



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

**Date:** December 2, 2008

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Subject:** **Chicago Av Phase II (Franklin Av to 25<sup>th</sup> St E and from 26<sup>th</sup> St E to 28<sup>th</sup> St E)  
Reconstruction Project No 6382: Designation, Cost Estimate and Set Public Hearing**

### Recommendation:

- a. Passage of a Resolution designating the location and improvements proposed to be made in the Chicago Avenue Phase II, Project No. 6382 Street Reconstruction Project.
- b. Adoption of a Committee Report receiving the cost estimate of \$5,420,000 for the Chicago Av Street Reconstruction project, the list of benefited properties, directing the City Engineer to prepare a proposed Street Reconstruction Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2009 Uniform Assessment Rates and directing the City Clerk to give notice of Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearings to be held on January 27, 2009 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.

### Previous Directives:

- April 4, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-127 amending the 2008 Capital Improvement Appropriation Resolution to include funds for the reconstruction of Chicago Av (25<sup>th</sup> St W to 26<sup>th</sup> St E)
- April 4, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-128 requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation for the reallocation of Net Debt Bonds
- April 4, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-129 designating the Chicago Av street improvement project (25<sup>th</sup> St E to 26<sup>th</sup> St E)
- May 2, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-172 ordering the work to proceed and adopting special assessments for the 2500 block of Chicago Av S.
- May 2, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-173 requesting the sale of assessment bonds for the reconstruction of the 2500 block of Chicago Av S.
- May 2, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-174 ordering the City Engineer to install parking restrictions along the 2500 block of Chicago Av S.
- October 10, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-445 amending the 2008 Capital Improvement Appropriation Resolution by \$25,000 for construction of a pedestrian flasher at Children's Hospital, paid by Children's Hospital
- November 7, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 2008R-512 approving the layout of Chicago Ave S 14<sup>th</sup> St E to 25<sup>th</sup> St E and 26<sup>th</sup> St E to 28<sup>th</sup> St E

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## Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	NA
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	NA
Policy Review Group (PRG):	NA

## 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: Special Assessments against benefited properties
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

## Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Pre-public hearing to be scheduled. Various project meetings have occurred with the neighborhood/residents to date

City Goals: A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME: the city's infrastructure will be well Maintained; people will feel safe in the city.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

## Background/Supporting Information

Chicago Av S is a Municipal State Aid Roadway (MSA 165) and is in the City's 2009-2010 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). One block of Chicago Av (25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> St) was constructed this year to help facilitate Children's Hospital expansion. The majority of Chicago Ave S was last reconstructed in 1957 and has an average pavement condition index of 50. This segment of Chicago Av S (Franklin Av to 25<sup>th</sup> St E and from 26<sup>th</sup> St E to 28<sup>th</sup> St E) is 0.6 miles long with an average existing Average Daily Traffic (ADT) of 8400 and an average future (2028) ADT estimated at 10,500.

The current roadway width is 52 feet wide and carries two lanes of traffic (one lane each direction) and parking on both sides of the roadway. The proposed roadway width varies from 42 to 53 feet and has one moving lane in each direction, parking on both sides and turn lanes at select intersections. The approved layout for this segment of Chicago Av S is attached to this letter. The current roadway has one of the highest frequencies of bus service within the City of Minneapolis. Traffic signals will be upgraded at 28<sup>th</sup> St, 24<sup>th</sup> St and Franklin Av. A traffic signal at 27<sup>th</sup> St will be replaced with a signed and signaled pedestrian crossing. A signed and signaled pedestrian crossing will also be installed at 25<sup>th</sup> St E as part of this project to replace the traffic signal removed during the reconstruction of Chicago Av S from 25<sup>th</sup> St E to 26<sup>th</sup> St E.

This project does not include any streetscape or decorative lighting elements at this time. Streetscapes are currently being evaluated by the neighborhoods and residents of Chicago Av S.

The location of the street reconstruction project is Chicago Av from Franklin Av to 25<sup>th</sup> St E and from 26<sup>th</sup> St E to 28<sup>th</sup> St E. Chicago Av at this location is Minnesota State Aid Route No. 165.

## Schedule and Funding

The construction of this project is scheduled for 2009.

The cost estimate of this project is \$5,420,000 which will be partially reimbursed by Minnesota State Aid funds. The remaining budget is funded by Net Debt Bonds and Assessments.

As provided in Chapter 10, Section 6 of the City Charter, we have prepared a list of parcels with owner's names, as nearly as can be readily ascertained, which would be benefited by and assessed for the project locations.

The street reconstruction special assessments will be determined by applying the 2009 Uniform assessment Rates to the land area of benefited parcels located within the street influence zone along the improved streets.

Attachment 1 – Approved Project Layout Franklin Av to 28<sup>th</sup> St E

Cc: Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation  
CM Gary Schiff – Ward 9  
CM Lisa Goodman – Ward 7

**T&PW** – Your Committee recommends passage and summary publication of the accompanying Resolution and its accompanying Committee Report designating the locations and streets to be improved in the Chicago Av Street Reconstruction Project (Phase II), Special Improvement of Existing Street No 6382.

**Colvin Roy**

**CHICAGO AVENUE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (PHASE II)  
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING STREET NO. 6382**

**Designating the improvement of certain existing streets at the locations described hereinafter.**

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the following existing streets within the City of Minneapolis are hereby designated to be improved, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 6 of the Minneapolis City Charter, by paving with plant mix asphalt with concrete curb and gutter all on a stabilized base and including other street paving related improvements as needed.

Chicago Av from Franklin Av to 25<sup>th</sup> St E and from 26<sup>th</sup> St E to 28<sup>th</sup> St E.

**T&PW** – Your Committee, having received a cost estimate of \$5,420,000 for street reconstruction improvements and a list of benefited properties for certain locations in the Chicago Av Street Reconstruction Project (Phase II), Special Improvement of Existing Street No. 6382, as designated by Resolution 2009R-\_\_\_\_\_, passed January 9, 2009, now recommends that the City Engineer be directed to prepare a proposed Street Reconstruction Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2009 Uniform Assessment Rates as per Resolution 2009R-\_\_\_\_\_, passed January 9, 2009.

Your Committee further recommends that the City Clerk be directed to give notice of a public hearing to be held by the Transportation and Public Works Committee on January 27, 2009 in accordance with Chapter 10, Section 6 of the Minneapolis City Charter and Section 24.180 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, to consider approving the reconstruction of the above designated street locations, and to consider the amount proposed to be assessed to each benefited property and the amount to be funded by the City.