



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

**Date:** January 6, 2015

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

**Subject:** Minnehaha Ave (26<sup>th</sup> St E to 24<sup>th</sup> St E) Reconstruction Project No 6754

**Recommendation:**

- A. Approve the attached project layout for the reconstruction of Minnehaha Avenue between 26<sup>th</sup> St E and 24<sup>th</sup> St E.
- B. Authorize Public Works to negotiate with private property owners to acquire easements and additional right of way, if necessary.

These Resolutions may be authorized for summary publication.

**Previous Directives:**

None

**Department Information:**

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Presenters in Committee: Beverly Warmka, Project Engineer, TP&E

**Financial Impact**

- Action is within the Business Plan

**Community Impact**

- Neighborhood Notification: Stakeholder meetings began in August 2014.
- City Goals:
- Living well: Minneapolis is safe and livable and has an active and connected way of life. High-quality and convenient transportation options connect every corner of the city.
- A hub of economic activity and innovation: Businesses – big and small – start, move, stay and grow here. Infrastructure, public services and community assets support businesses and commerce.
- Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected. We manage and improve the city's infrastructure for current and future needs.

## Supporting Information

### Scope

The proposed project consists of reconstructing Minnehaha Avenue between 26<sup>th</sup> St E and 24<sup>th</sup> St E. Minnehaha Avenue at this location is a Municipal State Aid Roadway (MSA 191). The project will include new pavement, curb, gutter, sidewalks, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, storm drain inlets, signing, striping, and related items and work.

This segment of Minnehaha Ave is 0.28 miles long and was originally constructed in 1970. The Pavement Condition Index was measured in 2013 at 20 (in a range of 0 to 100, where 100 is best). The Average Daily Traffic in 2012 was 7,000. Future Average Daily Traffic is estimated to reach 7,800.

The right-of-way is 80 feet wide and the existing curb to curb width is 54 feet. It carries two-way traffic, two-way bike lanes and allows parking on both sides. This segment of roadway has deteriorated significantly and reconstruction is required.

The reconstructed Minnehaha Ave will continue to carry two-way traffic, have parking on both sides, and a buffered bike lane in each direction. Curb extensions (bump outs) are proposed at select intersection corners. The existing slip lane will be removed for southbound Minnehaha Ave at 24<sup>th</sup> St E.

The proposed street width is 53 feet, except where the bump-outs are added. Pedestrian areas will be improved. A boulevard will be added to the east side of the street, and the east sidewalk will be set back behind the new boulevard. The sidewalk on the west side will be widened. Please see the attached layout.

Public Works has met with the affected property owners/managers and other stakeholders, including the Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Seward Neighborhood Group to gather feedback on the project. These meetings started in August 2014.

### Schedule

The final design for Minnehaha Avenue is scheduled to be complete spring 2015. The construction of this project is anticipated for summer 2015.

### Next Steps

At a future meeting, we will return to your committee to designate the project and to set an assessment hearing.

### **Authorize Public Works to obtain right-of-way or easements**

Staff is requesting authorization to allow Public Works to negotiate with private property owners to acquire easements and additional right of way if needed. Currently, it is not anticipated that permanent easements will be needed and not known if temporary construction easements will be needed to facilitate construction.

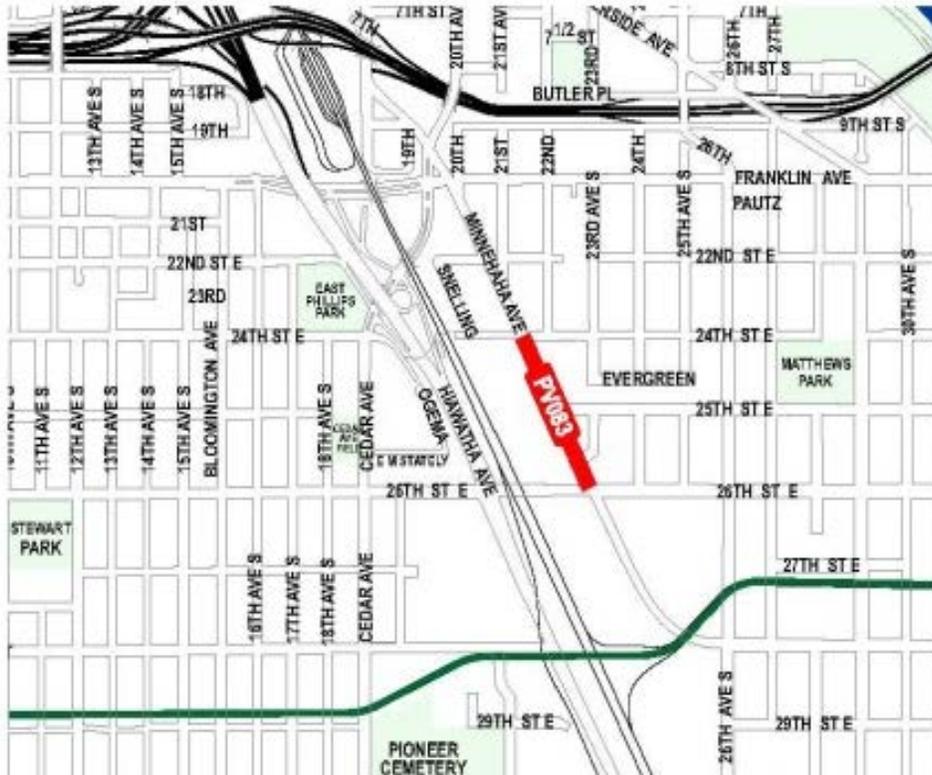
Attachment 1 – Project Map  
Attachment 2 – Project Layout

Cc: CM Gordon, Ward 2  
Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation  
Craig Troutman, Finance

ATTACHMENT 1

PROJECT MAP

Minnehaha Avenue - PV083



**ATTACHMENT 2**

**Project Layout**

## **Resolution**

**T&PW** - Your Committee, having under consideration the Minnehaha Ave Reconstruction Project No 6754 (between 26<sup>th</sup> St E and 24<sup>th</sup> St E), now recommends:

- a) Approval of the project layout as set forth in Petition No \_\_\_\_\_;
- b) That the proper City officers be authorized to negotiate with private property owners to acquire and execute additional easements and additional right-of-way, if needed.