



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

Date: September 22, 2009

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

Subject: 7th Street North Resurfacing Project Status Update

Recommendation:

Receive and File

Previous Directives:

- o Resolution 2009R-198, designating the location and streets to be improved.
- o Resolution 2009R-300, ordering the work to proceed and adopting the special assessments for the 7th Street North Project.

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Financial Impact:

None

Background/Supporting Information

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the 7th Street N Resurfacing Project.

Subsequent to project approval, two issues have presented themselves that make postponing the project until the 2010 construction season the prudent course of action.

1. Bike lanes are being proposed on 7th Street North as part of the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTP). The NTP provides a federal source of funding available to government agencies in Minneapolis and the surrounding 13 communities to increase rates of bicycling and walking, and to reduce rates of driving. These bike lanes will extend from Hennepin Avenue in downtown Minneapolis and extend north to Plymouth Avenue, continuing along Emerson and Fremont Avenues North to Webber Parkway in north Minneapolis. This work is scheduled to occur in 2010.
2. Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) has proposed the realignment of 7th Street and Van White Memorial Boulevard to connect these streets with Plymouth Avenue. This work was originally planned in 2009 but is now scheduled to occur in 2010.

Due to the schedules of these two separate projects for 2010, Public Works is proposing to delay the resurfacing of 7th Street North to better coordinate this work with the work to be performed by NTP and CPED. Further Public Works proposed to postpone the assessments for this project until 2011, and use the same rate as directed in the council resolution 2009R-300.

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