

APPENDIX J

Edina Transportation Commission Review Data and Meeting Minutes

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF EDINA, MINNESOTA
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCTOBER 25, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Director Houle called the meeting to order in the absence of the chair and vice-chair. He explained that the bylaws require the commission to nominate an acting-chair under this circumstance. **Member Janovy was nominated as acting-chair by member Franzen and the nomination was seconded by member Surya. No other nominations were made and the nomination closed. All voted aye. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion was made by member Franzen and seconded by member LaForce to approve the meeting agenda.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF SEPT. 20, 2012

The following corrections were made: Page 2, Traffic Safety Committee, 3rd paragraph, delete '30 mph' and replace with '25 mph;' delete 'pick the speeds that 85% of drivers are traveling' and replace with 'the 85th percentile speed is the speed at which 85% of drivers are traveling at or under;' and page 3, delete 'None' and add 'Receive minutes of Aug. 14, 2012.' **Motion was made by member LaForce and seconded by member Surya to approve the amended minutes of Sept. 20, 2012. All voted aye. Motion carried.**

COMMUNITY COMMENT – None.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

do.town Update

Mr. Flynn Rico-Johnson explained the do-town initiative is a partnership with the cities of Bloomington, Edina and Richfield and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota which aims to address unhealthy and inactive lifestyles and make residents healthier. They are doing this by conducting walking audits. Residents volunteer to walk certain streets and evaluate the infrastructure to see what is wrong with it. He said the point is not to avoid certain streets but to identify what can be done to make improvements, e.g. no sidewalk, no streetlights, etc. The audits are for people of all ages and focus on places most often traveled such as schools, parks, major shopping districts, etc. He said Edina is a vibrant city and they are looking for ideas and help with getting the information out so that they can do more audits and help the City address the concerns when projects are done.

Member Janovy said the City Council and the ETC received letters from residents that have done the walking audit. She asked if the audit is better done person by person or in a group. Mr. Rico-Johnson said the 50th/Halifax Ave area audit included different families and this brings different perspectives because each family may have different reasons for walking and because of this, they prefer to have as many people involved. He said they would like to do walking audits during the winter too and volunteers can contact him at flynn@do-town.org or info@do.town.org.

Member Janovy asked if they are doing similar audits for biking and he said it is more difficult to do but they are working on it. He said the biking audit can be done by an individual riding his/her favorite route and evaluating it.

Hennepin County Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan

Ms. Rose Ryan, pedestrian and bicycle planner with Hennepin County said they are working on their first ever county-wide pedestrian plan funded by a five year grant from the Centers of Disease Control called Communities Transformation Grant. She said the purpose is to prevent chronic disease and since walking is an easy physical activity with great benefits, they are using pedestrian/ bicycle planning to set up a framework for a healthy community design.

To accomplish their goals of increasing the rates of walking, safety of walking and improved health of county resident, Ms. Ryan said they will be identifying sidewalk gaps, difficult crossings, prioritize improvements to the pedestrians system and coordinate with other agencies/organizations to reach their goals.

Ms. Ryan said planning began this past summer with 10 workshops in various communities and the final plan will be submitted to the County Board next summer. She asked for feedback and said the draft plan would be available for review.

Mr. Houle noted that the map of existing sidewalks in Edina that Ms. Ryan was working from was inaccurate as it reflected proposed sidewalks and not actual sidewalks. Some areas suggested were missing gaps on France Avenue, Xerxes Avenue, Vernon Avenue by Schaefer Road and View Lane, W. 66th from France to York, and York Avenue.

Xerxes Avenue Restriping – from 60th Street West to TH62

Director Houle said this was initiated by a resident through the TSC. The issues were congestion and lanes that are not clearly marked by TH62. This was referred to Hennepin County and they drafted a restriping plan. Area residents and city of Minneapolis are supportive of the plan and staff would like feedback from the ETC.

Two suggestions were made that Director Houle will take back to Hennepin County. They were to taper the line where parking ends to make it clear; and add no parking sign where the full width of parking ends because drivers tend to park over the white line where tapering ends.

Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Fund Policy

Member Janovy said Manager Neal is seeking feedback from the ETC on his draft Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Fund Policy. The franchise fee would come from Edina customers of Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy to be used for non-motorized transportation.

After discussion, which included the reasons for implementing the franchise fee and the lack of funding for sidewalks, the ETC suggested the following:

1. Use funds for construction only, not for staffing;
2. Change the name from Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Fund to Active Living Infrastructure Fund to emphasize active living;
3. Identify a certain percentage that will be used for construction vs staffing;

4. Chair Nelson's suggestions which is attached;
5. Clarity on the meaning of 'maintenance' and consider changing it;

2013 Work Plan

Member LaForce likes the revised plan. Member Janovy suggested changing Living Streets Policy: Implementation to Living Streets Policy and Implementation Plan; Director Houle will check to see if Safe Routes to School Comprehensive Plan is the correct name; and change Ordinance Review for Policy to Review Ordinances for Conformance to Policy. Member Janovy asked if the \$150,000 would be in the budget for the Living Streets Policy and Director Houle said he did not know.

Motion was made by member Iyer and seconded by member LaForce for members Thompson and Iyer to write an advisory communication to the City Council to consider putting \$150,000 in the budget to fund Living Streets Policy development.

Member Franzen suggested laying out exactly how the \$150,000 would be spent. Member LaForce concurred and said he is not sure what the amount is or should be. Director Houle said the amount was identified by the consultant and that he could contact him for a breakdown.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

2013 Neighborhood Reconstruction Projects

Director Houle presented the four 2013 Neighborhood Reconstruction Projects with the primary focus being on transportation-related reconstruction and not utility. He said a second survey was sent to residents to see if they would like sidewalks and streetlights now that they are to be funded by the franchise fees and majority of respondents said no. A special public hearing meeting is scheduled for Dec. 11 for the City Council to consider approvals.

Director Houle said the feasibility studies were also distributed to fire, police, public works, parks and recreation, the school district, and BETF for feedback, but to date, have not received any feedback. Member Janovy suggested identifying for each group how the feasibility study relates to them, e.g. identify the walking zone for the school district.

Director Houle said all of the streets in all four neighborhoods are in similar condition - - constructed in the 1960's and have alligator cracks, exposed base course and utility issues.

Mendelssohn A

Proposed improvements are new bulkhead curb and gutter, except for Spruce Road which is 14 ft. wide and will get rainbow curbs instead, and new pavement. The proposed assessment is \$16,150. Member Janovy said she submitted feedback to staff on the feasibility studies. She asked if Director Houle had considered splitting this neighborhood in two and he said he hadn't but will take a look at it.

Normandale

Proposed improvements are spot repair to curb and gutter, new pavement, and a sidewalk on W. 66th Street. Proposed assessment is \$16,100, including private sanitary sewer upgrades; and \$12,300 for a few residents whose sanitary sewer is not in the street and therefore not required to upgrade.

Member Janovy said the BETF said West Shore Drive is a primary bike route and recommended separated bike lanes or road markings and signage. Member Iyer concurred and recommended dedicated bike lanes. He said parking should not be an issue because there is a parking lot nearby. Member Janovy suggested an off-road trail for consideration. Director Houle said he will schedule an informational meeting with residents to share the suggestions and gather feedback.

Braemar Hills B, St. Patrick's Lane, Gleason Circle

These three neighborhoods will be presented in one feasibility study but they will be approved separately by City Council. Proposed improvements are spot repair to curb and gutter and new pavement. Proposed assessments are: Braemar Hills B: \$9,325, St. Patrick's Lane: \$11,300, and Gleason Circle: \$11,600.

Lake Edina

Proposed improvements are spot repair to curb and gutter and new pavement, plus narrowing the curb line at Hibiscus Avenue & West Shore Drive to reduce storm water run-off. Proposed assessment is \$11,900.

Member Janovy recommended a sidewalk on Normandale Road to Hibiscus Avenue to Kellogg Avenue because of speed and volume and to connect with the Nine Mile trail that is coming soon. Director Houle said he will schedule an informational meeting with residents to share the suggestion and gather feedback.

Traffic Safety Committee Report of Oct. 3, 2012

There were no action items in this report. Director Houle will follow up on the counts that were done in member Whited's neighborhood and on W. 44th Street.

Updates

Student Members

Member Schwieger noted that 'fascism' was still painted on the stop sign. Director Houle will follow up on this.

Bike Edina Task Force – Sept. 13, 2012 Minutes

A new member was added to the BEFT.

Living Streets Working Group

No update.

Transportation Options Working Group

Received minutes of Sept. 18, 2012. Member Whited reported that John Dillery and Jill Hentges from Metro Transit attended the Sept. 18 meeting and talked about Metro Transit's transportation options in Edina.

Member Janovy said the time limit is up for this working group and asked if the ETC would like it to continue for another year.

Motion was made by member Franzen and seconded by member LaForce for the working group to continue for another year. Member Whited said they need new members. Director Houle will work with

communications director Bennerotte to do a press release for new members. Member Iyer suggested notifying residents who have applied for boards and commissions positions.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Communications Committee

Member LaForce said they met with communications director Bennerotte and they now have a good sense of how the committee will work with her. First, the committee will not produce communications or set budget, but instead will provide ideas, tactics, strategies, etc. Secondly, they will provide feedback on the educational material for the Wooddale bike lanes that staff is working on. And lastly, they are planning to have online forums instead of regular meetings which are new for them so they will evaluate its effectiveness and maybe other groups could do the same.

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

Received correspondences from City Council packet relating to transportation issues

CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Janovy said she received a traffic safety request concerning the traffic on South View Lane that she forwarded to Director Houle. Director Houle said the request for flashing lights has been forwarded to the TSC. He said the area will not meet warrants for flashing lights and suggested reviewing the Crosswalk Policy when they create the Pedestrian Plan. In the meantime, they will be rotating the in-road pedestrian signs to this area and they should be there this week (there are 10-12 that are rotated throughout the city).

Member Iyer said he's noticed some errors on the bicycle facility map that he will forward to Director Houle.

Regarding the bike lanes on Wooddale Avenue, Member LaForce said he is hopeful that they will be able to figure out a way to help residents but he said they should be thinking about ways to reach those who are coming to the city for the first time.

STAFF COMMENTS

The biking on sidewalks ordinance will be on the Nov. 20 City Council meeting.

The Southwest Transit Environment Impact Statement is available for review in Community Development-Planning in City Hall.

Continue to observe the Wooddale Avenue advisory bike lanes and the number of signage may be reduced. Staff is considering installing yellow tabs as a temporary measure to delineate the center line. Director Houle said City of Minneapolis did the same striping on 14th Street and it did not generate the kind of responses that Edina's is getting; he also said W. 54th Street was restriped similarly and it has not generated the kind of responses either. Member Iyer asked if Edina's communication was the same or different from Minneapolis and Director Houle said it was very similar. Member LaForce asked if there have been any accidents since it was restriped and Director Houle said there have been two – one with a parked car and the other was a rear-ended.

Other thoughts and suggestions were: removal of signs that are not required; W. 54th Street has symmetry with parking lanes on both sides; Minneapolis too has symmetry with parking lanes on both sides that are

often filled with parked cars while the parking lane on Wooddale is usually empty and gives the impression that it is a driving lane; adding yellow tabs could add more confusions and expectation of adding a permanent line.

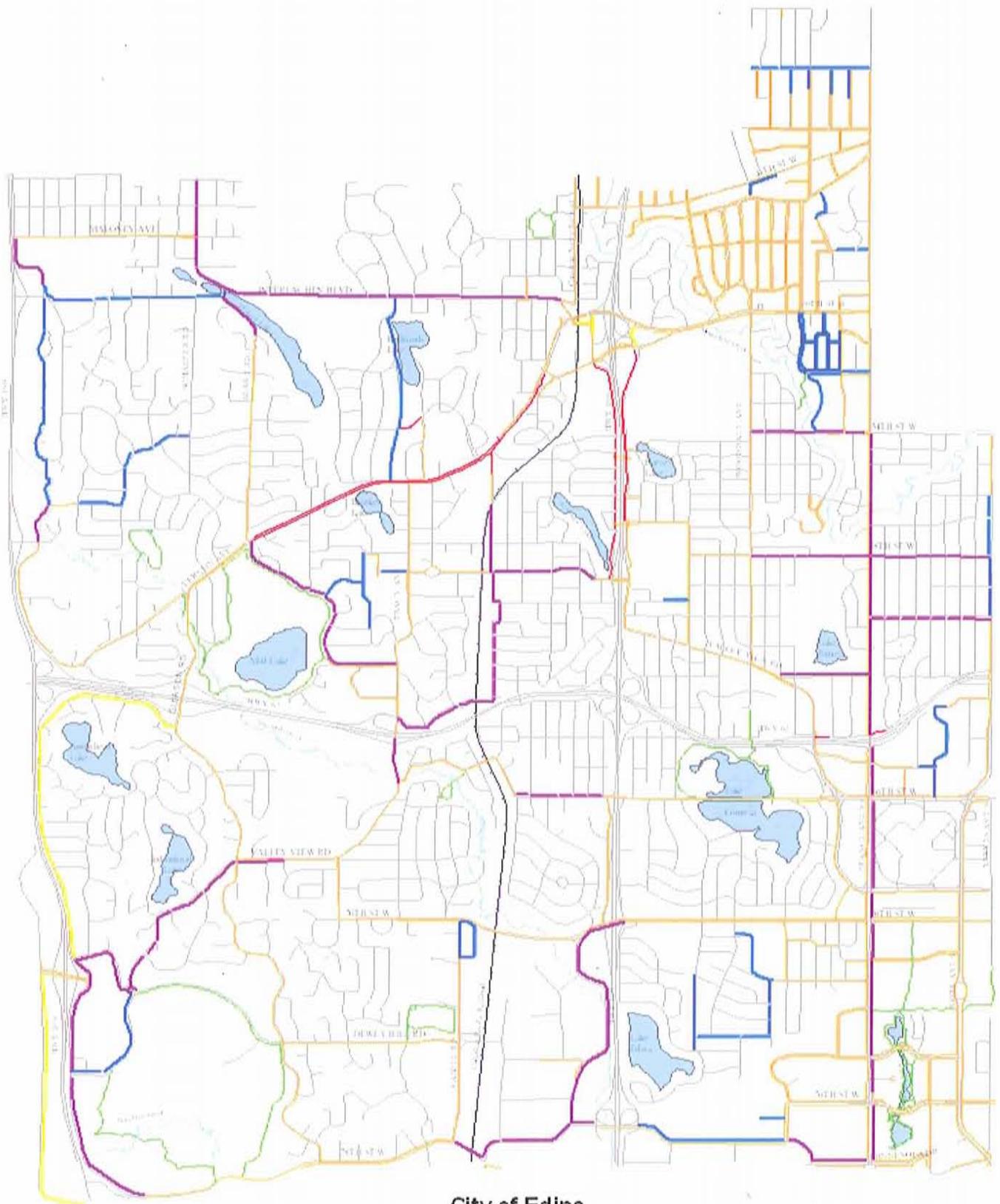
Director Houle said this project has a two year experimental timeframe from the Federal Highway and staff would need their approval as well as Mn/DOTs' to make changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

ATTACHMENT

Attendance spreadsheet.

