



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

Date: May 3, 2005
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Barbara Johnson, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: **Bryn Mawr Street Renovation, Project 2989 & Ewing Av Reconstruction, Project 2909: Project Approvals and Assessment Public Hearings.**

Recommendation:

1. Passage of a Resolution ordering the City Engineer to proceed and do the work and adopting the special assessments in the total amount of \$660,431.10 for the Bryn Mawr Street Renovation Project.
2. Passage of a Resolution ordering the City Engineer to proceed and do the work and adopting the special assessments in the total amount of \$105,571.35 for the Ewing Avenue Reconstruction Project.
3. Passage of a Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation to issue and sell assessment bonds in the amount of \$660,430 for the Bryn Mawr Street Renovation Project.
4. Passage of a Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation to issue and sell assessment bonds in the amount of \$105,570 for the Ewing Avenue Reconstruction Project.

Previous Directives: Resolution No. 2005R-160, Project Designation,
Resolution No. 2004R-196, Accepting funding, naming the local government fiscal agent, and maintaining the Ewing Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail.

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Approved by:

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Presenters: Meseret Wolana, Project Engineer

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- 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): Special assessment to benefited property
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

On April 1, 2005, the City Council designated the location, streets and improvements proposed to be made in the Bryn Mawr and Ewing Av areas.

The location of the Bryn Mawr street renovation project is bounded on the North by I-394 and frontage road, on the South by Cedar Shore Dr, on the East by Cedar Lake Parkway and on the West by the W. City Limits.

The location of the Ewing Av street reconstruction project from Cedar Lake Rd to 22nd St W.

1. Bryn Mawr Street Renovation Project

The cost estimate for the Bryn Mawr Street Renovation Project is \$1,587,000. The street improvement project will include mill and overlay of the street surface with plant mix asphalt, select curb and gutter replacement, the upgrading of deficient catch basins and other paving related improvements as needed. This project will be done by city forces, is scheduled to start May 2005 and will take approximately 18 weeks for construction. Seal coating will follow in the spring/summer of 2006.

This project is part of a five-year capital program adopted by the City Council and included appropriated amounts for Net Debt Bonds and Assessment Bonds in various fund agencies that are sufficient to cover the cost of this proposed project.

The proposed street renovation special assessments were determined by applying the 2005 Uniform Assessment Rates to the land area of benefited parcels located within the street influence zone along the improved street. The renovation rates are as follows:

\$0.65/sq ft – Local – Non-Residential
\$0.25/sq ft – Local – Residential

The proposed total assessment amount for the Bryn Mawr Street Renovation Project is \$660,431.10. Individual assessments of more than \$150 would be collected over 10 years beginning on the 2006 real estate tax statements with the interest charged at the same rate as assessment bonds are sold. Assessments of \$150 or less would be collected in their entirety on the 2006 real estate tax statements with interest charged at the same rate as assessments bonds are sold. 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.

2. Ewing Av Street Reconstruction Project

The cost estimate for the Ewing Av Street Reconstruction Project is \$902,000. The street construction project will include paving with plant mix asphalt with concrete curb and gutter all on a stabilized base and including other street paving related improvements as needed, and an off-street bikeway/walkway along Ewing Avenue South. This project will be done in conjunction with the Bryn Mawr street renovation project that is scheduled to start June 2005.

This project is also part of a five-year capital program adopted by the City Council and included appropriated amounts for Net Debt Bonds and Assessment Bonds in various fund agencies that are sufficient to cover the cost of this proposed project.

The proposed street reconstruction special assessments were determined by applying the 2005 Uniform Assessment Rates to the land area of benefited parcels located within the street influence zone along the improved street. The reconstruction rates are as follows:

\$1.30/sq ft – Local – Non-Residential

\$0.50/sq ft – Local – Residential

The proposed total assessment amount for the Ewing Av Reconstruction Project is \$105,571.35. Individual assessments of more than \$150 would be collected over 20 years beginning on the 2006 real estate tax statements with the interest charged at the same rate as assessment bonds are sold. Assessments of \$150 or less would be collected in their entirety on the 2006 real estate tax statements with interest charged at the same rate as assessments bonds are sold. 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 the 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.

At the time this letter was prepared, a local pre-hearing neighborhood information meeting to discuss the above mentioned project is to be held in the evening of April 28, 2005.

Attachment 1 - Map

Cc: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7
Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation

