

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Transportation & Public Works
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Subject:

6th Avenue North (5th Street North to 200-feet north of Washington Avenue North) Paving Project (PV019): Designation, Cost Estimate and set Public Hearings (Project No. 6699).

Description:

- A. Passing a Resolution designating the location, streets, and improvements proposed to be made in the 6th Avenue North Project No. 6699 paving project.
- B. Adopting a Committee Report receiving the cost estimate of \$4,355,400 for the street reconstruction project, receiving the list of benefited properties, and directing the City Engineer to prepare a proposed Street Construction Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2016 Uniform Assessment Rates and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearing to be held at the February 2, 2016 Transportation and Public Works Committee meeting.
- C. Setting a Public Hearing to be held the February 2, 2016 Transportation and Public Works Committee meeting 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.

Previous Actions:

October 23rd 2015 – City Council Resolution 2015R-431 directing the City Engineer to proceed with a formal request for a variance from MnDOT State Aid for the vertical profile on 6th Avenue North from 5th Street North to Washington Avenue North.

July 24th 2015 – City Council Council Resolution 2015R-304 directing the City Engineer to install parking restrictions on 6th Avenue North between 3rd Street and Washington Avenue.

March 20, 2015 – Council adoption of T&PW report approving the project layout and authorizing negotiation with private property owners to acquire and execute easements and additional right-of-way if necessary.

July 1, 2011 – Council adoption of T&PW report authorizing proper city officers to submit a series of applications for Federal SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users) funds passed through the state.

Ward/Neighborhood/Address:

Ward 3
Ward 5

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

This project will reconstruct 6th Avenue North from 5th Street North to 200-feet north of Washington Avenue. The project will include preserving the historic vitrified clay paver brick surface from 4th Street North to Washington Avenue and protecting the loading docks within the historic district. The project will also include new ADA compliant sidewalks and curb ramps, new curb and gutter, new asphalt pavement (outside of the historic district), signing, traffic signal modifications, landscaping, and storm drain inlets.

Street Reconstruction Assessments

As provided in Article IX, Section 9.6(c) of the City Charter, a list of parcels with owner's names, as nearly as can be readily ascertained, which would be benefited by and assessed for the 6th Avenue North Paving Project, is on file with the City Engineer's Special Assessment Office. The street construction special assessments would be determined by applying the 2016 Uniform Assessment Rates to the land area of benefited parcels located within the street influence area along the improved streets.

Schedule and Funding

The project is planned to be constructed in the 2016 construction season. The project cost estimate is \$4,355,400. The budget consists of the following sources:

- \$50,000 in net debt bonds;
- \$2,735,000 in Municipal State Aid funds;
- \$1,120,000 in Federal Transportation Funds
- \$346,200 in special assessment bonds; and
- \$85,000 in stormwater revenue.

This action assumes approval of the project in 2016 and allows assessment actions to be performed on a timely basis.

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 6th Avenue North Paving 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.

Financial Review:

No financial impact.

Attachments:

1. Project Location Map

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

**By Reich
6th AVENUE NORTH PAVING PROJECT
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING STREET NO. 6699**

Designating the improvement of certain existing streets at the locations described hereinafter.

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the following existing streets within the City of Minneapolis are hereby designated to be improved, pursuant to the provisions of Article IX, Section 9.6(c) of the Minneapolis City Charter, by paving with salvaged pavers, plant mix asphalt and concrete, with concrete curb and gutter all on a stabilized base, sidewalks, and including other street paving related improvements as needed.

6th Avenue North from 5th Street North to 200-feet north of Washington Avenue North.

The Minneapolis City Council hereby adopts a report receiving a cost estimate of \$4,355,400 for street construction improvements and a list of benefited properties for certain locations in the 6th Avenue North Paving Project, Special Improvement of Existing Street No. 6699, as designated by Resolution 2015R-_____, passed December 11, 2015, and directs that the City Engineer prepare a proposed Street Construction Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2016 Uniform Assessment Rates as per Resolution 2015R-_____, passed November 20, 2015.

Further, a public hearing is scheduled for February 2, 2016, in accordance with Minneapolis City Charter, Article IX, Section 9.6(c), and Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Section 24.110, to consider approving the construction of the above-designated street location, the abandonment and removal of areaways located within the project area, and to consider the amount proposed to be assessed to each benefited property and the amount to be funded by the City.