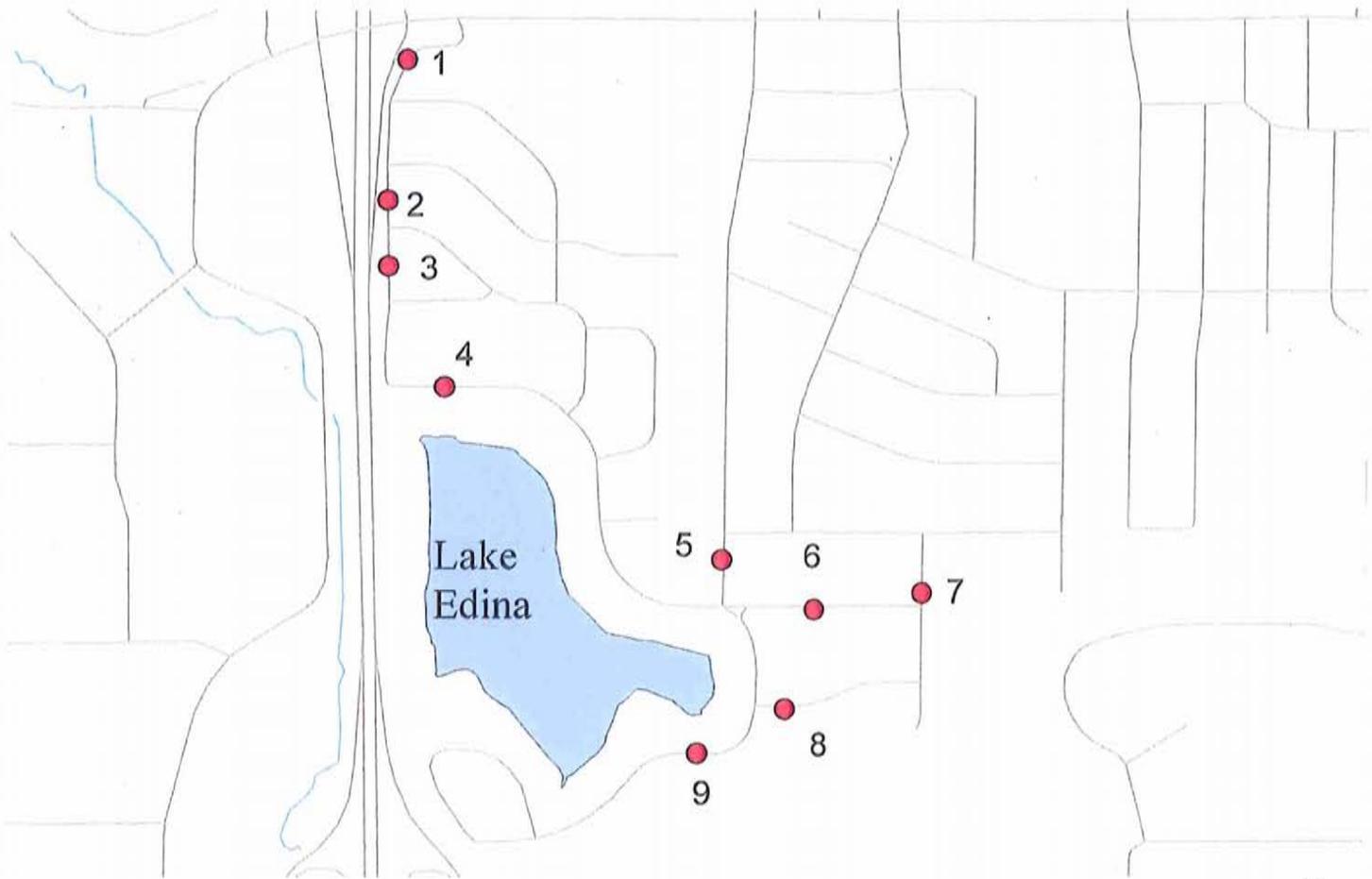


**City of Edina
Draft Pedestrian Facilities - Fig 8.8**

	Existing Bituminous Sidewalk		Proposed Business/Park/School Sidewalk
	Existing Concrete Sidewalk		Proposed Sidewalk on Roads Classified Collector & Above
	Existing Park Pathway		Proposed State-Aid Sidewalk



2013 Lake Edina Traffic Counts



Location	Description	Year	Average Daily Traffic	Average Vehicles Over 25 MPH		85th Percentile Speed*
				NB	SB	
1	Normandale Road north of Larkspur Lane	2012	1259	362	261	28.7
2	Normandale Road north of Trillium Lane	2012	740	301	224	33.4
3	Normandale Road north of Lantana Lane	2012	608	245	265	34.6
4	Hibiscus Avenue east of Normandale Road	2012	233	76	25	28.3
5	West Shore Drive south of Gifford Drive	2012	547	111	96	27.3
6	Hibiscus Avenue west of Kellogg Avenue	2012	198	47	40	28.6
7	Kellogg Avenue south of Gifford Drive	2012	284	12	26	24.6
8	Sedum Lane west of Kellogg Avenue	2012	117	6	6	24
9	West Shore Drive south of Sedum Lane	2012	376	47	49	26.2

* 85th percentile speed is the speed at which 85% of vehicles measured are travelling at or below.



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Date: 10/22/2012

To: Chad Millner

cc:

From: Byron Theis

Re: Traffic Requests in 2013 Neighborhood Reconstruction

Chad,

I have looked at the neighborhoods that are up for reconstruction in 2013 for any recent traffic safety requests. They are listed below.

-Mendelssohn: One request for parking restrictions in 2009. Request was asked to be removed by requestor.

-Braemar Hills: No Requests

-St. Patrick's Lane: No Requests

-Gleason Circle: No Requests

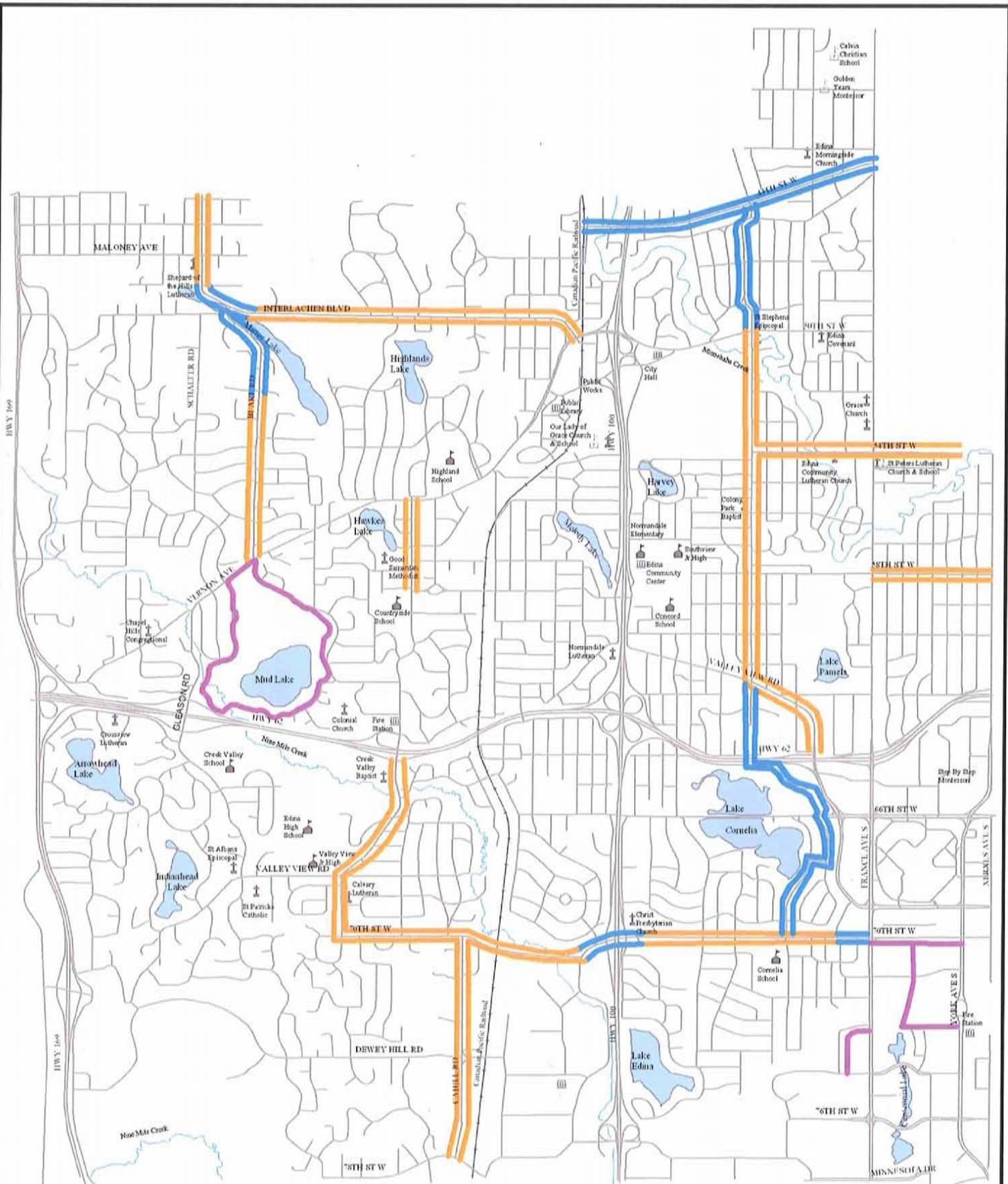
-Normandale: One request in 2009 for parking restrictions on West Shore Drive. Request was denied.

