



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Public Works**

Date: June 16, 2009

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Referral to: None

Subject: **3rd Ave N (Washington Ave to 5th St N) Streets Lighting Project Number 2278: Designation, Cost Estimate and Set Public Hearing**

Recommendation:

- 1a) Passage of a Resolution designating the location, streets, and improvements proposed to be made in the 3rd Ave N (Washington Ave to 5th St N) Street Lighting Project. Special Improvement of Existing Street Number 2278.

This Resolution may be authorized for summary publication.

- 1b) Adoption of the Committee Report receiving the cost estimate of \$115,000 and the list of benefited properties, directing the City Engineer to prepare a proposed Street Lighting Special Improvement Assessment in the amount of \$0 against the list of benefited properties by applying the street influence zone method, and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearing to be held on July 21, 2009 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.
- 2) Adoption of a Committee Report designating the street lighting project area as Street Lighting District Number 1336 and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a public hearing to be held on July 21, 2009 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.

Previous Directives: None

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Financial Impact

Special Assessments against benefited properties

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The purpose of this letter is to establish the special assessment proceedings for street lighting installation and to establish the street lighting maintenance and operation proceedings for the 3rd Ave N (Washington Ave to 5th St N) Streets Lighting Project.

1. 3rd Avenue North (Washington Avenue North to 5th Street North) Street Lighting Project

This proposed project would install street lights along 3rd Avenue North from Washington Avenue North to 5th Street North. The City of Minneapolis Street Lighting Policy indicates that all reconstruction projects include street lighting, unless the affected properties petition out the lighting. This project will be part of the street reconstruction project with the same project limits. We recommend passage of a Resolution designating the location, streets, and improvements to be made for the 3rd Avenue North Lighting Program.

As provided in Chapter 10, Section 8 of the City Charter, submitted herewith is a list of parcels with owner's names, as nearly as can be readily ascertained, which would be benefited by and assessed for 3rd Avenue North Street Lighting Project.

Also submitted is a cost estimate of \$115,000 for the 3rd Ave N (Washington Ave to 5th St N) Streets Lighting Project:

Lighting (design and construction)	\$105,800
Interim Financing Cost	<u>\$ 9,200</u>
Total	\$115,000

The project will be funded by 100% by the Minnesota Ballpark Authority. The special assessments would be determined by using the street influence zone area method with 0% of the costs to be assessed.

2. Street Lighting District Number 1336

As provided in Chapter 431 (Street Lighting) of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, the street lighting project area is proposed to be designated as Street Lighting District Number 1336. The annual maintenance and operation costs for this street lighting district are standard costs which are paid by the City out of the General Fund which in turn is funded by real estate taxes. Non-governmental properties exempt from real estate taxes pay for street lighting maintenance and operation costs through special assessments. Chapter 431 provides for a lineal front footage method to determine street lighting maintenance and operation assessments.

