



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

Date: July 12, 2005
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: none

**Subject: 15th Avenue from 5th Street SE to Como Avenue SE Lighting Project
Set Public Hearing**

Recommendation:

a1) Passage of a Resolution designating the location, streets, and improvements proposed to be made in the 15th Ave SE Street Lighting Project. Special Improvement of Existing Street Number 6372L.

This Resolution may be authorized for summary publication.

a2) Adoption of the Committee Report receiving the cost estimate of \$212,000 and the list of benefited properties, directing the City Engineer to prepare a proposed Street Lighting Special Improvement Assessment in the amount of \$212,000 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 August 23, 2005 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.

b) Adoption of a Committee Report designating the street lighting project area as Street Lighting District Number 1319 and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a public hearing to be held on August 23, 2005 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by:

Klara A. Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Beverly Warmka

Financial Impact

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

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

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 15th Avenue SE Neighborhood Residential Lighting Project. This lighting project is being coordinated with the street reconstruction activities.

1. 15th Avenue from 5th St SE to Como Ave SE Neighborhood Street Lighting Project

This proposed project would install low level ornamental street lights in the area of 15th Avenue from 5th Street SE to Como Avenue SE Street. This project was initiated by a petition, signed by 69% of the adjacent property owners/managers, submitted to the Traffic and Parking Services Division of the Department of Public Works. The petition was also signed by a number of tenants along 15th Ave. With tenant signatures included, the approval percentage is 78%. Public Works has also received verbal support from other property owners that would increase the approval percentage to 72%, for a total of 80% with the tenants included. Public Works has also received letters, or emails, of support from the Southeast Como neighborhood, Minneapolis Park Board, Marcy Holmes Neighborhood, and U of M student organizations such as student affairs and the Panhellenic Council.

The cost estimate is \$212,000 for the 15th Avenue SE Neighborhood Lighting Project:

Lighting (design and construction)	\$195,800
Interim Financing Cost	<u>\$ 16,200</u>
Total	\$212,000

The project will be funded primarily by special assessments. The special assessments would be determined by using the street influence zone area method. The University of Minnesota property is not assessable, however they have submitted a letter stating that they will make a voluntary payment of \$75,000 in lieu of an assessment. Other funding commitments that will reduce the amount assessed to the properties include the following: The Marcy Homes neighborhood is redirecting \$5,000 to the project from its Phase I NRP funds, and the Southeast Como neighborhood is considering providing approximately \$1,000. The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board has provided a letter of commitment for \$20,000. The University of Minnesota Office of Student Affairs has expressed interest in helping to organize student fundraisers to potentially offset some of the costs.

We recommend passage of a Resolution designating the location, streets, and improvements to be made for the 15th Avenue SE Street Lighting Program.

As provided in Chapter 10, Section 8 of the City Charter, a list of parcels with owner's names, as nearly as can be readily ascertained, which would be benefited by and assessed for 15th Avenue SE Street Lighting Project, has been compiled and is on file.

2. Street Lighting District Number 1319

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 1319. The lighting levels for this proposed project are classified as standard. The annual maintenance and operation costs for a standard street lighting district are paid by the City out of the General Fund which in turn is funded by real estate taxes. The exception is non-governmental properties exempt from real estate taxes, which 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.

Council Member Zerby has expressed his support for this project.

Attachment 1 – map

Attachment 2 – letters of support (6)

CC: Council Member Zerby, Ward 2
Suzette Hjermstad, Public Works
Beth Stiffler, Public Works

T&PW- Your committee recommends passage of the accompanying Resolution designating the location, streets, and improvements proposed to be made in the 15th Ave SE (5th St to Como Ave) Street Lighting Project, Special Improvement of Existing Street No 6372L.

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

**15th Ave SE (5th St to Como Ave)
Street Lighting Project
Special Improvement of
Existing Street No 6372L**

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:

15th Ave SE (5th St to Como Ave) from approximately the north ROW line of 5th St SE to the south ROW line of Como Ave SE

T&PW- Your committee, having received a cost estimate of \$212,000 for street lighting improvements and the list of benefited properties for the 15th Ave SE (5th St to Como Ave) Street Lighting Project, Special Improvements of Existing Street No 6372L, as designated by Resolution 2005R-_____ passed July 22, 2005, now recommends that the City Engineer be directed to prepare a proposed Street Lighting Special Improvement Assessment in the amount of \$212,000 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 August 23, 2005, 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 1319 for assessment of the maintenance and operation costs on additional street lighting for the convenience and safety of the area delineated as 15th Ave SE (5th St to Como Ave) (streets to receive lighting are as designated in the 15th Ave SE (5th St to Como Ave) Street Lighting Project, Special Improvement of Existing Street No 6372L).

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

Number of assessable parcels in said district	54
Total assessable frontage in feet	2275
Annual cost per foot	\$0.55

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 August 23, 2005, 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 1319.