



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

Date: January 20, 2014

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **54th Street W (Penn Avenue S to Lyndale Avenue S) Reconstruction
Project No. 6735**

Recommendation:

- A. Approve the attached project layout for the reconstruction of 54th Street W between Penn Avenue S and Lyndale Avenue S
- B. Authorize Public Works to negotiate with private property owners to acquire easements and additional right of way, as necessary

Previous Directives:

- December 5, 2014- City Council Resolution 2014R-504, Proceed with Formal Variance Request from Municipal State Aid (MSA) Standards 54th Street W (Penn Avenue S to Lyndale Avenue S)

Department Information:

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Approved by: _____
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Presenters in Committee: Kevin G. Anderson, P.E., DBIA, Project Manager

Financial Impact

- Action is within the business plan

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification - The Project Manager and Public Works have held public meetings on October 7, 2014 and December 2, 2014, to present the proposed project design parameters and to gather input on the proposed design. A meeting with property and business owners for the same purpose was held on December 12, 2014.

- City Goals
 - Living well: Minneapolis is safe and livable and has an active and connected way of life. High-quality and convenient transportation options connect every corner of the city.
 - A hub of economic activity and innovation: Businesses – big and small – start, move, stay and grow here. Infrastructure, public services and community assets support businesses and commerce.
 - Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected. We manage and improve the city's infrastructure for current and future needs.

Supporting Information

Scope

This project will reconstruct 54th Street West from Penn Avenue South to Lyndale Avenue South. 54th Street West is a Municipal State Aid route (MSAS 167) and a main corridor through South Minneapolis neighborhoods. The project is programmed for construction in 2016 and 2017. The project will consist of removing the existing road and replacing the paving, base, curb, gutter, signage, striping, storm drains, driveway approaches, sidewalks, boulevards, and landscaping.

This section of 54th Street West was constructed in 1969 and has a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating of 55 (in a range of 0 to 100, where 100 is best). The segment is approximately 1 mile long with an Average Daily Traffic volume of 7,000.

The right-of-way is 66 feet wide and the existing curb to curb width is 42 feet. It carries two-way traffic with 10' parking lanes on both sides. This segment of roadway has deteriorated significantly and reconstruction is required.

The reconstructed 54th Street W will continue to carry two-way traffic. A parking lane will be provided on the north side, except between Penn Avenue and Oliver Avenue where parking will be provided on both sides. Five foot dedicated bike lanes will be provided in each direction, except between Penn Avenue and Oliver Avenue where shared bike lanes will be provided on both sides. Curb extensions (bump outs) are proposed at select intersection corners. The proposed street width will be approximately 40 feet, except where the bump-outs are added. Please see the attached layout.

Public Works has met with the affected residents, property owners, business owners, and other stakeholders, including the Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Bicycle Advisory Committee, to gather feedback on the project. These meetings were held in late 2014.

Schedule

The detailed design for 54th Street W is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2015. The construction of this project is anticipated to begin in 2016.

Next Steps

At a future meeting, we will return to your committee to designate the project and to set an assessment public hearing.

Authorize Public Works to obtain right-of-way or easements

Staff is requesting authorization to allow Public Works to negotiate with private property owners to acquire permanent sidewalk easements and additional right of way if needed. Currently, it is not anticipated that permanent easements will be needed and not known if temporary construction easements will be needed to facilitate construction.

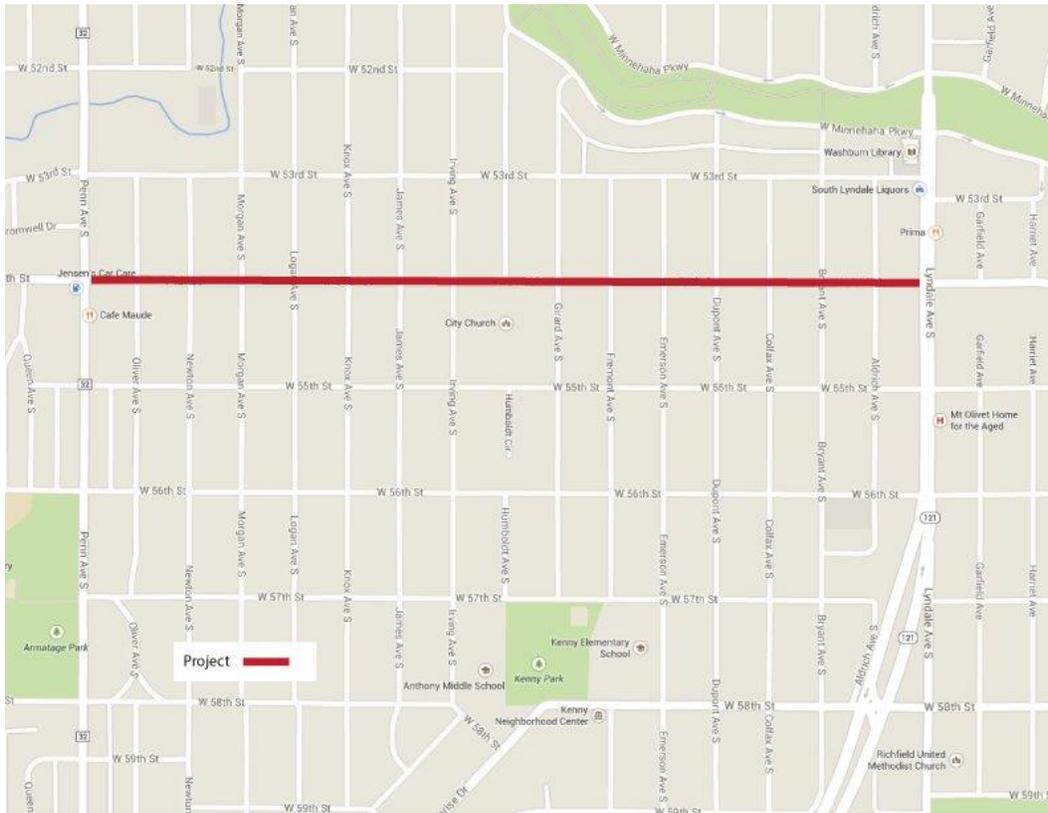
Attachment 1 – Project Map

Attachment 2 – Project Layout

cc: Council Member Palmisano, Ward 13

Attachment 1 – Project Map

54th Street W (Penn Avenue S to Lyndale Avenue S)



Attachment 2 – Project Layout

Resolution

T&PW - Your Committee, having under consideration the 54th Street W (Penn Avenue S to Lyndale Avenue S) Reconstruction Project No. 6735, now recommends:

- a) Approval of the project layout as set forth in Petition No _____;
- b) That the proper City officers be authorized to negotiate with private property owners to acquire and execute additional easements and additional right-of-way, if needed.