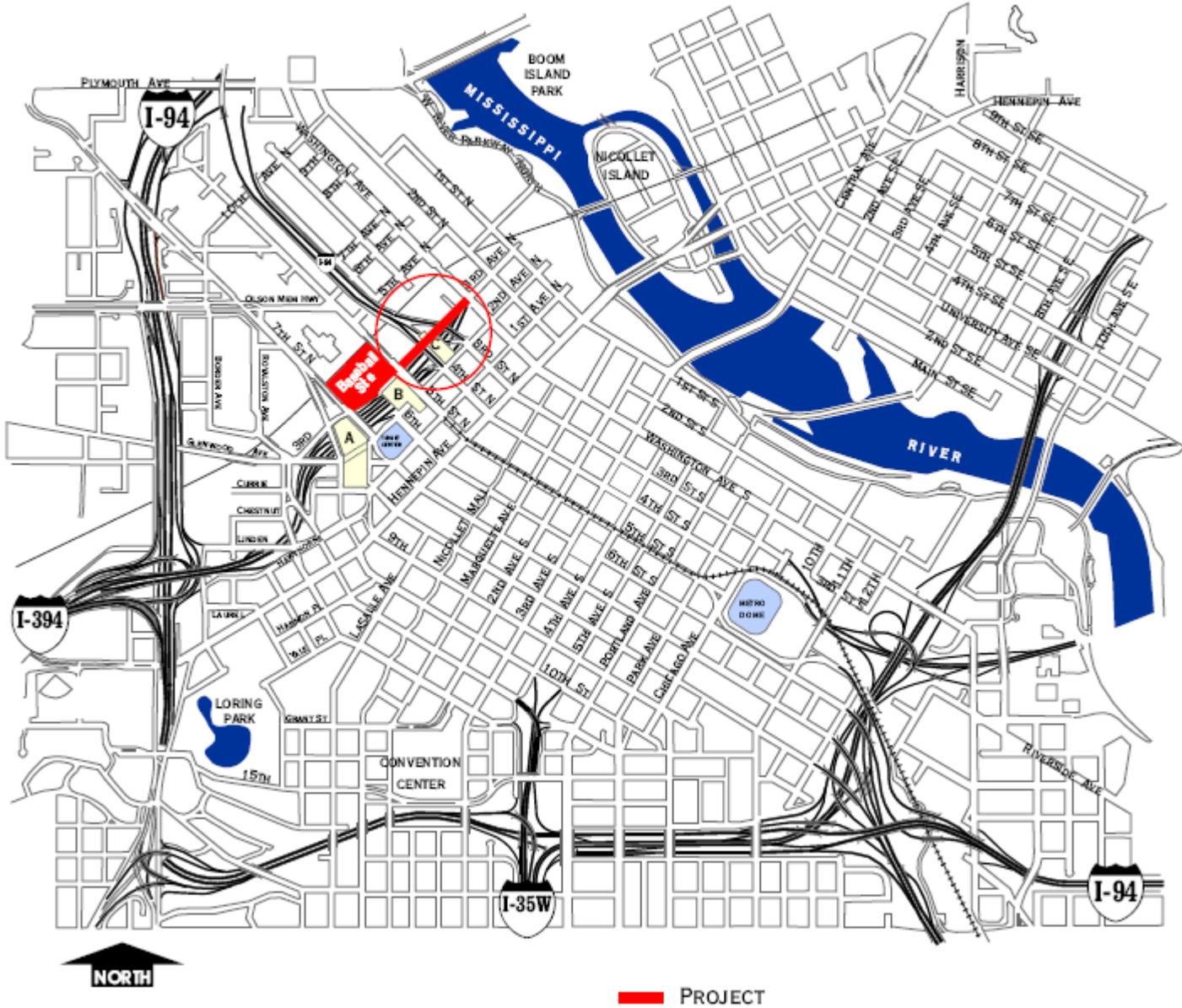
Attachment 1 – map

CC: Council Member Goodman, Ward 7
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Attachment 1
Project Location Map

3rd Ave N

Washington Ave to 5th St N



T&PW- Your committee recommends passage of the accompanying Resolution designating the location, streets, and improvements proposed to be made in the 3rd Avenue North Street Lighting Project, Special Improvement of Existing Street No 2278.

Your committee further recommends summary publication of the above described Resolution.

**3rd Avenue North
Street Lighting Project
Special Improvement of
Existing Street No 2278**

Designating the improvement of certain existing streets at the location 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 Chapter 10, Section 8 of the Minneapolis City Charter, by installing ornamental street lights together with all necessary appurtenances and work related thereto:

3rd Avenue North from approximately the south ROW line of Washington Avenue North to the north ROW line of 5th Street North

T&PW- Your committee, having received a cost estimate of \$115,000 for street lighting improvements and the list of benefited properties for the 3rd Avenue North Street Lighting Project, Special Improvements of Existing Street No 2278, as designated by Resolution 2009R-____ passed June 19, 2009, now recommends that the City Engineer be directed to prepare a proposed Street Lighting Special Improvement Assessment in the amount of \$0 against the list of benefited properties by applying the street influence zone area method.

Your committee further recommends that the City Clerk be directed to give notice of a public hearing to be held by the Transportation and Public Works Committee on July 21, 2009, in accordance with Chapter 10, Section 8 of the Minneapolis City Charter and Section 24.180 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, to consider approving the construction of the above designated street lighting project and to consider the amount proposed to be assessed to each benefited property and the amount to be funded by the City.

T&PW- Your committee reports that, in accordance with Chapter 431 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to the establishment of street lighting districts (said Chapter 431 defining such street lighting district as an area wherein lighting in excess of minimum street lighting is provided and further providing that the City's costs over and above said minimum lighting shall be paid by the benefited property owners), the City Engineer has presented to your committee the details required by said Chapter 431 in connection with proposed Street Lighting District 1336 for assessment of the maintenance and operation costs on additional street lighting for the convenience and safety of the area delineated as 3rd Avenue North (streets to receive lighting are as designated in the 3rd Avenue North Street Lighting Project, Special Improvement of Existing Street No 2278).

A summary of the facts relative to this assessment is as follows:

Number of assessable parcels in said district	11
Total assessable frontage in feet	600
Annual cost per foot	\$1.25

Your committee recommends that if there should be an increase in the cost of street lighting in the future that the increased cost be reflected in the assessment.

Your committee further recommends that the City Clerk be directed to give notice of a Public hearing to be held by the Transportation and Public Works Committee on July 21, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 431 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, to be considered the establishment of said proposed Street Lighting District No 1336.