



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

Date: July 21, 2009

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

Subject: **Chicago Av (8th St E to 14th St E) Layout Approval**

Recommendation:

Approve the project layout of Chicago Av S from 8th St E to 14th St E.

Previous Directives:

- February 20, 2009, Council Resolution 2009R-073 requesting the sale of assessment bonds for the reconstruction of Chicago Av S (Franklin Av to 25th St E and 26th St E to 28th St E)
- February 20, 2009, Council Resolution 2009R-072 ordering the work to proceed and adopting special assessments for Chicago Av S Project – Phase II
- February 6, 2009, Council Resolution 2009R-049 ordering the City Engineer to abandon and remove areaways within the public right-of-way in conflict with the street improvement project
- February 6, 2009, Council Resolution 2009R-048 ordering the City Engineer to install parking restrictions along Chicago Av S between Franklin Av and 25th St E and 26th St E and 28th St E.
- December 12, 2008, Council Resolution 2008R-572 designating Phase II of street improvement project
- November 7, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-512 approving the layout of Chicago Ave S 14th St E to 25th St E and 26th St E to 28th St E
- October 10, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-445 amending the 2008 Capital Improvement Appropriation by \$25,000 for construction of a pedestrian flasher at Children's Hospital, paid by Children's Hospital.
- May 2, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-174 ordering the City Engineer to install parking restrictions along the 2500 block of Chicago Av S.
- May 2, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-173 requesting the sale of assessment bonds for the reconstruction of the 2500 block of Chicago Av S.
- May 2, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-172 ordering the work to proceed and adopting special assessments for the 2500 block of Chicago Av S.
- April 4, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-129 designating the Chicago Av street improvement project (25th St E to 26th St E).
- April 4, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-128 requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation to reallocate Net Debt Bonds
- April 4, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-127 amending the 2008 Capital Improvement Appropriation Resolution to include finds for the reconstruction of Chicago Av (25th St E to 26th St E)

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date NA
Civil Rights Approval Approval ___ Date NA
Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date NA

Financial Impact

No financial impact

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Property Owners and the Neighborhood have been involved in numerous discussions involving the layout of this intersection. This layout was presented to the stakeholders when a roundabout at this intersection was no longer practical.

City Goals:

Comprehensive Plan:

Zoning Code:

Background/Supporting Information

Chicago Avenue is a multi-year reconstruction project. Phase I occurred in 2008 with the Children’s Hospital expansion project. Phase II is currently under construction from 28th St E to Franklin Ave. Phase III of this project will occur in 2010 and will include the area from Franklin Ave to 8th St E. Chicago Avenue is a Municipal State Aid roadway with one of the poorer pavement condition ratings within the City. The roadway from 14th St to 8th St is nominally shifting to meet MnDOT horizontal curve requirements and to better align the crosswalks with the traffic signals. Green space area is increased and the intersection provides the opportunity for a gateway into Elliot Park and Centennial Place as was desired by the stakeholders while providing for a future streetcar line.

Project/Scope

The reconstruction of Chicago Av S is ongoing and proposed to be completed in 2010. Public Works staff met numerous times with project stake holders and the Elliot Park neighborhood association on the layout of Chicago Ave. Reconstruction will include removal of all existing pavement and curbing and replacing it with a new asphalt roadway with new catch basins. The traffic signals will be replaced as well. A concurrent streetscape project will determine if any additional amenities such as additional trees and pedestrian level lighting will be included with the project.

Schedule and Funding

Construction is scheduled to occur in 2010 and is in the 5 year Capital Improvement Program. It is anticipated the project will be funded with Net Debt Bonds, Assessment Bonds, and Municipal State Aid Funding.

Attachments.: Layout

Cc: Council Member Lisa Goodman – Ward 7