

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Transportation & Public Works
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File type: Resolution
Subcategory: Assessment

Subject:

Washington Avenue Reconstruction (CSAH 152): Designation, Cost Estimate, Set Public Hearings (Project No 6727), Cooperative Agreement, and Parking Resolution

Description:

- A. Passing a Resolution designating the location, streets, and improvements proposed to be made in the Washington Ave (CSAH152) Reconstruction and Streetscape Project No 6727 street improvement project.
- B. Adopting a Committee Report receiving the cost estimate of \$13,540,000 for the street reconstruction project, the list of benefited properties, directing the City Engineer to prepare a proposed Street Construction Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2015 Uniform Assessment Rates and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearing to be held October 27, 2015, before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.
- C. Adopting a Committee Report receiving the cost estimate of \$220,000 for the streetscape project, the list of benefited properties, directing the City Engineer to prepare a proposed Streetscape Special Assessment against the list of benefited properties by assessing the cost of the streetscape project and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearing to be held October 27, 2015, before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.
- D. Setting a public hearing to be held October 27, 2015 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee to consider the abandonment and removal of areaways in conflict with the street construction project and direct staff to give notice in accordance with the provisions of Section 95.90 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.
- E. Authorizing appropriate city staff to negotiate a Construction Cooperative Agreement with Hennepin County to be brought before council for ratification upon review by the City of Minneapolis Attorney's office.
- F. Passing of a Resolution ordering the City Engineer to install parking restrictions on Washington Ave between Hennepin Ave and 5th Ave S, per the City Council approved layout.

Previous Actions:

February 21, 2014-Reconstruction Layout Approval and statement of support for Hennepin County variance request.

Ward/Neighborhood/Address:

Ward 3
Downtown West

Background/Analysis:

The purpose of this letter is to designate the location, streets and improvements, and establish the special assessment improvement proceedings for the street reconstruction improvements. Construction is anticipated to occur in 2016.

Scope

The proposed project is a reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 152. The county is the lead agency on the project and has requested the financial participation of the City. The proposed project consists of reconstructing Washington Ave from Hennepin Ave to 5th Ave S. The project will include full removal of the existing road, and replacement of the paving, base, curb, gutter, signage and striping, storm drains, driveways, street lighting, sidewalks, and urban trees, and addition of protected bikeways.

Schedule and Funding

The project is planned to be constructed in the 2016 construction season. This project is part of the CSAH & MnDOT Cooperative Projects program. The Washington Ave cost estimate is \$13,540,000 of which approximately \$3,380,000 is the City's share. The City's funding breakdown is estimated as follows:

- \$1,800,000 in net debt bonds and Municipal State Aid Funds;
- \$994,000 in special assessment bonds;
- \$225,000 in sanitary revenue and
- \$350,000 in stormwater revenue.

Streetscape

The project area is within the Downtown Improvement District. The street reconstruction project also includes streetscape enhancements. During the planning and design stages of the project discussions were held with stakeholders regarding enhancements to the streetscape. MnDOT Turn-back and Hennepin County Roadside Enhancement Program funding is able to reduce the amount of the enhancements to be assessed to the adjacent property owners. The estimated cost of these enhancements to be assessed is \$220,000.

Abandonment and Removal of Conflicting Areaways

Section 95.90 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances provides a procedure for dealing with areaway encroachments that would interfere with public improvements being made in the public right-of-way such as street construction. Before the City may abandon and remove conflicting areaways (upon the failure of the abutting property owner to resolve or agree to resolve the conflict) and then later assess the costs, a public hearing must be held. It is our recommendation that this areaway public hearing be held in conjunction with the Washington Ave Reconstruction Project Approval and Public Hearing. Prior to the areaway public hearing notices being given, the City Engineer will have provided the initial notice required in Section 95.90 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Parking Restrictions

The approved project layout includes parking only in designated areas. To be compliant with all funding partners, a parking resolution is needed.

cc: CM Frey
Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimation and Taxation

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

Attachments:

1. Project Map

Project Map

