



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

**Date:** June 6, 2006  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee:  
**Subject:** Lyndale Avenue South (West 38<sup>th</sup> Street to West 50<sup>th</sup> Street) Variance

### Recommendation:

Support Hennepin County's variance request to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Office of State Aid for a parking lane width of nine (9.00) feet versus the standard ten (10.00) feet.

### Previous Directives:

- April 11, 1997 Council Adoption of Lyndale Avenue Task Force Report, 'Lyndale Avenue: A Vision'.
- November 4, 2005 Council Resolution 2005R-607 Approving Hennepin County Transportation Department's layout for Lyndale Avenue South (County State Aid Highway 22) from westbound Minnehaha Parkway West to 31st Street West

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### Approved by:

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**Presenters:** Bill Fellows, P.E., Engineering Services

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)      Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Policy review Group (PRG)              Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable \_\_\_\_\_

### 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
- Business Plan:  Action is within the plan.     Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

## **Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: Ongoing stakeholder meetings since 1997.

City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital, and safe city.

Comprehensive Plan: Is consistent with Chapter 8, Movement, City Comprehensive Plan.

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

## **Background/Supporting Information**

Hennepin County is planning to seek Council approval of its final plan and a cooperative agreement for the Lyndale Avenue South project in November 2006. In order to meet this schedule the County has to submit a parking lane width variance to MnDOT Office of State Aid in September 2006. The County has requested the City's support for soliciting the variance.

The reasons for the variance are presented in the County State Aid Variance Request document (attached) and summarized here.

- The work with the community has made us aware of the need to maintain the current roadway width or narrow it when possible.
- The parking lane will include bump outs, establishing an appealing and safe pedestrian realm.
- Widening the parking lane would require the removal of mature trees.
- Maintaining the existing 9.00 feet parking lane will allow for the preservation of valuable green space.

Att 1: Project Map

Att 2: Hennepin County State Aid Variance Request