



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

**Date:** June 24, 2003  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Referral to:** Honorable Barbara Johnson, Chair Ways and Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** **Alley Reconstruction between 6<sup>th</sup> Street NE and Washington Street NE from Broadway Street NE to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Special Improvement of Existing Alley No. 2235: Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearing**

### Recommendation:

1. Passage of a Resolution ordering the City Engineer to proceed with the work and adopting the special assessments in the total amount of \$52,200 for the Alley Reconstruction project between 6<sup>th</sup> Street NE and Washington Street NE from Broadway Street NE to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Special Improvement of Existing Alley No. 2235.  
This Resolution may be authorized for summary publication.
2. Passage of a Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation to issue and sell assessment bonds in the amount of \$52,200 for the Alley Reconstruction project between 6<sup>th</sup> Street NE and Washington Street NE from Broadway Street NE to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Special Improvement of Existing Alley No. 2235, with the bonds to be paid for from special assessments.

**Previous Directives:** Designation Resolution 2003R-227, passed May 16, 2003

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**Presenters:** Jenifer Loritz, Project Engineer, and Suzette Hjermstad, R.E. Investigator II

### 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 against benefited property owners
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Background/Supporting Information:**

On May 16, 2003, the City Council designated the alley location for the improvements proposed to be made.

The location of the alley reconstruction project is between 6<sup>th</sup> Street NE and Washington Street NE from Broadway Street NE to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. Included in this project will be alley resurfacing of the portion of alley that runs east to west from 6<sup>th</sup> Street NE to 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE.

This project will include the complete reconstruction of the short leg of the alley, overlaying a portion of the long leg of the alley with plant mix asphalt and removing and replacing a portion of curb and gutter along 5<sup>th</sup> St NE in order to improve drainage from the alley. The project is proposed to begin in July and will take approximately 2-4 weeks. The work will be done by City Crews.

The cost estimate for the alley project is \$52,200. The proposed alley reconstruction special assessment is 100% assessed to the abutting property owners and were determined by dividing the cost estimate by the total square footage of the abutting properties to determine a rate per square foot:

$$\$52,200 / 74,726.60 \text{ sq ft} = \$0.6985 \text{ per sq ft}$$

Individual assessments would be collected over 10 years beginning on the 2004 real estate tax statements with interest charged at the same rate as assessment 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.

At the time this letter was prepared, a local pre-hearing neighborhood information meeting to discuss the above mentioned project is to be held in the evening of June 16, 2003.

Attachment 1 - Project Map

C: Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ward 1  
Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation



**Alley Reconstruction**  
between Broadway St NE and 8th Ave NE,  
6th St NE and Washington St NE