-Lake Edina: Two requests in the same area on Normandale Road between Aspasia Lane and Trillium Lane. Both requests were for speed enforcement in the area in 2009 and 2012. 2009 had no response from requestor. 2012 request was sent to EPD for enforcement after a traffic count was done.

If there are any questions about the requests, please let me know.

Regards,

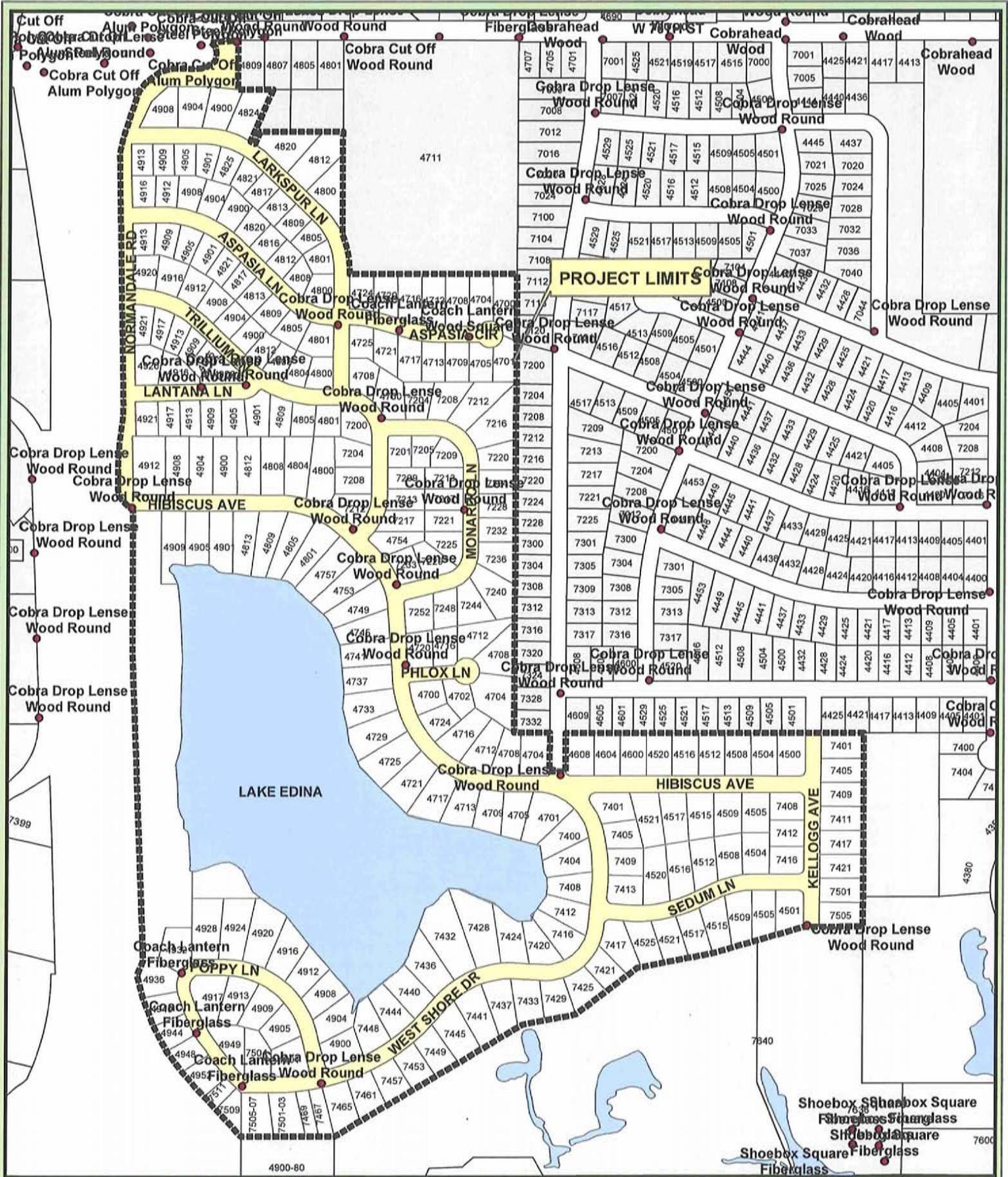
Byron Theis, Traffic safety Coordinator



Bicycle Facilities

- Bike Lanes
- Bike Paths
- Share the Road

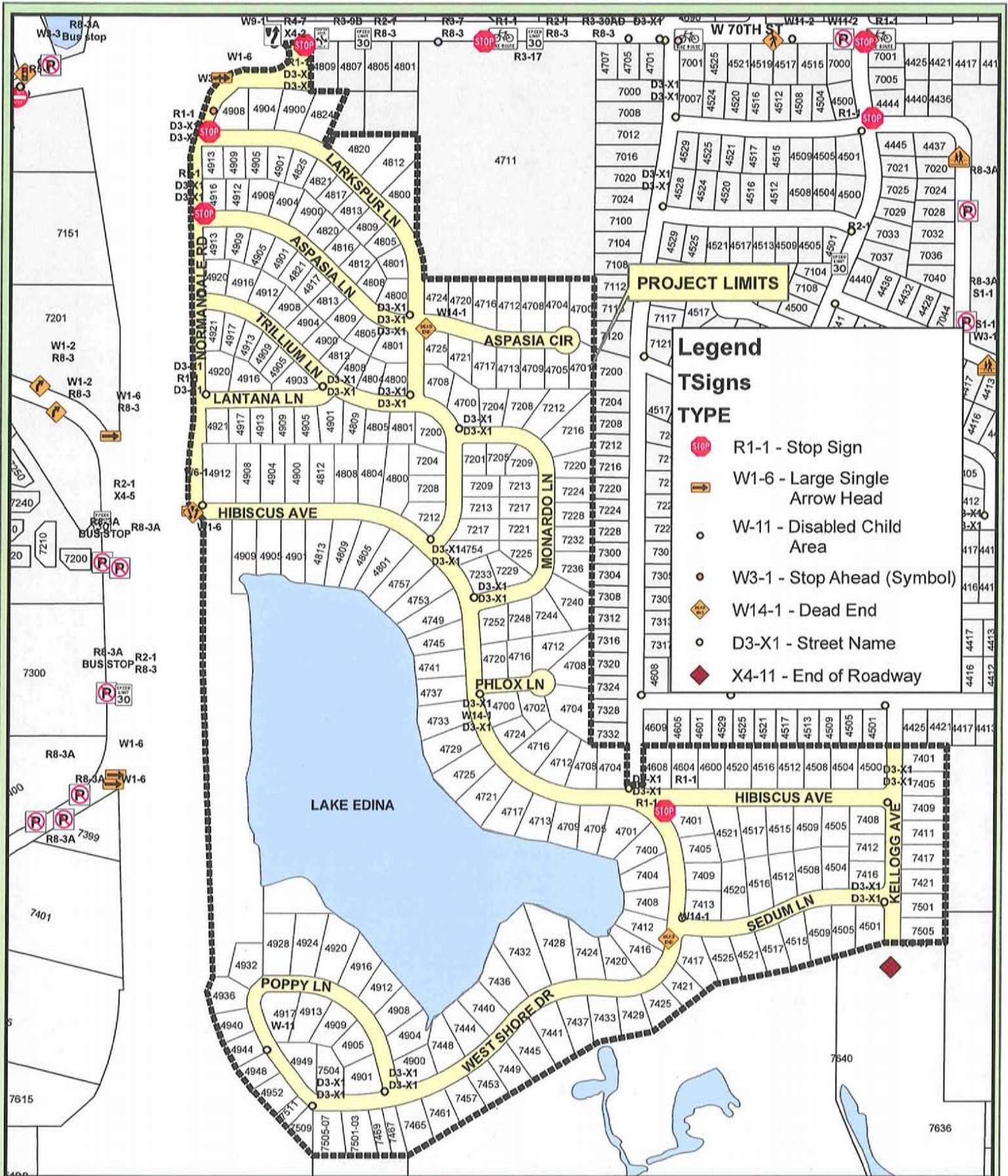




Street Lights Lake Edina Street Reconstruction Improvement No: BA-398



Engineering Dept
October, 2012



Signs

Lake Edina Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction Improvement No: BA-398



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APPENDIX K

**2013 Neighborhood
Roadway Reconstruction -
Sidewalk Informational
Meeting**



Lake Edina Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction

October 29, 2012

Dear Resident:

Please plan to attend an informational meeting about sidewalks from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the Public Works and Park Maintenance Facility located at 7450 Metro Boulevard.

