



04/19/05 - Postponed one cycle.
Public hearing continued.

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

Date: April 19, 2005
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Barbara Johnson, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: **29th St W Reconstruction, Project No 2993: Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearing**

Recommendation:

- a) Order the City Engineer to proceed and do the work and adopt the special assessments in the total amount of \$86,755.41;
- b) Request the Board of Estimate and Taxation to issue and sell assessment bonds in the amount of \$86,750; and
- c) Order the City Engineer to abandon and remove the areaways located in the public right-of-way that are in conflict with the paving project.

Previous Directives:

- Project Designation, Resolution No.2005R-133 (March 11, 2005)

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Presenters: Kelly Moriarity, 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 Attached:

On March 11, 2005, the City Council designated the location, streets and improvements proposed to be made in the 29th Street W project area.

The location of the street reconstruction project is 29th Street W between Fremont Avenue S and Emerson Avenue S, Dupont Avenue S and Colfax Avenue S and Bryant Avenue S to Lyndale Avenue S. Currently the street segments in the project are oiled dirt, meaning that they are unpaved. The city-wide Residential Paving Program, completed in 1997, worked to replace obsolete, inadequate and oiled dirt streets in order to improve transportation facilities in City neighborhoods while reducing the City's long-term street maintenance costs. Some streets

were not included in the Residential Paving Program for various reasons. If these oiled dirt streets are not paved, the city will face increased maintenance costs and further deterioration of these streets.

The cost estimate for the 29th Street W Reconstruction Project is \$705,000. The street reconstruction consists of paving with plant mix asphalt in addition to concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveway aprons, storm drain and other paving related improvements as needed. This project will be done by city forces, is scheduled to start in May 2005 and will take approximately 16 weeks for construction. 29th Street W will be closed to through traffic, but access will be maintained 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, and Assessment Bonds 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 2005 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:

\$1.30/sq ft – Local – Non-Residential
\$0.50/sq ft – Local – Residential

The proposed total assessment amount for 29th Street W Reconstruction Project is \$86,755.41. Individual assessments of more than \$150 would be collected over 20 years beginning on the 2006 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 2006 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.

A local pre-hearing neighborhood informational meeting to discuss the above mentioned project was held on April 12, 2005.

Attachment 1 – Project Map

Cc: Council Member Dan Niziolek, Ward 10
Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation

