



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

Date: April 19, 2005
To: The Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation and Public Works Committee
Subject: **Fremont Av N Renovation, Project Nos. 2229 and 2230: Designation, Cost Estimate and Set Public Hearings**

Recommendation:

- a.) Passage of a resolution designating certain locations and streets along with the improvements proposed to be made in the Fremont Avenue N (Plymouth Av to W Broadway, Project No. 2229 and W Broadway to Lowry Av N, Project No. 2230) Street Renovation projects.
This Resolution may be authorized for summary publication.
- b.) Adoption of a Committee Report receiving the cost estimates of \$1,790,000 for the Fremont Avenue N Renovation projects, the list of benefited properties, directing the City Engineer to prepare a proposed Street Renovation Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2005 Uniform Assessment Rates and directing the City Clerk to give notice of Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearings to be held on June 7, 2005 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.
- c.) Setting a public hearing to be held on June 7, 2005 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee to consider the abandonment and removal of areaways in conflict with the street renovation project and directing staff to give notice in accordance with the provisions of Section 95.90 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Previous Directives: none

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Approved: _____
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Presenters in Committee: Bill E. 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 assessments against benefited properties.
- 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 improvement proceedings for the paving of the streets designated in the above referenced projects, Fremont Avenue N (Plymouth to W Broadway) Street Renovation, Special Improvement of Existing Street No. 2229 and Fremont Avenue N (W Broadway to Lowry Avenue N) Street Renovation, Special Improvement of Existing Street No. 2230. These are contiguous project areas, therefore the construction schedule will include both projects at the same time.

Fremont Avenue N at this location is MSA Route No. 175.

As provided in Chapter 10, Section 6 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 the project locations.

Also submitted is a cost estimate of \$1,790,000 for the Fremont Avenue N Street Renovation projects, of which approximately \$1,180,000 will be reimbursed by Minnesota State Aid funds. The street renovation would be a mill and overlay of the street surface with plant mix asphalt and selected curb and gutter and other paving related improvements as needed.

The street renovation special assessments would be determined by applying the 2005 Uniform Assessment Rates to the land area of benefited parcels located within the street influence zone along the improved streets. The 2005 renovation assessment rates are as follows:

- \$0.65/sq ft – Other – Non-Residential
- \$0.20/sq ft – Other – Residential

Abandonment and Removal of Conflicting Areaways

Section 95.90 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances provides a procedure for dealing with areaway encroachments that would interfere with public improvements being made in the public right-of-way such as street construction. Before the City may abandon and remove conflicting areaways (upon the failure of the abutting property owner to resolve or agree to resolve the conflict) and then later assess the costs, a public hearing must be held. It is our recommendation that this areaway public hearing be held in conjunction with the Fremont Avenue N Renovation Project public hearing. Prior to the areaway public hearing notices being given, the City Engineer will have provided the initial notice required in Section 95.90 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

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