The Edina Transportation Commission (ETC) recently reviewed a draft feasibility study for the Lake Edina Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction Project. The ETC recommended the installation of a sidewalk along the east side of Normandale Road from West 70th Street to Hibiscus Avenue and along the north side of Hibiscus Avenue from Normandale Road to West Shore Drive. Please recall that sidewalks are no longer special assessed under the revised special assessment policy.

Please save the date of Dec. 11 for a project hearing before the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 952-826-0318 or cmillner@EdinaMN.gov or Engineering Technician Jamie Cynor at 952-826-0440 or jcynor@EdinaMN.gov.

Sincerely,

Chad Millner, PE
Assistant City Engineer



Lake Edina Neighborhood Roadway Improvements Sidewalk Informational Meeting

November 7, 2012



Agenda

- Introductions
- Timeline
- Project Components
- Funding
- What You Can Expect
- Communication
- How to Prepare
- Q&A



Introductions

Engineering Technicians:

Jamie Cynor



Aaron Kuznia



Jeff Frahm



Engineering Coordinator

Sharon Allison



Environmental Eng.

Ross Bintner



Asst. City Engineer

Chad Millner



Director of Engineering

Wayne Houle





Process





Typical Timeline

August/September

Evaluate Infrastructure /
Informational Meetings

October 25

Edina Transportation Commission

December 11

Public hearing

January-March

Plan preparation and bidding

April/May

Construction begins

October/November

Construction concludes

Spring

Warranty work

Summer/Fall 2013

Final assessment hearing



Project Details – Lake Edina Neighborhood

- 247 Properties
- 3.2 miles of roads
- 48,800 square yards of street pavement
- 26 fire hydrants
- 92 sanitary manholes





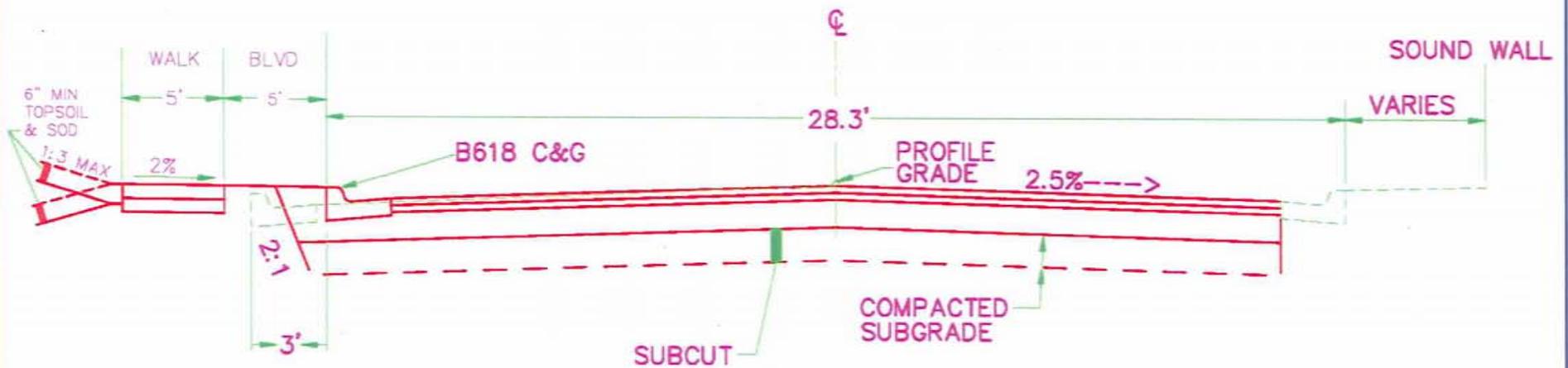
Existing Roadway Details – Normandale Road & Hibiscus Ave





