



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

**Date:** February 3, 2015

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

**Subject:** **38<sup>th</sup> St E (Hiawatha Ave to Minnehaha Ave) Reconstruction Project  
No 6755**

**Recommendation:**

- A. Approve the attached project layout for the reconstruction of 38<sup>th</sup> St E between Hiawatha Ave and Minnehaha Ave.
- 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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**Financial Impact**

- Action is within the budget.

**Community Impact**

- Neighborhood Notification: Stakeholder meetings began in September 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.
- 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 38<sup>th</sup> St E between Hiawatha Ave and Minnehaha Ave. At this location, 38<sup>th</sup> St E is a Municipal State Aid roadway (Route 253). The project will include new pavement, curb, gutter, sidewalks, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, storm drain inlets, signing, striping, and related items and work. This street is a designated Pedestrian Priority Corridor and street lighting will also be included in this project.

This segment of 38<sup>th</sup> St E is 0.21 miles long and was constructed in 1964. The Pavement Condition Index was measured in 2009 at 54 (in a range of 0 to 100, where 100 is best). The Average Daily Traffic (ADT) in 2008 was 6,700. Future ADT is estimated to reach 7,400.

The right-of-way is 66 feet wide and the existing curb to curb width is 44 feet. It carries two-way traffic and allows parking on both sides. This segment of roadway has deteriorated significantly and reconstruction is required.

The reconstructed 38<sup>th</sup> St E will continue to carry two-way traffic and will add a bike facility in each direction. Parking will be removed from the roadway section. The proposed street width is 32 feet, except where the configuration widens near the intersection with Hiawatha Ave. Pedestrian areas will be improved. A treed boulevard will be added to both sides of the street (see the attached layout).

Public Works has worked with with the affected property owners/managers and other stakeholders, including the Pedestrian Advisory Committee, the Bicycle Advisory Committee, and the Longfellow Neighborhood Group to gather feedback on the project starting September 2014.

### Schedule

The detailed design for 38<sup>th</sup> St E is scheduled to be complete Fall 2015. The construction of this project is anticipated for 2016.

### 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 Location Map

Attachment 2 – Project Layout

cc: CM A. Johnson, Ward 12

# ATTACHMENT 1

## PROJECT MAP

### 38<sup>th</sup> St E



**ATTACHMENT 2**

**Project Layout**

## Resolution

T&PW - Your Committee, having under consideration the 38th St E Reconstruction Project No 6755 (Hiawatha Ave to Minnehaha Ave), 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.