



To: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IV. I.

From: Mark K. Nolan, AICP, Transportation Planner

Action

Discussion

Date: April 7, 2015

Information

Subject: Resolution No. 2015-34 Supporting Application for Hennepin County 2015 Sidewalk Participation Program

Action Requested:

Adopt the attached resolution.

Information / Background:

The Hennepin County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) 2015 Sidewalk Participation Program assists in funding to develop and implement effective sidewalk projects that extend the system of sidewalks along Hennepin County roads, provide pedestrian safety improvements at intersections, provide ADA compliant facilities, support local plans, and support the implementation of the Hennepin County Transportation Systems Plan including the Hennepin County Complete Streets Policy. Council and community support are among the factors considered for the award of funds (County cost participation is up to 25% to a maximum of \$100,000 per project, with construction in 2016). Applications are due to the County by Apr. 17.

Staff is submitting the application for completing the sidewalk gap on the west side of Xerxes Avenue South, from W 56th St to W 60th St (this segment is on the City's approved Sidewalk Facilities Map). This sidewalk is designated as a "high priority" segment on the Hennepin County Pedestrian Plan. Additionally, Engineering Department staff and the Edina Transportation Commission (ETC) has acknowledged the importance of this project; however, due to its relatively high projected cost (approximately \$450,000-\$500,000) it remains unbuilt.

On Mar. 19 staff informed the ETC of its intention to submit an application for this project and received a favorable response from commissioners.

Attachments:

Resolution No. 2015-34
Xerxes Ave S Sidewalk Project Area Map

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-34
Supporting Application for Hennepin County's 2015 Sidewalk Participation Program
For Sidewalk on Xerxes Avenue South
(on the west side, from West 56th Street to West 60th Street)

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

WHEREAS, the City of Edina Transportation Comprehensive Plan identify projects needed to achieve the City's overall vision for a comprehensive community of non-motorized transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, the construction of safe and convenient pedestrian facilities near schools, commercial areas, parks and transit stops will provide transportation access to potentially vulnerable users not traveling by vehicle; and,

WHEREAS, the project would include the construction of approximately 2,500 feet of 5-foot concrete sidewalk with boulevards to connect to existing sidewalks at W 56th Street and W 60th Street; and

WHEREAS, the construction of this sidewalk segment will enhance the safety conditions of pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users along this busy collector street; and

WHEREAS, County funds will be used to supplement the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund for these 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 Hennepin County.

Dated: April 7, 2015

Attest: _____
Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor

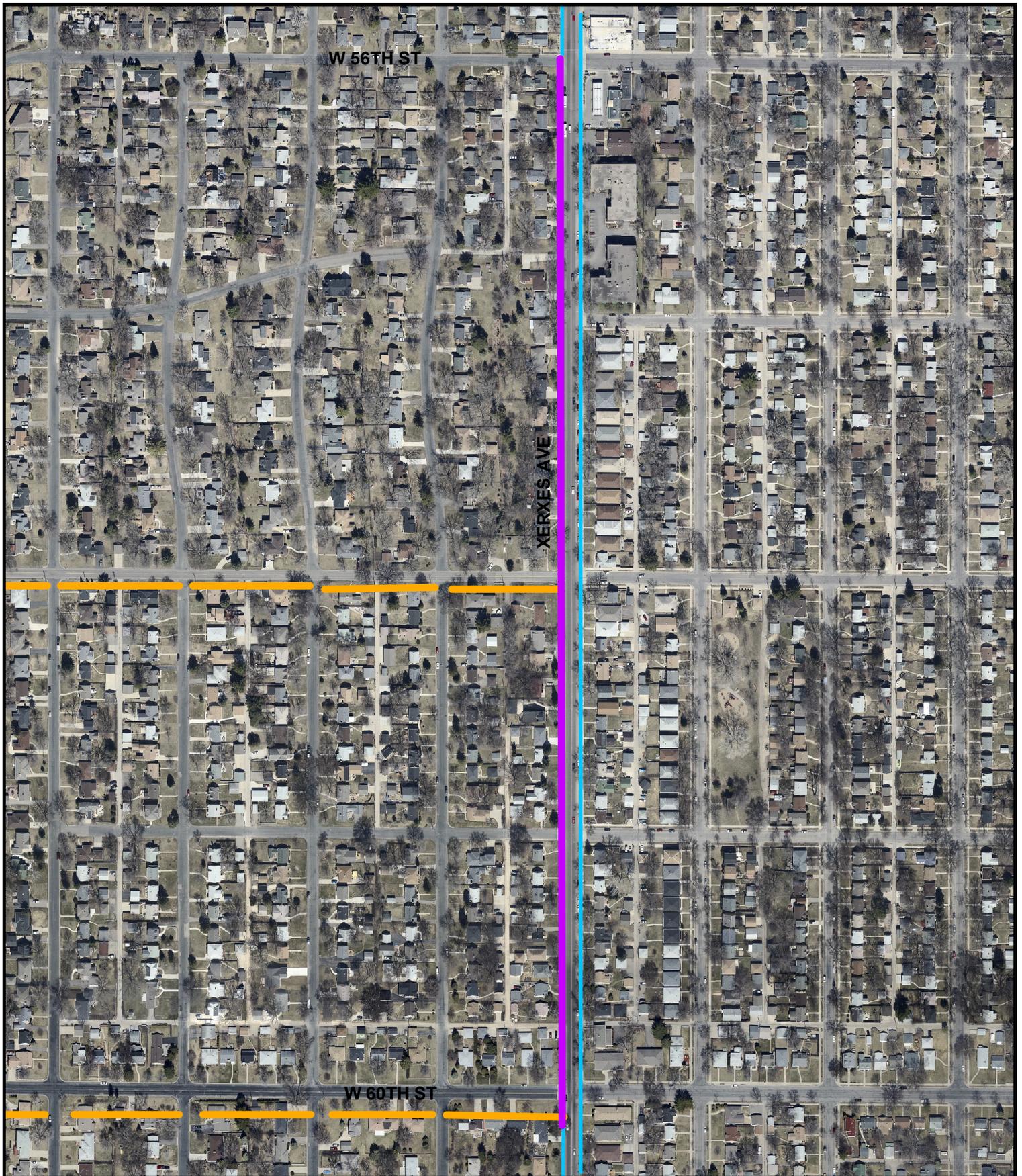
STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)SS
CITY OF EDINA)

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 April 7, 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



Project Area
Xerxes Ave Sidewalk
Improvement No: S46

-  Existing Bituminous Sidewalk
-  Existing Concrete Sidewalk
-  Proposed State-Aid Sidewalk
-  Proposed Concrete Sidewalk



Engineering Dept
May, 2012