7/25/08 - Referred back to Committee by City Council
7/29/08 - T&PW postponed one cycle.

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

Date: July 15, 2008

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

Referral To: Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: **Xerxes Av N (Plymouth Av to McNair Av) Street Renovation, Project No 2268: Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearing**

Recommendation:

1. Passage of a Resolution ordering the City Engineer to proceed with the work and adopting special assessments in the amount of $91,230.94 for the Xerxes Av N (Plymouth Av to McNair Av) Renovation Project.

2. Passage of a Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation to issue and sell assessment bonds in the amount of $91,230 for the Xerxes Av N, Project No. 2268 Street Renovation Project.

These Resolutions may be authorized for summary publication.

Previous Directives:

June 6, 2008 Council Resolution 2008R-223, Project Designation and authorized Public Works to negotiate and execute (upon satisfactory review by the City Attorney) a cooperative agreement with the City of Golden Valley to perform this work.

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval NA Date
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Approval NA Date
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval NA Date

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

_X_ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

___ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

___ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

___ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
___ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
___ Business Plan: ___ Action is within the plan. ___ Action requires a change to plan.
_X_ Other financial impact (Explain): Special Assessments to Benefited Properties
___ Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification: A neighborhood public meeting is scheduled for July 10.
- City Goals: A Safe Place to Call Home - The City's infrastructure will be well-maintained
- Comprehensive Plan: Consistent
- Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information:

This renovation project is in cooperation with the City of Golden Valley. Golden Valley refined their cost estimate resulting in an increase from approximately $430,000 to $560,000. A cost sharing agreement proposes the cost to be split based on the road surface reconstruction within the respective city limits. An approximate sharing of costs between Golden Valley and Minneapolis is estimated at 31 to 69 percent split. There is approximately 69% of the road surface within the City of Minneapolis limits. The revised cost estimate for Minneapolis' share is increased from $298,000 to $416,000.

On June 6, 2008, the City Council designated the location, streets and improvements proposed to be made in the Xerxes Av N neighborhood area. In addition the City Council authorized Public Works to negotiate and execute (upon satisfactory review by the City Attorney) a cooperative agreement with the City of Golden Valley to perform this work.

The Xerxes Av N street renovation project is from Plymouth Av to McNair Av. The street renovation would be a mill and overly of the street surface with plant mix asphalt replacing concrete curb and gutter as needed and including other street paving related improvements as needed.

The street renovation special assessments were determined by applying the 2008 Uniform Assessment Rates to the land area of benefited parcels located within the street influence zone along the improved streets. The 2008 renovation assessment rates are as follows:

$0.84/sq ft – Local – Non-Residential

$0.32/sq ft – Local – Residential

The proposed total assessment amount for Xerxes Av N (Plymouth Av to McNair Av) is $91,230.94. Individual assessments of more than $150 would be collected over 10 years beginning on the 2009 real estate tax statements with interest charged at the same rate as the City pays in interest for selling assessment bonds. Assessments of $150 or less would be collected in their entirety on the 2009 real estate tax statements with interest charged at the same rate as the City pays in interest for selling assessments bonds. Information has been provided in the Notices as to how persons may prepay the special assessments in full without interest charges if they so choose.

The City Council has passed Resolutions whereby a deferment of special assessments may be obtained by showing hardship for any homestead property owned by a person 65 years of age or older or retired by virtue of permanent and total disability.

