



**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: none

Subject: Nicollet Avenue from 36th to 40th Streets Lighting Project – Set Public Hearing

Recommendation:

- a) Passage of a Resolution designating the location, streets, and improvements proposed to be made in the Kingfield Neighborhood, Nicollet Avenue from 36th to 40th Street Lighting Project, Special Improvement of Existing Street Number 2258. This Resolution may be authorized for summary publication.
- b) Adoption of the Committee Report receiving the cost estimate of \$288,000 and the list of benefited properties, directing the City Engineer to prepare a proposed Street Lighting Special Improvement Assessment in the amount of \$288,000 against the list of benefited properties by applying the street influence zone method, and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearing to be held on July 12, 2005 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.
- c) Adoption of a Committee Report designating the street lighting project area as Street Lighting District Number 1318 and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a public hearing to be held on July 12, 2005 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by:

Presenters: Klara A. Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works
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Financial Impact

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

The purpose of this letter is to establish the special assessment proceedings for street lighting installation and to establish the street lighting maintenance and operation proceedings for the Kingfield Neighborhood Residential Lighting Program.

This was one of the few lighting projects that were under petition when the moratorium went into affect. This project replicates the street lighting that was recently installed for the Nicollet Avenue reconstruction from 40th to the Minnehaha Creek. This street lighting meets light illumination levels for a pedestrian district street according to the draft Street Lighting Policy.

Nicollet Avenue 36th to 40th-Kingfield Neighborhood Street Lighting Project

This proposed project would install low level ornamental street lights in the area including, Nicollet Avenue from 36th Street to 40th Street. This project was initiated by a petition, signed by 63.9% of the adjacent property owners/residents, submitted to the Traffic and Parking Services Division of the Department of Public Works. We recommend passage of a Resolution designating the location, streets, and improvements to be made for the Kingfield Neighborhood Residential Lighting Program.

As provided in Chapter 10, Section 8 of the City Charter, submitted herewith is a list of parcels with owner's names, as nearly as can be readily ascertained, which would be benefited by and assessed for Kingfield Neighborhood Street Lighting Project.

Also submitted is a cost estimate of \$288,000 for the Kingfield Neighborhood Lighting Project:

Lighting (design and construction)	\$265,300
Interim Financing Cost	<u>\$ 22,700</u>
Total	\$288,000

The project will be funded by 78% (up to \$224,000) NRP from the Kingfield Neighborhood NRP plan and \$64,000 from special assessments. The special assessments would be determined by using the street influence zone area method with 22% of the costs to be assessed.

Street Lighting District Number 1318

As provided in Chapter 431 (Street Lighting) of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, the street lighting project area is proposed to be designated as Street Lighting District Number 1318. The annual maintenance and operation costs for this street lighting district are standard costs which are paid by the City out of the General Fund which in turn is funded by real estate taxes. Non-governmental properties exempt from real estate taxes pay for street lighting maintenance and operation costs through special assessments. Chapter 431 provides for a lineal front footage method to determine street lighting maintenance and operation assessments.

We have the approval of Council Members Lilligren and Niziolek to submit this item to the Transportation and Public Works Committee.

Attachment 1 – map

CC: Council Member Lilligren, Ward 8
Council Member Niziolek, Ward 10
Suzette Hjermstad, Public Works