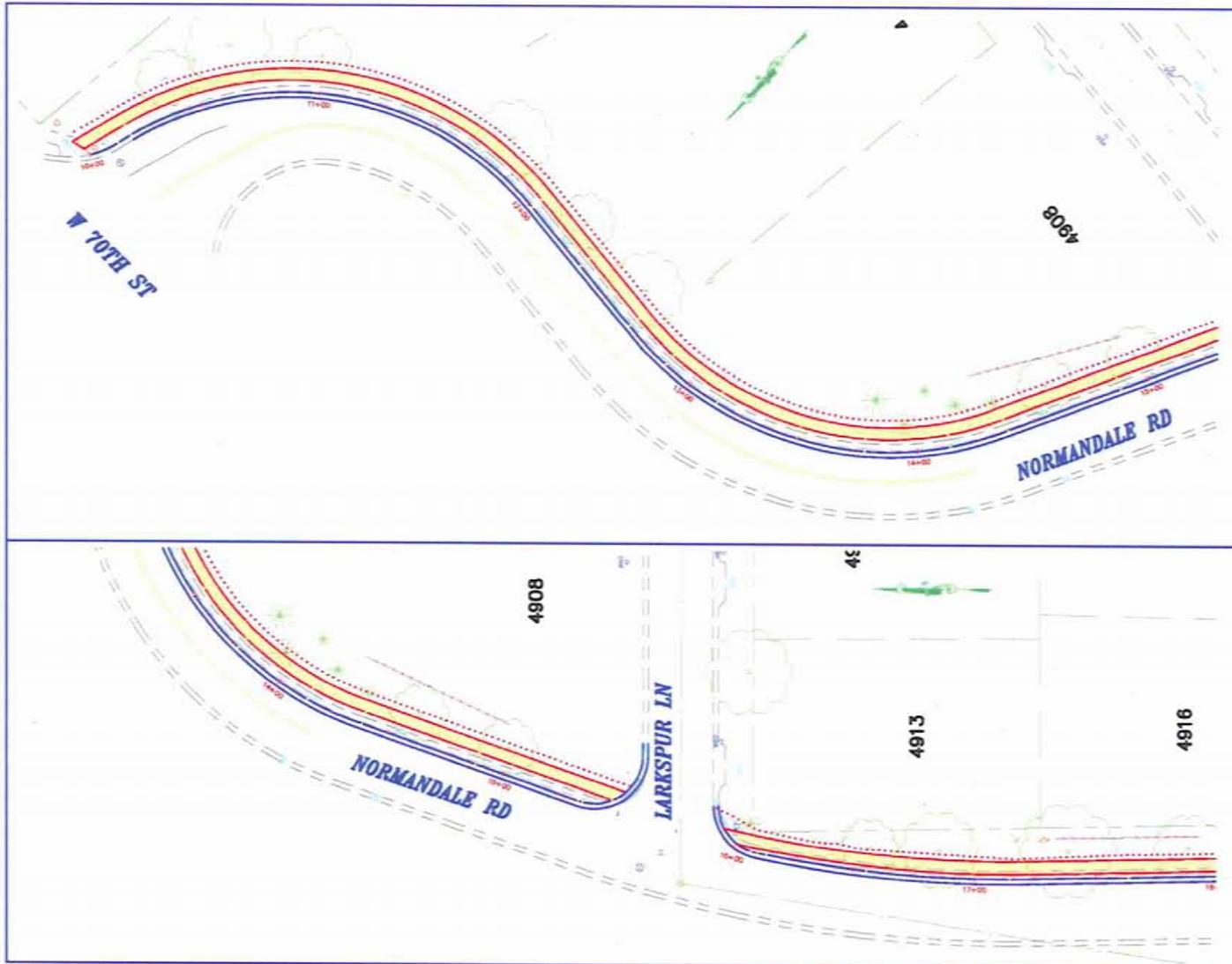
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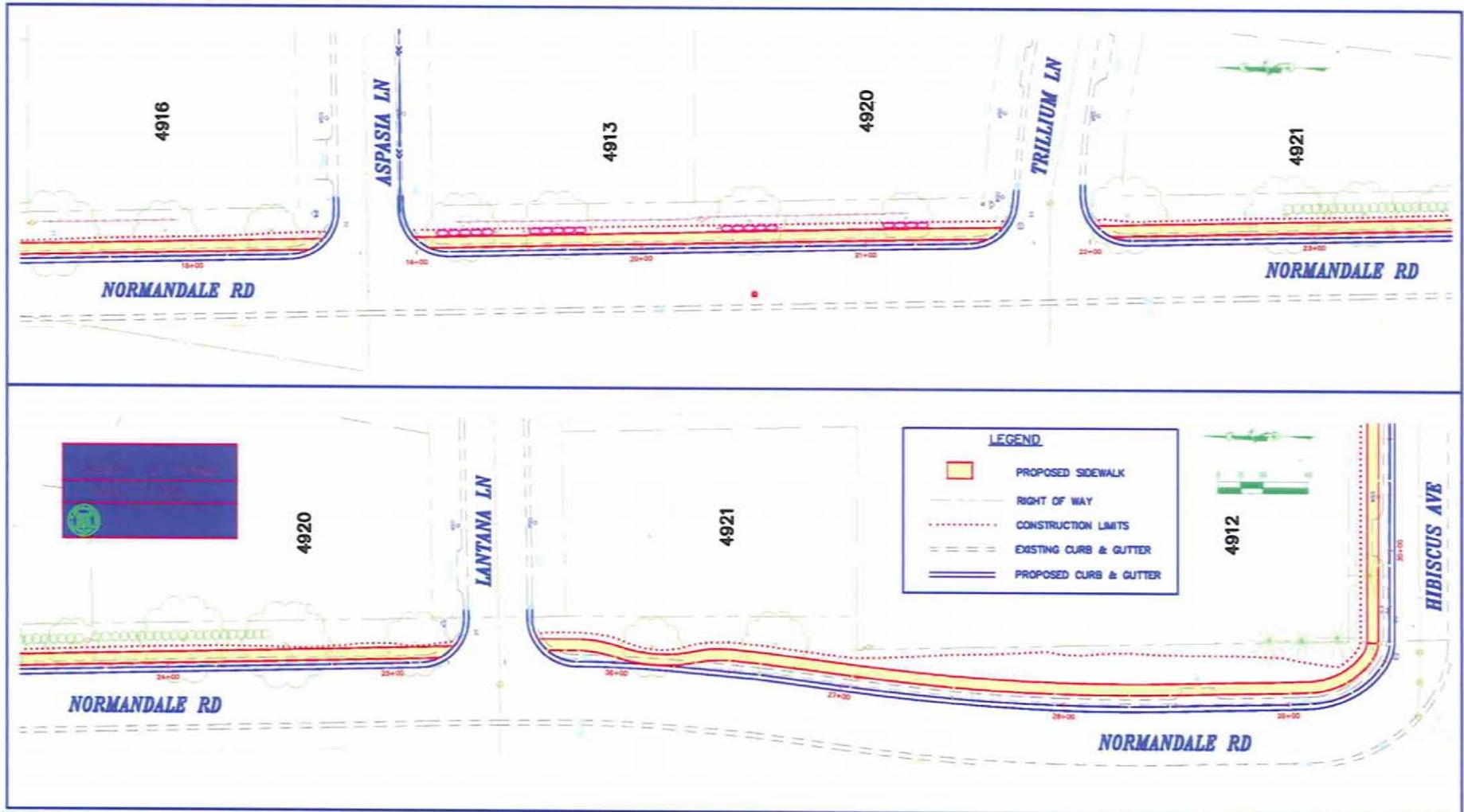


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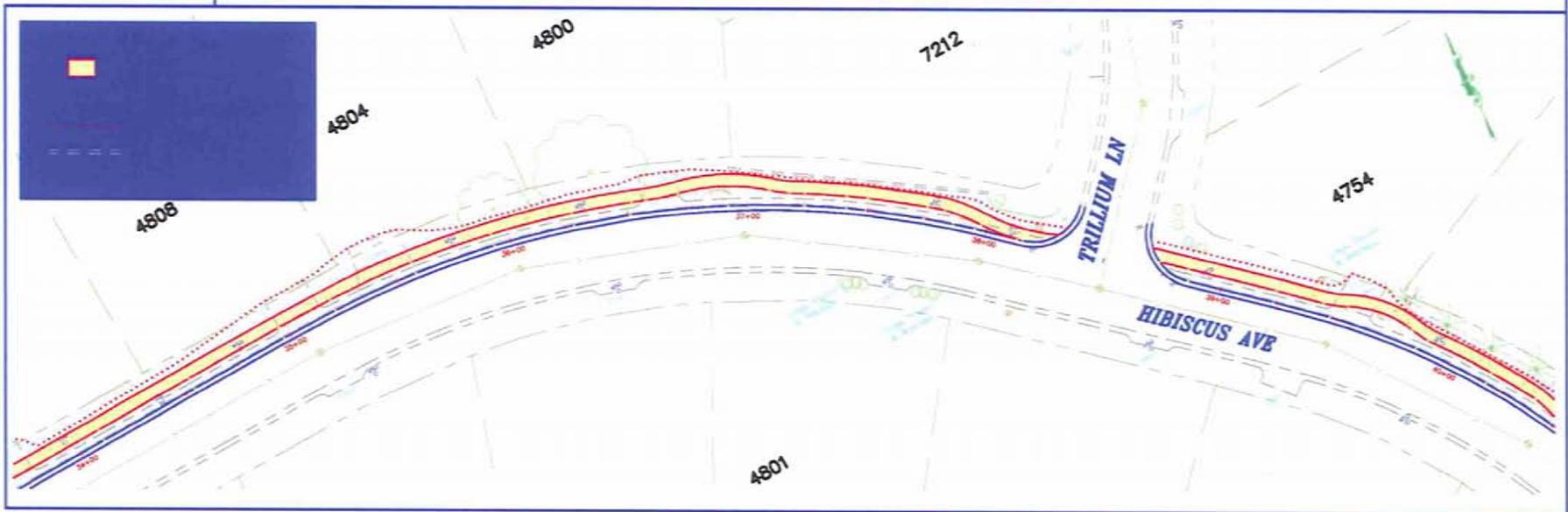
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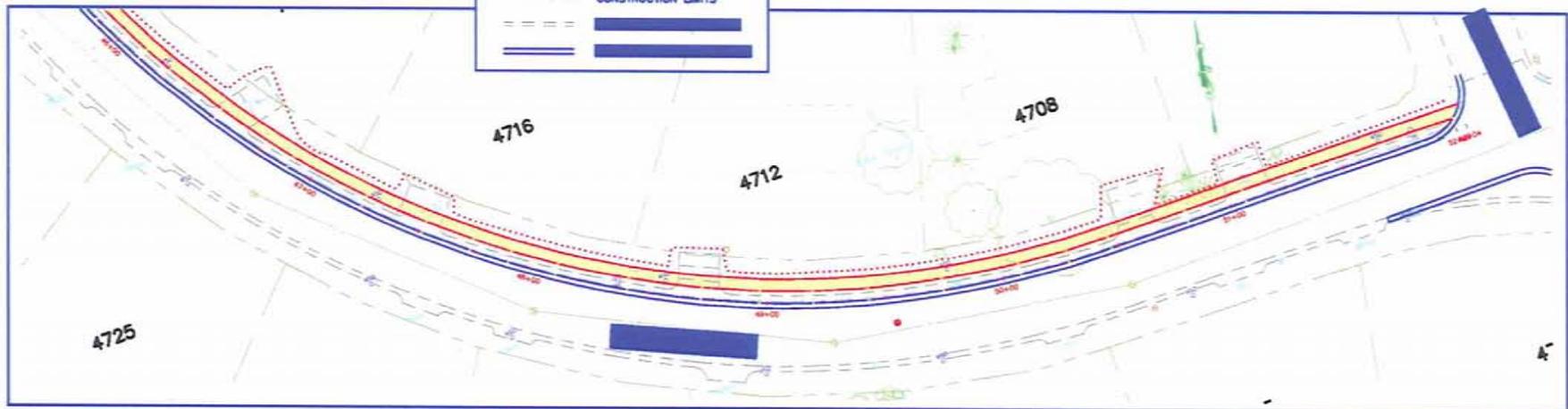