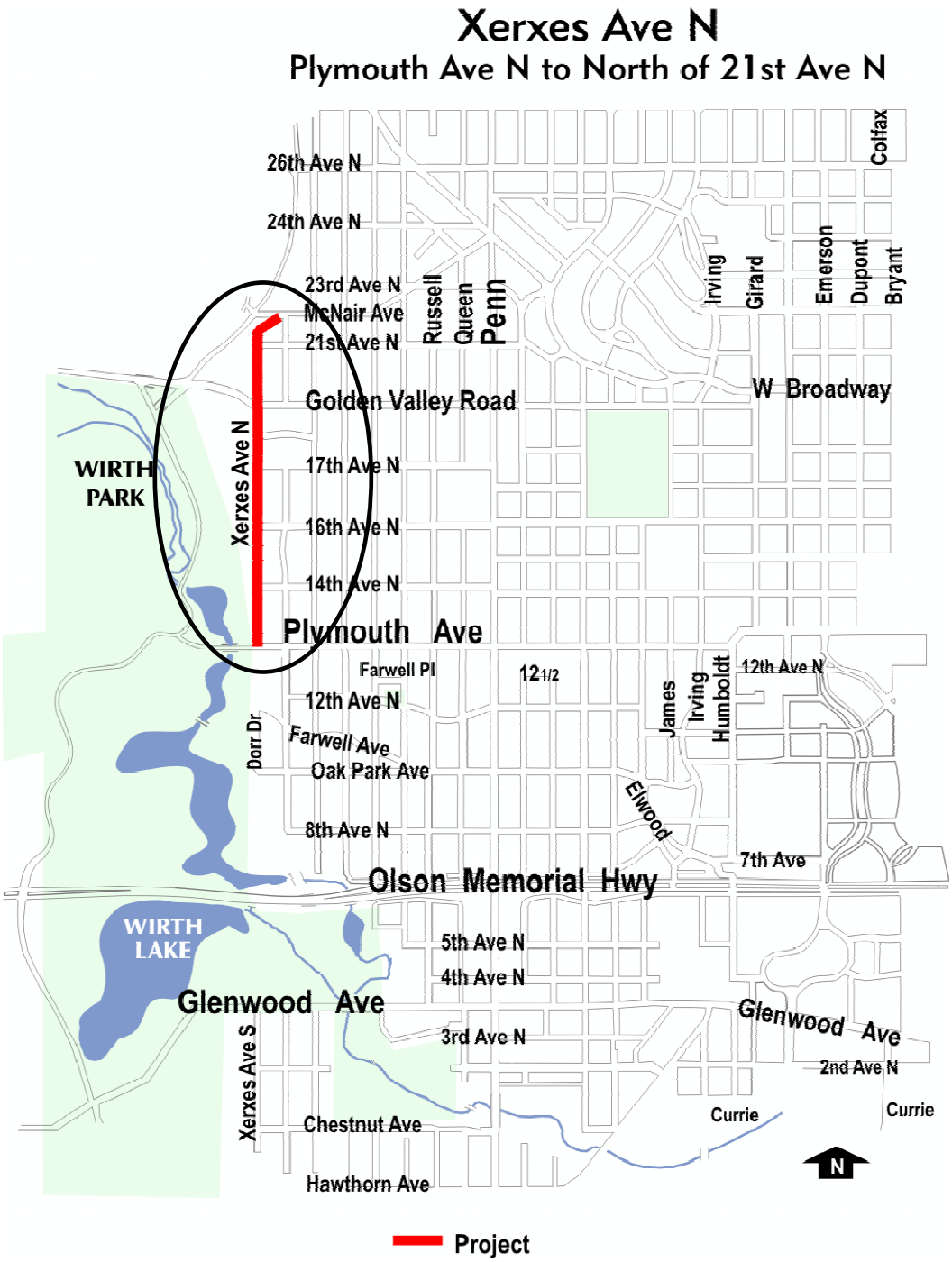
The project and assessment informational neighborhood meeting is scheduled for July 10, prior to the project approval and assessment public hearing.

Attachment 1 – Project Map

Cc: Council Member Don Samuels, Ward 5
Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation

Xerxes Avenue N Renovation Project

Project Limits



T&PW - Your Committee recommends passage and summary publication of the accompanying Resolutions:

1. Ordering the work to proceed and adopting the special assessments for the Xerxes Av N Street Renovation Project Special Improvement of Existing Street No 2268;
2. Requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation to issue and sell City of Minneapolis bonds.

By Colvin Roy

XERXES AVENUE NORTH RENOVATION PROJECT
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING
STREET No 2268

Ordering the work to proceed and adopting the special assessments for the Xerxes Av N (Plymouth Av to McNair Av) Project.

Whereas, a public hearing was held on July 15, 2008 in accordance with Chapter 10, Section 8 of the Minneapolis City Charter and Section 24.180 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances to consider the proposed improvements as designated in Resolution 2008R-223, passed June 6, 2008, to consider the proposed special assessments as on file in the Office of the City Clerk and to consider all written and oral objections and statements regarding the proposed improvements and the proposed special assessments;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the City Engineer is hereby ordered to proceed and do the work as designated in said Resolution 2008R-223, passed June 6, 2008.

Be It Further Resolved that the proposed special assessments in the total amount of $91,230.94 as on file in the office of the City Clerk be and hereby are adopted and assessed against the benefited properties.

Be It Further Resolved that the number of successive equal annual principal installments by which the special assessments of more than $150 may be paid shall be fixed at ten (10) and that the interest charged at the same rate as the assessment bonds are sold for with collection of the special assessments to begin on the 2009 real estate tax statements.

Be It Further Resolved that the number of installments by which the special assessments of $150 or less may be paid shall be fixed at one (1) and that interest be charged at the same rate as the assessment bonds are sold for with collection of the special assessments on the 2009 real estate tax statements.

Colvin Roy and Ostrow

Requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation to issue and sell City of Minneapolis bonds in the amount of $91,230 for certain purposes other than the purchase of public utilities.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the Board of Estimate and Taxation be requested to incur indebtedness and issue and sell City of Minneapolis bonds for the purpose of paying the assessed cost of street improvements in the Xerxes Av N (Plymouth Av to McNair Av) Street Renovation Project, Special Improvement of Existing Street No. 2268, to be assessed against benefited properties as estimated by the City Council, which assessments shall be collectible in ten (10) successive annual installments, payable in the same manner as real estate taxes.