

SIDEWALK INSPECTIONS  
1901 EAST 26<sup>TH</sup> ST  
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55404

APPLICATION FOR  
**SPECIAL BOULEVARD PERMIT**

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AND GRANTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL BEFORE YOU SECURE YOUR SPECIAL PERMIT FROM THE CITY ENGINEER.

DATE July 9, 2014

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Permission is requested by the South Hennepin Special Service District Advisory Board to infill boulevard areas under the maintenance purview of the Service District with porous pavement as part of a multi-year, multi-phase project. The existing turf does not survive due to wear and tear from high pedestrian volumes and winter salt from roadway and sidewalk snow clearing operations. The result is uneven walking surfaces for pedestrians and bicyclists along with the visual blight of dead turf areas and weeds in one of the City's highest-profile commercial corridors. The proposed porous pavement, made chiefly from recycled automobile tires, is flexible, non-cracking, weight bearing, slip resistant, durable, and its permeability is equal to or greater than that of the subsoil below it.

Location South Hennepin Special Service District (Hennepin Avenue, Lincoln Av to West 28<sup>th</sup> Street)

Zoning Mix of C2, C1 and OR2 Use of Property Primarily Commercial and Mixed-use Commercial/Residential

Size Approximately 3,000 square yards Plan included Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information (Reason wanted) The Service District maintains the boulevards on behalf of the adjacent property owners. Since assuming this responsibility in 2000, the Service District has tried multiple solutions to try and maintain the turf areas including installation of salt-tolerant sod (at considerable expense) in addition to annual slit-seeding, fertilizing and regular watering. Based on more than 15 years of experience, the District has found that the only "solution" for maintaining turf boulevards in the District would be to replant 3,000 square yards of new sod *each and every spring* along with providing the attendant intensive care (fertilizing and daily watering) until it becomes established. By introducing the proposed porous pavement, the Service District will eventually 1) eliminate the need to replace sod each year; 2) eliminate the need to truck the water to the District that's needed to establish and maintain the sod; and 3) eliminate its use of fertilizers and herbicides applied to the turf areas, while at the same time improving the safety for pedestrian and bicyclists and protecting the Service District's investment in boulevard trees (the Service District planted more than 75 trees in 2001).

THIS PERMIT IS APPLIED FOR UPON THE EXPRESS CONDITION THAT ALL WORK DONE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SAME SHALL CONFORM IN ALL RESPECTS TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS.

Signed South Hennepin SSD Advisory Board  
Fee Paid N/A For South Hennepin Special Service District  
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Telephone No. 612-280-2582

City Engineer Recommends Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Approved : Council Member Ward \_\_\_\_\_

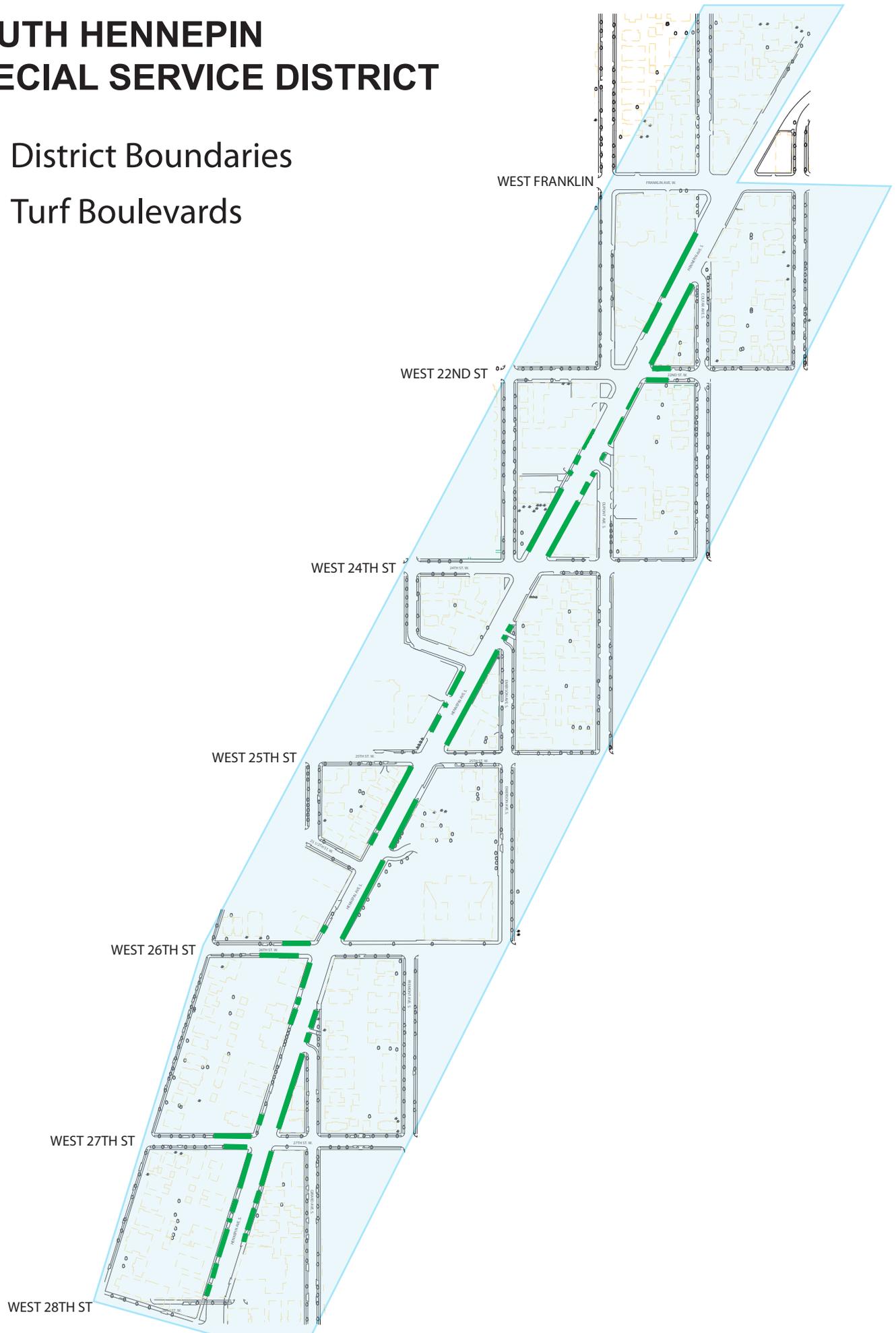
Transportation and Public Works committee Recommends Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approve \_\_\_\_\_

City Council Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# SOUTH HENNEPIN SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

 District Boundaries

 Turf Boulevards



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