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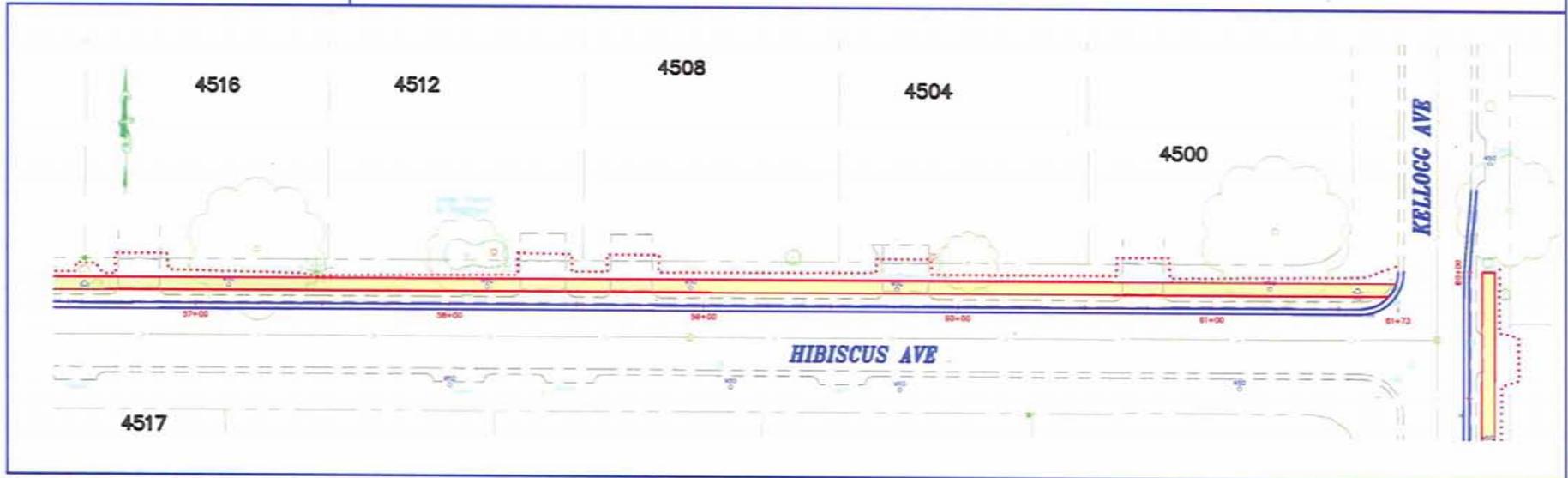




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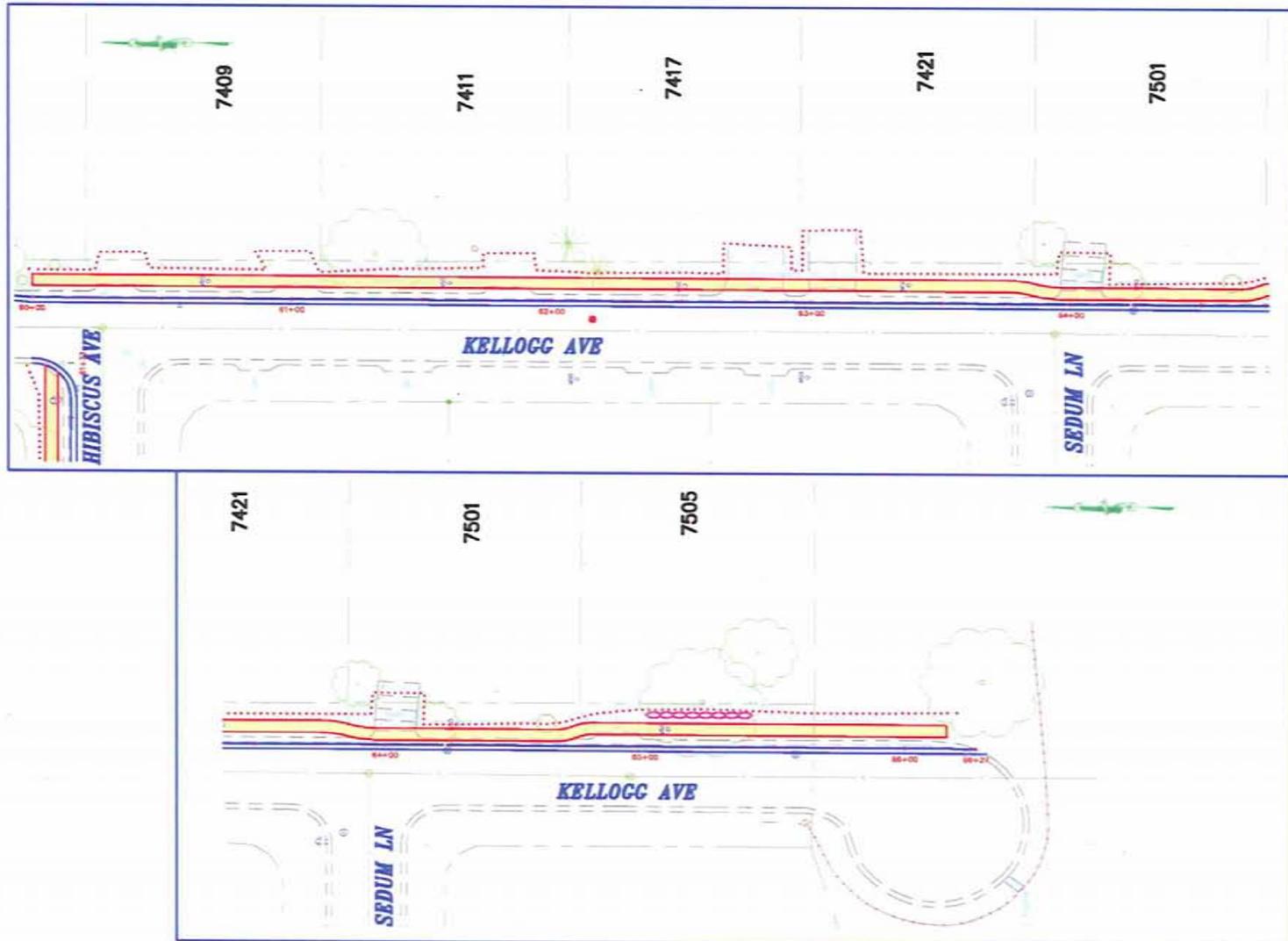
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	EXISTING CURB & GUTTER
	PROPOSED CURB & GUTTER

PRELIMINARY
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Sidewalk Details





Questionnaire Results

	% of Questionnaires Returned	Sidewalk Question Results	
		Yes	No
Questionnaire #1	56% (139 / 247)	9% (12)	91% (126)
Questionnaire #2	51% (127 / 247)	18% (23)	76% (97)

Notes:

1. Questionnaire #1 prior to change in assessment policy for sidewalks.
2. Sidewalks are not included in special assessments.



