



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

**Date:** January 19, 2010  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Subject:** **Chicago Av Phase III (8<sup>th</sup> St S to Franklin Av) Reconstruction Project No 6382: Designation, Cost Estimate and Set Public Hearings**

**Recommendation:**

- a. Passage of a Resolution designating the location and improvements proposed to be made in the Chicago Avenue Phase III, Project No. 6382 Street Reconstruction Project.

This Resolution may be authorized for summary publication

- b. Adoption of a Committee Report receiving the cost estimate of \$4,380,000 for the Chicago Av Street Reconstruction project, the list of benefited properties, directing the City Engineer to prepare a proposed Street Reconstruction Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2010 Uniform Assessment Rates and directing the City Clerk to give notice of Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearings to be held on March 2, 2010 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.
- c. Setting a public hearing to be held on March 2, 2010 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee to consider the abandonment and removal of areaways in conflict with the street construction project and directing staff to give notice in accordance with the provisions of Section 95.90 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

**Previous Directives:**

- November 7, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-512 approving the layout of Chicago Ave S 14<sup>th</sup> St E to 25<sup>th</sup> St E and 26<sup>th</sup> St E to 28<sup>th</sup> St E

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<b>Reviews:</b>	Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	NA
	Civil Rights	NA
	Policy Review Group	NA

## **Financial Impact**

Action is within current department budget  
Special Assessments against benefited properties

## **Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: Pre-public hearing to be scheduled. Various project meetings have occurred with the neighborhood/residents to date including meetings in April and July of 2008. The most recent public meeting was to start circulation of streetscape petitions on November 12, 2009.

City Goals: A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME: the city's infrastructure will be well Maintained; people will feel safe in the city.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

## **Background/Supporting Information**

Chicago Av S is a Municipal State Aid Roadway (MSA 165) and is in the 2009-2010 City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The majority of Chicago Ave S was last reconstructed in 1957 and has an average pavement condition index of 50. This segment of Chicago Av S (8<sup>th</sup> St S to Franklin Av) is 0.54 miles long with an average existing Average Daily Traffic count of 9,000 (vehicles) and an average future ADT estimated at 10,800.

The current roadway width is 52 feet wide and carries two lanes of traffic (one lane each direction) and parking on both sides of the roadway. The proposed roadway width varies from 42 to 53 feet and has one moving lane in each direction, parking on both sides and turn lanes at select intersections. The approved location map for this segment of Chicago Av S is attached to this letter. The current roadway has one of the highest frequencies of bus service within the City of Minneapolis. Traffic signals will be upgraded at 8<sup>th</sup> St S, 9<sup>th</sup> St S, 14<sup>th</sup> St E and 17<sup>th</sup> St E. The traffic signal will be removed from 15<sup>th</sup> St E.

## Schedule and Funding

The construction of this project is scheduled for 2010.

The cost estimate of this project is \$4,380,000 which will be partially reimbursed by Minnesota State Aid funds. The remaining budget is funded by Net Debt Bonds and Assessments.

As provided in Chapter 10, Section 8 of the City Charter, we have prepared 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.

The street reconstruction special assessments would be determined by applying the 2010 Uniform assessment Rates to the land area of benefited parcels located within the street influence zone along the improved streets. The 2010 Uniform Assessment Rates have not yet been established. We anticipate that the 2010 Uniform Assessment Rates will be before the City Council for approval on January 29, 2010. The proposed 2010 Uniform Assessment Rates for reconstruction improvements are as follows:

\$1.96/Sq ft – Non-Residential

\$0.75/Sq ft – Residential

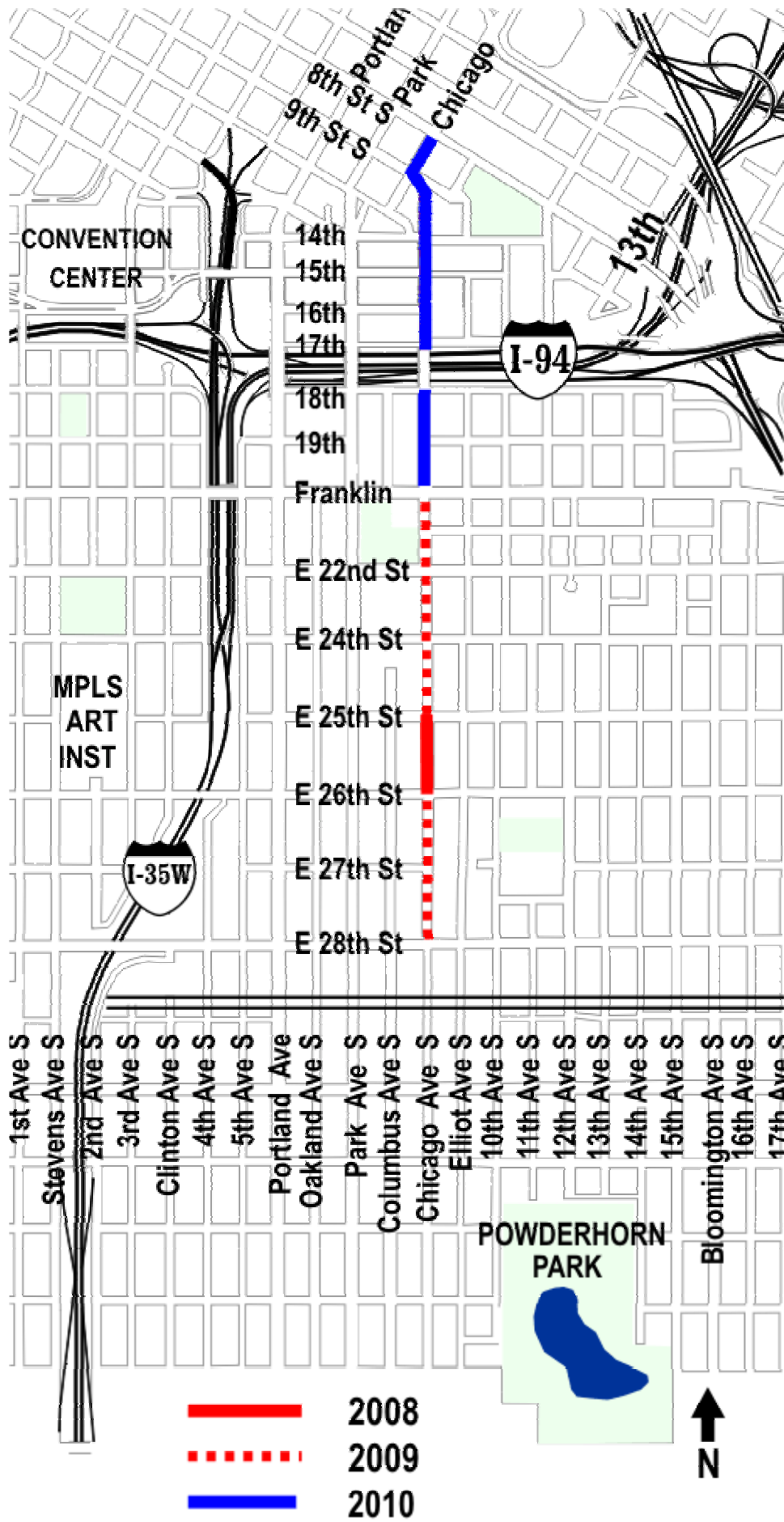
## Abandonment and Removal of Conflicting Areaways

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 Chicago Av Phase III (8<sup>th</sup> St S to Franklin Av) Reconstruction 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 – Project Map

Cc: Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation  
CM Robert Lilligren – Ward 6  
CM Lisa Goodman – Ward 7  
CM Gary Schiff – Ward 9



**T&PW** – Your Committee recommends passage and summary publication of the accompanying Resolution and its accompanying Committee Report designating the locations and streets to be improved in the Chicago Av Street Reconstruction Project (Phase III), Special Improvement of Existing Street No 6382.

**Colvin Roy**

**CHICAGO AVENUE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (PHASE III)  
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING STREET NO. 6382**

**Designating the improvement of certain existing streets at the locations described hereinafter.**

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the following existing streets within the City of Minneapolis are hereby designated to be improved, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 6 of the Minneapolis City Charter, by paving with plant mix asphalt with concrete curb and gutter all on a stabilized base and including other street paving related improvements as needed.

Chicago Av from 8<sup>th</sup> St S to Franklin Av

**T&PW** – Your Committee, having received a cost estimate of \$4,380,000 for street reconstruction improvements and a list of benefited properties for certain locations in the Chicago Av Street Reconstruction Project (Phase III), Special Improvement of Existing Street No. 6382, as designated by Resolution 2010R-\_\_\_\_\_, passed January 29 2010, now recommends that the City Engineer be directed to prepare a proposed Street Reconstruction Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties.

Your Committee further recommends that the City Clerk be directed to give notice of a public hearing to be held by the Transportation and Public Works Committee on March 2, 2010 in accordance with Chapter 10, Section 8 of the Minneapolis City Charter and Section 24.180 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, to consider approving the reconstruction of the above designated street locations, and to consider the amount proposed to be assessed to each benefited property and the amount to be funded by the City.