

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

By Reich

Directing the City Engineer to proceed with a variance request from State Aid Rules per Administrative Variance to State Aid Operations Rules, Chapter 8820, effective 2011, including Amendments adopted through Feb. 4, 2013, to the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation for the reconfiguration of Blaisdell Ave S between 31st St W and 40th St W.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis wishes to reconfigure Blaisdell Ave S between 31st St W and 40th St W; and

Whereas, Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid Rule 8820.9941 (Minimum Design Standards: On-Road Bicycle Facility for Urban; New or Reconstruction Projects) per Administrative Variance to State Aid Operation rules, Chapter 8820, effective October 1, 2011, requires “One-way streets must have at least two through-traffic lanes.”; and

Whereas, the urban streetscape limits the right-of-way available to accommodate two through traffic lanes while providing a protected bike lane and maintaining on-street parking; and

Whereas, analysis of the traffic volumes and roadway capacity, as well as potential future growth in traffic, has shown that these volumes can be accommodated in a single through traffic lane; and

Whereas, State Aid Rules provide that a political subdivision may request a variance from the Rules;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City Engineer is hereby directed to submit to the Commissioner of Transportation a formal request for variance from MnDOT State Aid Rule 8820.9941 per Administrative Variance to State Aid Operations Rules, Chapter 8820, effective 2011, including Amendments adopted through Feb. 4, 2013, for Collectors or Locals with Average Daily Traffic (ADT) 2,000 to 5,000 to permit the reconfiguration of Blaisdell Ave S between 31st St W and 40th St W with one through traffic lane instead of two through traffic lanes as required by Rule 8820.9941.

Be It Further Resolved, that the City Council of the City of Minneapolis hereby indemnifies, saves, and hold harmless the State of Minnesota and its agents and employees of and from claims, demands, actions, or causes of action arising out of or by reason of the reconfiguration of Blaisdell Ave S between 31st St W and 40th St W in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8820.9941 and further agrees to defend at their sole cost and expense any action or proceeding commenced for the purpose of asserting any claim arising as a result of the granting this variance.