



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

**Date:** September 24, 2013

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Subject:** **Penn Ave South Layout Revision**

**Recommendation:**

Approve a revision to the project layout for the reconstruction of Penn Ave between MN-62 (Crosstown) and 50<sup>th</sup> St W

**Previous Directives:**

- Jan 29, 2013 Public Hearings for the Penn Ave S Phase 1 (Crosstown TH-62 to just north of 54<sup>th</sup> St W)
- November 15, 2012: Council Resolutions for Phase I of the project designating, receiving cost estimates, and identifying the list of benefitted properties for the street reconstruction and lighting projects and setting the public hearings for each of those projects and for the abandonment and removal of areaways in conflict with the project all for January 29, 2013.
- April 13, 2012: Council adoption of the T&PW Committee report approving the layout of Penn Ave S MN-62 to 50<sup>th</sup> Street W

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Presenters in Committee:

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**Financial Impact**

- No financial impact- included in project budget

**Community Impact**

- Neighborhood Notification- Public Meetings held January 10, 2012 and March 6, 2012.
- City Goals - A safe place to call home: City infrastructure will be well maintained.

## **Supporting Information**

The initial layout for the Penn Avenue South Reconstruction project was approved by the City Council in April, 2012. That layout showed a project exception for approximately 300 feet in the Minnehaha Creek area for the purpose of excluding the bridge over the Creek from the scope of the project. Further analysis has led staff to recommend approval of a revised layout that includes the bridge within the project scope.

During detailed design of project, it was determined that a variance from State Aid rules would be needed for the vertical alignment adjacent to the project exception area. A variance is not needed if the exception area is included in the reconstruction project because the vertical curves can be designed to meet standards. The existing roadway surface of the bridge is in need of improvement as well.

The bridge over Minnehaha Creek will have a mill and overlay of the roadway surface. The area outside the bridge will be reconstructed with new curb and gutter and roadway surface.

The increased project limits resulting from this change does not increase the assessment area. This work is adjacent to Minneapolis Park Board Property.

The project cost increase for this additional work is estimated at \$200,000. This project was budgeted over two years. With the cost savings from the favorable bids for the 2013 work, this additional work will be within the project budget.

### Schedule

The final design for Penn Ave S Phase 2 (54<sup>th</sup> St W to 50<sup>th</sup> St W) will be completed by the end of 2013. The construction of this project is scheduled for 2014.

### Next Steps

Staff will return to a future meeting to designate Penn Ave S Phase 2 and set a project approval and assessment public hearing.

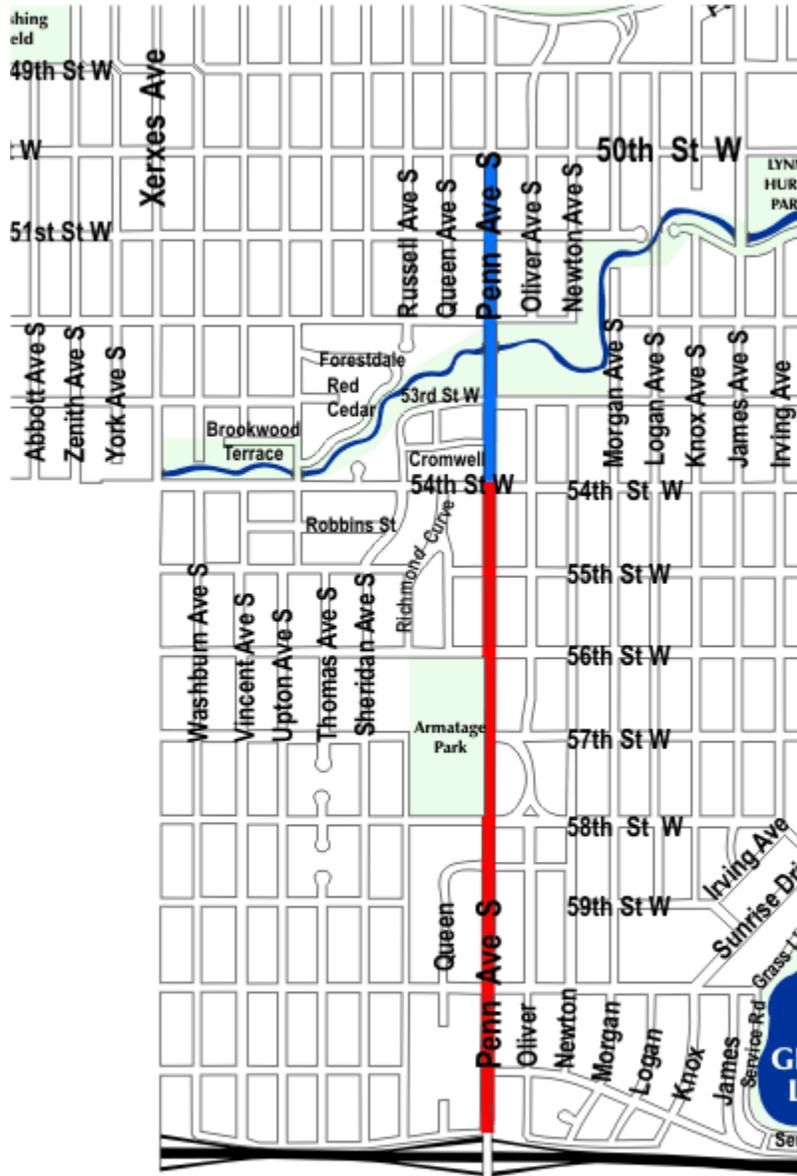
Attachment 1- Map

Attachment 2- Approved layout of area

Attachment 3- Recommended revised layout

CC: Council Member Hodges, Ward 13

# Penn Avenue S Reconstruction Project Map



- █ 2013 Construction
- █ 2014 Construction

