



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

**Date:** September 14, 2006  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Subject:** **Repeal City Thru Street Designation for 52<sup>nd</sup> St E between 34<sup>th</sup> Ave S and 47<sup>th</sup> Ave S**

### Recommendation:

- Approve repeal of the City Thru Street designation for 52<sup>nd</sup> St E between 34<sup>th</sup> Ave S and 47<sup>th</sup> Ave S

### Previous Directives:

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**Approved by:**

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**Presenters:** Jon Wertjes, P.E., P.T.O.E., Director of Traffic and Parking Services

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable  X   
Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable  X

### 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  
 X  Business Plan:  X  Action is within the plan. \_\_\_\_ Action requires a change to plan.  
\_\_\_\_ Other financial impact (Explain):  
  
\_\_\_\_ Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

### Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable  
City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city  
Comprehensive Plan: Consistent  
Zoning Code: Consistent

### **Background/History:**

In spring 2006, Public Works was asked to review and comment on measures to improve the stop sign pattern in the general area of Ward 12--bound by Minnehaha Parkway, Hiawatha Avenue, 54<sup>th</sup> Street East and 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Subsequently, Public Works had received several requests to review traffic calming strategies for 52<sup>nd</sup> Street East.

Based on Public Works review, the implementation of a basket weave stop sign pattern along 52<sup>nd</sup> Street East between 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South was proposed. As part of the past LRT construction and re-construction of Hiawatha Ave. S., 52<sup>nd</sup> St. E. now terminates at 47<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. (i.e., no longer intersects with Hiawatha Ave S). As such, 52<sup>nd</sup> St. E. no longer functions as a thru street, but serves primarily local traffic patterns. East/West collector roadways serving the area are 50<sup>th</sup> St. E. and 54<sup>th</sup> St. E., two blocks northerly and southerly, respectively. To support the basket weave stop sign pattern and to be consistent with standard traffic control practices for local streets, repeal of the city thru street designation along 52<sup>nd</sup> St. E. between 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. and 47<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. is proposed.