



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

Date: September 27, 2005
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Barbara Johnson, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: Lake Street Streetscape Petitions (TH 55 to West River Road)

Recommendation:

- a) Accept the Enhanced Level Streetscape Petitions from Abutting Property Owners
- b) Direct the City Engineer to proceed with the design of the Lake Street Enhanced Level Streetscape Project
- c) Approve the establishment of a Special Service District for Lake Street and direct appropriate City Officials to begin the development of the enabling ordinances

Previous Directives:

- July 22, 2005 Council Action – Accepting the base level streetscape petition and directing the City's Department of Public Works to assist in developing bid documents and the construction of said streetscape improvements.
- July 22, 2005 Council Resolution 2005R-424 – Approving Hennepin County Transportation Department's Layout.
- May 27, 2005 Council Action – Resolution Supporting Hennepin County's variance requests to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.
- May 27, 2005 Council Resolution 2005R-318 – Encouraging a Strong Pedestrian Realm and Supporting Hennepin County's variance requests to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.
- June 21, 2002 Council Action – Authorization to execute a Lake Street reconstruction and streetscape project City/County cooperative agreement for professional services.

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Approved by:

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

Presenters: Don Elwood, P.E., Principal Professional 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):
- ____ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

At the August 24, 2004 Transportation and Public Works Committee, the Public Works Department brought forward a petition from property owners abutting Lake Street requesting consideration for the construction of a base level (or level 1b) streetscape. During the presentation, it was mentioned that property and business owners were interested in pursuing an enhanced level streetscape. The business communities have concluded their efforts and are now bringing forward their enhanced level streetscape petitions for consideration. The business communities wish to build on the improvements of the base level streetscape by providing additional amenities that would reinforce their importance as regional commercial destinations. They understand that the additional enhancements will necessitate the creation of a special service district to ensure the streetscapes' maintenance as required by council policy.

The base level (or level 1b) streetscape petition stated that property owners had agreed to additional special assessments in the amount not to exceed one hundred and seventy five dollars per lineal-foot of block face frontage (\$175/lf-bf) for the base level improvements. This would provide a base streetscape of ~\$385 per lineal-foot of frontage as anticipated by the County funding plan. The remaining \$210/lf-bf will be paid for with County and Federal funds.

Lee Wallace forwarded to the department a petition signed by affected property owners of the proposed Longfellow Special Service District. The petition signatories represent sixty two and one-half percent (62.5%) of the linear frontage. The enhanced level streetscape petition stated that property owners had agreed to additional special assessments in the amount not to exceed one hundred and forty nine dollars per lineal-foot of block face frontage (\$149/lf-bf) for the enhanced level improvements. The total block face frontage for the proposed Longfellow Special Service District is 11,400 lineal-feet. The estimated total streetscape special assessment would be \$3,693,600 (11,400 lf-bf x \$324/lf-bf).

The proposed district will result in all twenty-four blocks of the project being constructed with enhanced level streetscaping. In conclusion, the department wishes to recognize the leadership, vision, financial commitment and hard work of the Longfellow Business Association in promoting the continued renaissance of Lake Street.

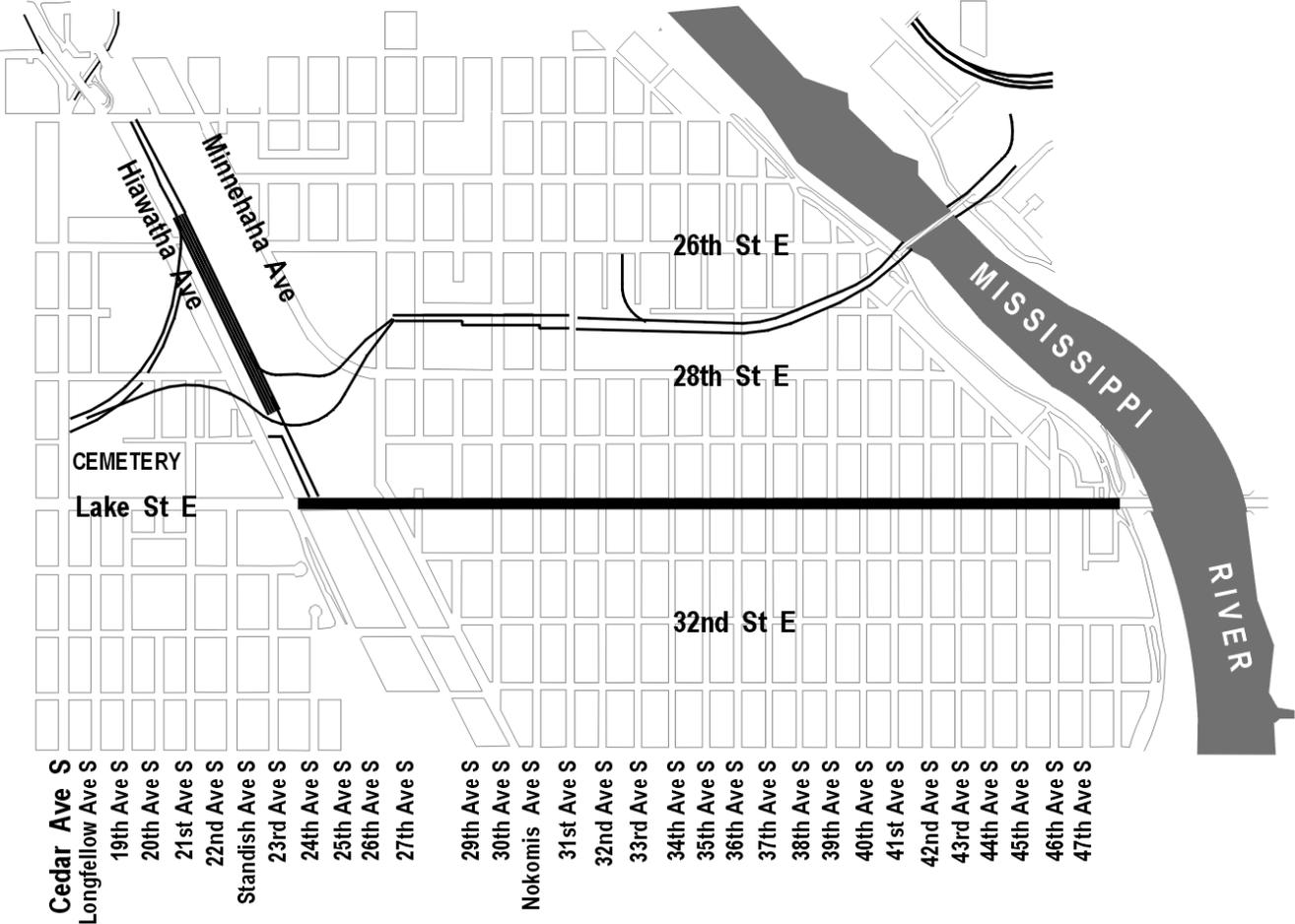
Attachment 1 - Project Map

Attachment 2 - September 2005 Petition Letter from Lee Wallace, Longfellow Business Association

cc: CM Gary Schiff, Ward 9
CM Sandra Colvin Roy, Ward 12

ATTACHMENT 1

Lake Street Reconstruction & Streetscape East Segment (Hiawatha to W River Parkway)



— Project