



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

**Date:** July 22, 2014

**To:** Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Subject:** **Special Boulevard Permit for the South Hennepin Special Service District Advisory Board to pave select boulevards within the South Hennepin Special Service District**

**Recommendation:** Approve the request for a Special Boulevard Permit with special provisions.

**Previous Directives:** None

### Department Information

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### Reviews

- N/A

### Financial Impact

No financial impact

### Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals **Great Places:** Natural and Built spaces work together and our environment is protected
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

## **Supporting Information**

The South Hennepin Special Service District (SSD) was established to provide for enhanced services on Hennepin Avenue from approximately Franklin Avenue to West 28<sup>th</sup> Street. The South Hennepin SSD Advisory Board serves to advise the City Council on matters within the SSD.

The South Hennepin SSD Advisory Board (The Board) has submitted a request for approval of a Special Boulevard Permit to infill areas of the boulevards in the SSD with a porous pavement solution. The SSD reintroduced turf boulevards in several previously paved areas as part of a streetscape lighting and tree planting improvement project in 2000.

The proposed project would start with several select locations, encompassing approximately 180 square yards, as a pilot project to investigate the effectiveness and appropriateness of the desired solution. The Special Boulevard Permit approval is necessary to comply with MCO Title 17, Chapter 427; Boulevards, which stipulates that a permit is required with approval from the City Council to pave over or cover any boulevard.

As with all city-managed SSDs, Public Works oversees the Special Service District and will work with the Advisory Board to implement the project. As with all SSD improvements, the SSD will be responsible for maintenance of the improvements for the life of the installation and will be responsible for removal and restoration of the boulevards if the solution is not successful.

Public Works recommends approval of the Special Boulevard Permit request from the South Hennepin Special Service District Advisory Board as described above.

Attachments:

Application for Special Boulevard Permit and proposed location/layout

MCO Boulevard Ordinance