

CITY OF TONKA BAY Administrator Report

Memo

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Joe Kohlmann, City Administrator
Date: February 25, 2014
Re: County Road 19 Trail Bridge

Joe,

The Traffic engineers at SRF have made a recommendation to move the temp. detour crossing to align with the SE quadrant of the Northrup Ave./Manitou Road intersection (see attached). Could you review with City personnel to see if this would be acceptable for the temporary detour condition.

The permanent local access alignment will remain as shown in the attached document. This is intended as a connection to southbound County bike traffic, not as a crossing location after the project is complete.

Here are a few reasons why they would recommend placing the crossing on the south side of Northrup Ave. instead of the north side:

- Bringing two way bicycle/pedestrian traffic across Northrup increases the opportunity for conflicts between drivers and trail users. This is especially true, because there aren't many two-way on-street bicycle facilities in the region. Cyclists will have a lot to process at this trail crossing as they make the movement into the two-way facility.
- The configuration will tempt cyclists to cut the corner on Northrup and cross Manitou diagonally.
- Crossing Northrup will require additional temporary crosswalks/signage.
- The extra wide shoulder south of Northrup will most likely be able to accommodate the two-way on-street facility and a trail user queuing area. No extra temporary paving would be necessary (unlike the extra area needed on the north side of Northrup).

Please call with questions, otherwise let us know as soon as possible if this is okay as they are working on preparing final plan set for approvals.

I am working on getting you a draft agreement of the project to review as well. Hopefully this week or next.

Alex Meyer, PLA

Council Action Requested:

No Action