Sound Wall – Normandale Rd from 70th Street to Hibiscus Ave





Sound Wall – Normandale Rd from 70th Street to Hibiscus Ave





Funding

Estimated Assessments

- Roadway = \$12,300 per REU
- Sound Wall Painting = \$180 per REU
- Plantings = \$50 per REU



What You Can Expect

- We will keep you informed.
- You will have opportunities to provide input.
- Private utility work is to be completed before City work.
- We will do our best to minimize inconveniences, but construction does not come without pain points.

Providing Input

- Informational meetings, comment cards, public hearings and questionnaires



Communication Tools

- Become a neighborhood captain to help facilitate project communication.
 - Let us know of someone in your neighborhood who might fit this role.
- You will be notified of all meetings, hearings, schedules and questionnaires via regular mail.
- Public hearing notices are also published in *Edina Sun-Current*.
- Door hangers are hung when there time-sensitive information.
- Final assessment notices are mailed one year after construction.



City Extra

“City Extra” emails are the best way to receive regular updates once construction begins. These are free weekly email updates about your project.

- Sign up on City of Edina website, www.EdinaMN.gov.
 - Check the box next to your project name.
- If you cannot receive email, we will mail you City Extra updates upon request.
- It’s the best way to stay informed.
- Don’t delay; sign up at today’s meeting!



How to Prepare

- Sign up for City Extra
- Begin financial planning
- Complete questionnaire
- Coordinate home and yard improvement projects around the street construction timeline
- Ask questions; stay informed



Contact Us

Email: cmillner@edinamn.gov

jcynor@edinamn.gov

Call: 952-826-0371

Visit: Engineering Department
7450 Metro Blvd.

Website: Contact Information Provided



Thanks for your time!

Questions?

**Lake Edina Neighborhood Roadway Improvements
Sidewalk Informational Meeting
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	NAME	ADDRESS
1	Tom Lyon	7208 Trillium Lane
2	Don Anderson	4908 Larkspur Lane
3	Jo & John Adams	7900 Larkspur Ln
4	Kristi Mensch	4800 Larkspur Ln
5	Brian Hogberg	4913 Trillium Ln Edina
6	Bob Laedtke	4909 Larkspur Ln Edina
7	MIKE WELCH	4916 ASPASIA LN
8	Pam Welch	4916 ASPASIA LN
9	Liz + Robb Horstman	4708 Hibiscus Ave Edina
10	Jander Kitevan	4824 Larkspur Lane
11	Gretchen J Schellhas	7252 Monard Ln
12	Laura & Dan Schleck	7408 Kellogg Ave.
13	Linda + Henry Berman	4901 Poppy Lane
14	Katy Farley	4801 Larkspur Lane
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**Lake Edina Neighborhood Roadway Improvements
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2	Liza Koenig	4905 LARKSPUR LN
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5	John W. Cordle	4720 Pithox LN
6	Ardis + Tom Wexler	7520 Cahill Rd. 55439
7	G. M. Loepp	7505 Ka 495 Ave S 55935
8	DENNY WITHERS	4524 SEDUX LN 55435
9	Betty Connors	7504 Fresh Shore Dr. 55435
10	Gary Freie	4921 Trillium Lane
11	Kathy Haedtke	4909 Larkspur Lane
12	Peter Choukatas	4801 Trillium Lane
13	Daniel Baron	4817 Larkspur Lane
14	TJ Brank	7252 Monaco Lane
15	Pete Smead	4704 Hibiscus Ave
16	John C. DeMoss	4716 HIBISCUS AVE
17	Kim Poncus	4920 Trillium Lane
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2013 Neighborhood Roadway Improvement Projects
 Question and Answer Session from the November 7, 2012 Sidewalk Informational Meeting
 Held at Public Works and Parks Maintenance Facility from 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Number	Question	Answer
1	What about the health of the trees where sidewalk would be installed?	Every effort will be made to protect existing trees. The preliminary plans are shown on the graphics here tonight. We do not anticipate any tree removals if the sidewalk portion of the project is approved.
2	Will the installation of this sidewalk create additional impervious area?	Yes the net effect of sidewalk installation will create additional impervious area for this neighborhood. The street impervious will be reduced while the sidewalk impervious area will increase.
3	Who is the ETC?	The ETC is a group of Edina residents appointed by the City Council to review local transportation related issues. They are part of the boards and commissions that review various items of the City.
4	Who maintains the sidewalk?	Current city code states the adjoining property owners are responsible for maintenance such as snow removal. The Active Living Infrastructure Fund (ALIF) was created to fund sidewalks. Will this fund be used for maintenance purposes in the future? That is a question that will need to be addressed as a City wide sidewalk plan is established.
5	Who pays for the sidewalk? What is the estimated amount of funding for ALIF and how much would this sidewalk cost?	The sidewalk will be funded by the ALIF. It will not be assessed to the residents. ALIF is expected to generate approximately \$1 million dollars a year. This sidewalk project is estimated around \$300,000.
6	What is the assessment for and how does it work?	The assessment is based on a REU, residential equivalent unit. Most properties are a 1 REU. In some case, corner lots may have a 1/3 or 2/3 REU. The assessment funds 100% of the roadway costs. All the roadway costs for the project are totaled and divided by the number of REU's which is 247.7.
7	Is there a savings in the assessment by reducing the street width to allow the installation of the sidewalk?	If the sidewalk is installed, the roadway would have less paving. This may slightly reduce the assessment. The amount of this reduction is about \$100 per REU when we looked at the numbers this morning. Due to this slight change in assessment amounts, we will still list the same assessment amount with or without the sidewalk.
8	What has been the practice of the City to install sidewalks?	The engineering department begins to consider sidewalks along roadways when traffic volumes are greater than 500 to 700 cars per day. There are 1100 cars per day on Normandale Road near 70th Street. On Hibiscus the volume reduces to approximately 200 cars per day.
9	Are the number of pedestrians counted / measured to determine the need of a sidewalk?	Pedestrian movements are not counted prior to installation of a sidewalk. Sidewalk / bike facilities are built prior to demand to create a network for pedestrians to use to reach amenities within the City. It has been shown the usership increases after the facility is installed.

10	Will the City Council vote about the sidewalks at the December 11 meeting?	Yes. The Council will determine the size and scope of the project based on the feasibility study and comments received from residents. The project not only includes sidewalks but street and utility reconstruction as part of the City's neighborhood street reconstruction program.
11	Has a decision been made about improvements to the sound wall? Who maintains the wall?	MnDOT owns the wall and is responsible for graffiti control of the wall. They do not have funds to re-paint the wall but they do not object if the residents would like to do something to it within reason. They mentioned that at any time, as needed, they could perform maintenance on the wall. If plantings are in the maintenance area, they can remove those without notice. They have no plans for the wall in the foreseeable future. No final decision has been made. We are going to present two options tonight to determine if there is a preferred direction the residents would like the City to follow. The options are painting the entire or portions of the wall and/or continuing the planting of ivy and junipers along the wall. The existing plantings near Larkspur Lane would be protected in either case. Painting the entire wall would add \$180 per REU and installing plantings along the entire wall would cost an estimated \$50 per REU. After much discussion, the residents at the meeting prefer pressure washing the concrete wall down to the concrete so the wall is a general gray color and adding plantings along the length of the wall.
12	How does the new franchise fee work?	The new franchise fee is added to your monthly bill from both Xcel and CenterPoint. The revenues would be used to fund sidewalks, street lights, and other non-motorized transportation projects.
13	Why are we here tonight and what will be the recommendation presented in the feasibility study?	We are here tonight to present the neighborhood with information about the recommendations of the Edina Transportation Commission (ETC). Last year a sidewalk was added to a project from an ETC recommendation without having an informational meeting for the neighborhood prior to the public improvement hearing. We do not want to present new information at a public improvement meeting. After tonight we recommend letting the council know what your views are about sidewalks within this project by either e-mailing them or attending the public improvement hearing on December 11. Staff will present all the information to the council for them to make a decision on the sidewalk portion of the project.
14	Can additional stop signs be added along Normandale Rd if the sidewalk is installed along the west side of Normandale Rd?	To add additional stop signs to a neighborhood, a resident would file a request with the traffic safety coordinator. The coordinator would measure traffic volumes and review other information to determine if additional stop signs are warranted.