



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

Date: June 7, 2005
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Barbara Johnson, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: Fremont Av N Street Renovation, Projects 2229 & 2230: Project Approvals and Assessment Public Hearings.

Recommendation:

- a. Passage of a Resolution ordering the City Engineer to proceed and do the work and adopting the special assessments in the total amount of \$143,593.01 for the Fremont Avenue N Street Renovation Project 2229 (Plymouth Avenue to W Broadway) and in the amount of \$224,190.07 for the Fremont Avenue N Street Renovation Project 2230 (W Broadway to Lowry Avenue N).
- b. Passage of a Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation to issue and sell assessment bonds in the amount of \$143,600 for the Fremont Avenue N Street Renovation Project No 2229.
- c. Passage of a Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation to issue and sell assessment bonds in the amount of \$224,200 for the Fremont Avenue N Street Renovation Project No 2230.

Previous Directives: Project Designation, Resolution No. 2005R-239

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Approved by:

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Presenters: William Fellows, 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 29, 2005, the City Council designated the location, streets and improvements proposed to be made in the Fremont Avenue N areas. The location of the Fremont Av N street renovation projects is Fremont Av N from Plymouth Avenue to Lowry Avenue N., as follows:

Project 2229 (Plymouth Avenue to W Broadway)

Project 2230 (W Broadway to Lowry Avenue N)

Fremont Avenue N at this location is MSA Route No. 175. The cost estimate for the Fremont Avenue N Street Renovation Project was originally stated to be \$1,790,000. The correct project cost is estimated to be \$1,024,135, of which approximately \$598,641 will be reimbursed by Minnesota State Aid Funds.

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 early July and will take approximately 12 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 – Other – Non-Residential

\$0.20/sq ft – Other – Residential

The proposed total assessment amount for the Fremont Avenue N Street Renovation Projects is \$367,783.08. 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.

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.

Abandonment and Removal of Conflicting Areaways

There are no known conflicting areaways within this renovation project, therefore, it is recommended that the areaway public hearing be canceled.

A neighborhood information meeting regarding the street renovation and related construction issues was held on April 20. A local pre-hearing neighborhood information meeting to discuss the above mentioned project and assessments is to be held in the evening of June 1, 2005.

Attachment 1 - Map

Cc: Council Member Barbara Johnson, Ward 4
Council Member Natalie Johnson Lee, Ward 5
Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation

Fremont Ave N Street Renovation Project

Plymouth Ave to Lowry Ave N

