



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

Date: April 7, 2015

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

Subject: **Set Public Hearing: Subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 17, Chapter 428 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Streets and Sidewalks to establish the 50th & France Special Service District**

Recommendation:

Set the public hearing to amend Title 17, Chapter 428 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Streets and Sidewalks to establish the 50th & France Special Service District. Public hearing to be held before the Transportation and Public Works Committee on May 19, 2015 and staff be directed to give notice of the public hearing.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information:

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Presenter in Committee: Andrew Carlson, Public Works Project Manager

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval NA
Civil Rights Approval Approval NA
Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval NA

Financial Impact

No financial impact

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Public hearing notices to be sent out.

City Goals: A hub of economic activity and innovation: Businesses – big and small – start, move, stay and grow here. Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected.

Supporting Information

A steering committee of local business and property owners have been working with the Ward 13 Council office and Public Works staff to explore various options to enhance their public streetscape and have greater influence over the maintenance and operation of a City-owned parking lot (Ewing Avenue Parking Lot) which serves local businesses. That work has led to the steering committee proposing enhanced levels of services at the intersection of 50th Street and France Avenue (see map for district boundaries and service areas). In order to provide these enhanced services, City policy requires that a Special Service District be created.

A Special Service District (SSD) allows property owners in a commercial district to collectively assess themselves each year to create a pool of funds all of which are directed back to the District in the form of special amenities and enhanced services. Special amenities can include distinctive streetscape fixtures and street furniture. Enhanced services can include, but is not limited to, cleaning, snow removal, and maintenance of public spaces. These special amenities and enhanced services are over and above what the City ordinarily provides. Currently there are 15 active districts within Minneapolis.

The standards and procedures as set forth in Minnesota Statute 428A for the establishment of a new special service district have been met in order to proceed with the public hearing. At the May 19, 2015 public hearing the Committee will be asked to adopt the ordinance establishing the district. Public Works staff will return to the Committee later this year to appoint members to the advisory board and to adopt the district's 2016 budget and operating plan. The attached map shows the geographic boundaries of the proposed Special Service District.