

# City of Minneapolis

## Request for Committee Action

**To:** Transportation & Public Works  
**Date:** 7/26/2016  
**Referral:** N/A  
**From:** Public Works Department  
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**Subcategory:** Assessment

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**Subject:**

50th Street West and France Avenue South Parking Facility (Ewing Municipal Parking Lot), Operation and Maintenance for 2015; Special Assessments for Payable 2019 and 2020: Set Public Hearing

**Description:**

Setting the public hearing for special assessments payable in 2019 and 2020 for 2015 operation and maintenance costs in the total amount of \$20,970.34 (including interest charges) for the 50<sup>th</sup> St W and France Av S Parking Facility (Ewing Municipal Parking Lot) to be held before the Transportation and Public Works Committee on September 13, 2016.

**Previous Actions:**

September 15, 2015 - Public Hearing: 50th Street West and France Avenue South Parking Facility (Ewing Municipal Parking Lot), Operation and Maintenance for 2014; Special Assessments for Payable 2016, 2017 and 2018.

September 9, 2014 – Public hearing for 50th Street West and France Avenue South Parking Facility (Ewing Municipal Parking Lot), Operation and Maintenance for 2013; Special Assessments for Payable 2015.

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**Ward/Address:**

Ward 13  
5044 Ewing Avenue South

**Background/Analysis:**

**2015 Actual Expenses**

The total operation and maintenance costs for the 50<sup>th</sup> Street West and France Avenue South Parking Facility (Ewing Parking Lot) were \$19,238.84 in 2015.

**Collection of 2015 Actual Expenses**

The City's actual expenses for operating and maintaining the lot are recouped via special assessments to benefiting property owners. Unlike in past years where total actual costs are recouped in a single year, the 2015 actual costs are proposed to be collected over a two-year period beginning in 2019 to help facilitate the transition of operations and maintenance from Traffic and Parking Services Division to Transportation Maintenance and Repair Division as a requested outcome of the establishment of the 50th & France Special Service District. This same approach was approved for 2014 expenses payable in 2016, 2017, and 2018. Beginning January 1, 2016, expenses related to the parking lot are being paid through the 50<sup>th</sup> & France Special Service District.

Under this approach, half of actual costs (\$9,619.42) are proposed to be assessed in each of 2019 and 2020 on the property tax statements. Simple interest charges of 3.60% per annum would be applied to the 2019 and 2020 special assessments in accordance with the Public Improvement Special Assessment Interest Rate policy. The resulting special assessments are proposed as follows:

Pay 2019:            \$11,004.62 (\$9,619.42 + simple interest charges of \$1,385.20)  
Pay 2020:            \$9,965.72 (\$9,619.42 + simple interest charges of \$346.30)

In determining the special assessments for individual parcels, the costs are proposed to be assessed to the benefited properties based on their land area, with an assessment rate for those properties North of 50th Street W being ½ the rate of the properties to the South of 50th Street W. These assessment rates are for the properties that have been in the assessment area since the original construction of the parking facility (including one additional parcel that was added in 2001). As in past years, property owners will be sent a public hearing notice prior to the public hearing date.

**Operational Transition of Ewing Municipal Parking Lot to 50th & France Special Service District**

On June 5, 2015, city council adopted an ordinance amending Title 17 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Streets and Sidewalks, adding a new Chapter 428 establishing the 50th and France Special Service District. The Special Service District Advisory Board has requested that the City transition operation and maintenance responsibilities for the Ewing Municipal Parking lot from the Traffic and Parking Services Division to the Transportation Maintenance and Repair Division, which manages Special Service Districts. This occurred on January 1, 2016.

**Financial Review:**

**No financial impact.**