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Legistar Item:

TO: Alder Mollie Jones, Chairperson
Public Works and Services Committee

FROM: John C. Rooney, P.E. *JCR*
Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer

DATE: June 9, 2020

SUBJECT: STH 32 Reroute for Downtown Racine

Pursuant to the Common Council adoption of the Downtown Public Realm, Monument Square and Parking Study and the authorization of the study to reroute STH 32/20 off of Main Street/Sixth Street, I am submitting the final report on the STH 32 reroute to this committee. Jim Palenick and Mike Maierle, as well as the Downtown Racine Corporation (DRC), have reviewed the report and concur with the findings and recommendations.

After our review, we recommend that the reroute of STH 32/20 is Washington Avenue to Marquette Street to State Street (STH 38) to Main Street (STH 32). This preferred alternative allows for the greatest flexibility to implement the Downtown Public Realm, Monument Square and Parking Study prepared by Toole in 2019. In addition, it requires very little capital investment to bring up to State Trunk Highway standards. This alternative ranges in cost from \$25K to ~\$462K, but we believe after analysis to check for lane capacity this reroute can be achieved by designating travel and turns lanes at the lower cost end of the range.

If the committee concurs with the preferred alternative, I recommend the preference and report be forwarded to WisDOT for review of the jurisdictional transfer of the connecting highway of STH 32/20, from Main Street and Sixth/Seventh Streets to Marquette Street and State Street.

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