



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

**Date:** August 17, 2010  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Subject:** **Special Boulevard Permit Application – 3644 & 3648 Lyndale Avenue S**

**Recommendation:**  
Approve the requests for these Special Boulevard Permits

**Previous Directives:**  
July 31, 2009 – Denial of Special Boulevard Permit

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**Approved by:**  

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**Presenters:** Michael D. Kennedy, P.E., Director of Transportation Maintenance and Repair

### Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval <u>_NA_</u>	Date <u>___</u>
Civil Rights Approval	Approval <u>_NA_</u>	Date <u>___</u>
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval <u>_NA_</u>	Date <u>___</u>

### Financial Impact

No financial impact

### Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: NA  
City Goals: A City that Works  
Comprehensive Plan: NA  
Zoning Code: NA

### Supporting Information

The property owners at two addresses, 3644 and 3648 Lyndale Avenue South, have each submitted applications for a Special Boulevard Permit (see attachments), in order to pave a three foot wide portion of the boulevard at the curb at 3644 and at 3648 Lyndale Avenue South. The Boulevard Ordinance (Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Title 17, Streets and Sidewalks, Chapter 427.10 (e) states:

*“Paving permit required. Other than such boulevard walk, no person shall pave over or cover any boulevard unless a permit has been granted by the city council upon a finding*

that paving or covering the boulevard will not have a substantially negative impact on the aesthetic appearance of adjacent residential properties.

The city engineer shall process and forward all applications for such permit to the appropriate committee of the city council and recommend whether the permit should be granted. In no event shall any person use blacktop, asphalt or any similar material to pave over or cover any portion of the boulevard.”

Sidewalk staff, under the authority of the city engineer, is recommending that these Special Boulevard Permit applications be approved because the adjacent property owners have provided written letters of support for this paving. The adjacent property owners have stated that they believe that the paving will enhance and improve the aesthetic appearance of city streets and highways as an aid to maintaining the quality and livability of the residential neighborhoods of the city, as stated as the purpose of the Boulevard Ordinance. Further, the owners of these two properties have obtained an Encroachment Permit to allow for certain landscaping elements already constructed by the property owners (wooden borders and rocks) to remain in place.

Attachments:

Letter from Council Member Meg Tuthill’s Office  
Applications for Special Boulevard Permits  
Letters of Support and Photos of the proposed boulevard paving

cc: Larry Matsumoto, Dennis Morris