



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

Date: March 23, 2004
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Barbara Johnson, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: **Fifteen Avenue SE, Special Improvement of Existing Street Number 6372:
Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearing.**

Recommendation:

1. Passage of a Resolution ordering the City Engineer to proceed and do the work and adopting the special assessments in the total amount of \$105,365.50 for the 15th Avenue SE Street Reconstruction Project.
2. Passage of a Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation to issue and sell assessment bonds in the amount of \$105,350.
3. Passage of a Resolution ordering the City Engineer to abandon and remove the areaways located in the public street right-of-way that are in conflict with the 15th Avenue SE Street Reconstruction Project.

Previous Directives:

- Project Designation, Resolution No. 2004R-083

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Approved by:

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Presenters: Elizabeth Stiffler, 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 February 27, 2004, the City Council designated the location, streets and improvements proposed to be made in the 15th Avenue SE area.

The location of the street reconstruction project is 15th Avenue SE from Como Av to 5th Street SE. Fifteenth Avenue SE at this location is Minnesota State Aid Route No. 233.

1. Fifteenth Avenue SE Street Reconstruction Project

The cost estimate for the 15th Avenue SE Street Reconstruction Project is \$2,695,000. The street improvement project will include replacing the entire depth of asphalt and all curb and gutter. This project will be done by city forces, is scheduled to start early summer and will take approximately 16 to 20 weeks for construction. Fifteenth Avenue SE will be closed to through traffic, but will maintain access to local businesses and residences.

This project is part of a five-year capital program adopted by the City Council and included appropriated amounts for Net Debt Bonds, Assessment Bonds and MSA Funds in various fund agencies that are sufficient to cover the cost of this proposed project.

The proposed street reconstruction special assessments were determined by applying the 2004 Uniform Assessment Rates to the land area of benefited parcels located within the street influence zone along the improved street. The reconstruction rates are as follows:

\$1.12/sq ft – Local – Non-Residential
\$1.12/sq ft – Other – Non-Residential
\$0.46/sq ft – Local – Residential
\$0.37/sq ft – Other – Residential

The proposed total assessment amount for 15th Avenue SE Street Reconstruction Project is \$105,365.50. Individual assessments of more than \$150 would be collected over 20 years beginning on the 2005 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 2005 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.

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 March 17, 2004.

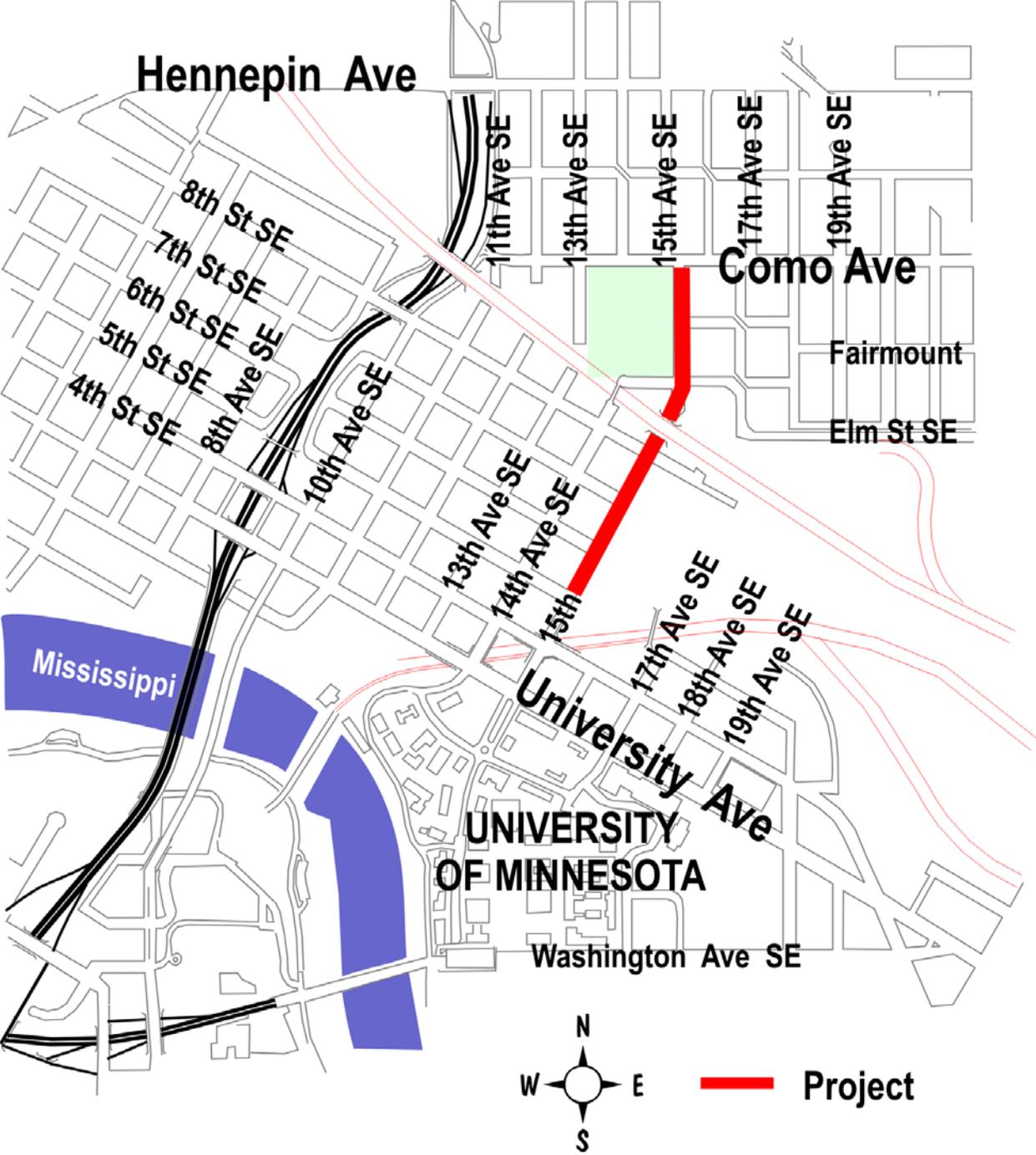
2. Abandonment and Removal of Conflicting Areaways

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. Prior to this public hearing, areaway legal public hearing notices were given by the City Engineer that provided the initial notice required in Section 95.90 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Attachment 1 - Map

Cc: Council Member Paul Zerby, Ward 2
Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation

15th Avenue Southeast from Como Ave to 5th St SE



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