



To: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: V. P.

From: Mark Nolan, Transportation Planner

Action

Discussion

Information

Date: January 6, 2015

Subject: Resolution No. 2015-10 Supporting Application for Safe Routes to School Program Infrastructure Grant

Action Requested:

Adopt the attached resolution.

Information / Background:

On Dec. 2, 2014, the City Council unanimously approved the Sidewalk Facilities Map Comprehensive Plan Amendment, which includes a sidewalk on Cornelia Drive between W. 66th Street and W. 70th Street. This sidewalk was also included on the previous (2008) Comprehensive Plan, and is highlighted on Edina's Comprehensive Active Routes to School (ARTS) Plan as a recommended sidewalk. Staff is recommending that this sidewalk be constructed in 2015. The project would include the construction of approximately 3,000 feet of 5-foot concrete sidewalk with 3- to 5-foot boulevards to connect to existing sidewalks at W. 66th Street (and Rosland Park) and W. 70th Street (and Cornelia Elementary School).

On Dec. 15, 2014, a public meeting was held with residents who live on or near Cornelia Drive between W. 66th Street and W. 70th Street regarding the project. Phone calls and emails received prior to this meeting were mostly positive, and feedback at the meeting was roughly evenly split between support and opposition/concern. Staff shared the preliminary layout (see attached), discussed potential impacts (e.g. trees, fire hydrants, etc.) on both sides of the street, and answered questions from residents.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) administers the state Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grants program which provides federal funding for projects to improve safety conditions and promote K-12 students walking and biking to school. This infrastructure grant, if awarded for this project, will pay for up to 80 percent of its construction costs. Engineering/design work and the balance of construction costs would come from the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund. Staff estimates the total costs for the project to be approximately \$300,000 (\$262,000 for construction, \$38,000 for engineering/clerical).

Attachments:

- Resolution No. 2015-10
- Cornelia Drive Sidewalk SRTS Program Application Location Map

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10

Supporting the 2014 Safe Routes to School Program Infrastructure Grant Application, For Sidewalk On Cornelia Drive, on the east side from W. 66th Street to W. 68th Street, and on the west side from W. 68th Street to W. 70th Street

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) administers the state Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grants program which provides federal funding for projects to improve safety conditions and promote K-12 students walking and biking to school; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edina has identified the importance of sidewalk and pedestrian planning through the Transportation Comprehensive Plan, its Living Streets Policy and recently-approved Sidewalk Facilities Map Comprehensive Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edina’s approved Active Routes to School Comprehensive Plan has specifically recommended this Cornelia Avenue sidewalk segment as a safe route to school; and

WHEREAS, the project would include the construction of approximately 3,000 feet of 5-foot concrete sidewalk with boulevards to connect to existing sidewalks at W 66th Street and W 70th Street; and

WHEREAS, the construction of this sidewalk segment will enhance the safety conditions of children and their families walking and biking to Cornelia Elementary School and Rosland Park; and

WHEREAS, City staff have consulted with representatives of Cornelia Elementary and Edina Public Schools regarding the sidewalk project and associated SRTS infrastructure grant application; and

WHEREAS, SRTS funds will be used to supplement the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund for this projects, leveraging these funds to make the City more walkable.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Edina endorses the application for funds as administered by MnDOT and that the City agrees to assume full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the SRTS sidewalk along Cornelia Drive between W. 66th Street and W. 70th Street.

Dated: January 6, 2015

Attest: _____
Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)SS
CITY OF EDINA)

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Edina do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Edina City Council at its Regular Meeting of January 6, 2015, and as recorded in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said City this _____ day of _____, 20____.

City Clerk

City of Edina: Cornelia Drive Sidewalk Safe Routes to School Program 2014 Application



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