lynch presented the SR 532 Corridor Study. Below is a summary of Council's discussion and questions:

Level of Service (LOS)

- Correct the Level of Service identified for 102nd Avenue. (You may have already done this at the meeting)
- Provide a better explanation of how LOS is calculated, including:
 - Whether it is based on a single count day or multiple count days.
 - How averages are determined and applied.
 - Is there an explanation for the perception that traffic is increasing versus what the averaged data reflects?

Pedestrian Map

- Sidewalks are located on both sides of 104th Avenue.

Travel Time / Drive Time

- How do the proposed revisions affect drive time to I-5?
- Can we compare projected travel times against WSDOT's Existing Conditions corridor analysis? I think that study was finalized in 2024.

72nd Avenue – Safety and Operations

There was significant discussion regarding safety concerns at 72nd Avenue:

- Pedestrian crossing activity near the high school, particularly large groups of students.
- Concern that roundabouts may be unfriendly to pedestrians.
- How pedestrian crossing lights function at roundabouts.
- Whether the pedestrian refuge/landing area within the roundabout is large enough for student groups.
- Potential for traffic to back up during pedestrian crossings.
- How the proposed improvements would affect the McDonald's intersection.

Additional questions regarding 72nd:

- What near-term improvements can be implemented to enhance pedestrian crossing and safety?
- Council emphasized that pedestrian crossing safety at 72nd is more important than vehicle delay.
- Is a pedestrian bridge a feasible option at 72nd? Do you have any data or estimated cost for pedestrian bridges? Do they work?
- Does the analysis assume the 64th Avenue roundabout is in place, or does it reflect existing conditions without the roundabout?
- Please provide examples of similar projects that accommodate heavy pedestrian crossings.

Multi-Use Trail

- Council expressed support for the separated multi-use trail on the north side of SR 532.

SR 532 Bridge over Railroad Tracks

- The bridge is considered a pinch point. Please provide a better description of potential pedestrian options.

Construction and Phasing

- How are roundabouts typically constructed on busy highways?
- What construction phasing and traffic mitigation techniques are used to minimize disruption?
- There is concern about phased improvements and whether backups may occur between traffic signals and roundabouts during and after construction. This is especially important as it could take a very long time to implement the entire plan.

Pioneer Highway

- During peak times, vehicles are blocking the intersection. What short-term strategies could address this issue?
- Will Pioneer Highway traffic at the existing signal back up to the 72nd roundabout?

3. Adjourn

Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

City of Stanwood



Sid Roberts, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk