

# REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



**To:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**Agenda Item #:** IV. L.

**From:** Chad A. Millner, Director of Engineering

**Action**

**Discussion**

**Information**

**Date:** June 17, 2015

**Subject:** Sidewalk Project Update - Cornelia Drive between W. 66<sup>th</sup> and W. 70<sup>th</sup> Streets

## Action Requested:

None.

## 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. 66<sup>th</sup> Street and W. 70<sup>th</sup> 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.

At the Jan. 6, 2015 City Council meeting, staff asked for a resolution supporting the application for Safe Routes to School Program Infrastructure Grant funding for the Cornelia Drive sidewalk. Our initial application was denied, but on May 26, we received good news that our application was approved for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds for construction costs up to 80% or up to \$209,307. Engineering/design work and the balance of construction costs would come from the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund. Because we must meet federal aid project requirements this funding will not be available until the 2016 construction season; therefore, we need to shift construction of this sidewalk to 2016.

The project will include the construction of approximately 3,000 feet of 5-foot concrete sidewalk with various width boulevards to connect to existing sidewalks at W. 66<sup>th</sup> Street (and Rosland Park) and W. 70<sup>th</sup> Street (and Cornelia Elementary School). The alignment of the sidewalk is along the west side of Cornelia from 70<sup>th</sup> Street to 68<sup>th</sup> Street and along the east side of Cornelia from 68<sup>th</sup> Street to 66<sup>th</sup> Street.

Since our last discussion, staff has refined the design and continued to meet with residents. Continued discussions with residents will occur as we finalize the design. This funding does not change any of the design parameters. Staff anticipates completing the design and conducting the bid process this winter in anticipation of an early season construction.

## Attachments:

- MnDOT Grant Award Letter

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## Minnesota Department of Transportation

State Aid for Local Transportation  
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Date: May 26, 2015

Mark Nolan  
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RE: Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Application

Dear Mr. Nolan:

We are pleased to inform you that the City of Edina's Safe Routes to School project for sidewalk along Cornelia Drive for Cornelia Elementary School was selected for funding in fiscal year 2016 with federal TAP funds.

The state project number assigned to your project is **SP 120-591-002**. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$300,879 and your project is awarded up to \$209,307 in TAP funds for eligible construction costs. Your community is responsible for ineligible costs and amount exceeding the award.

This is a reimbursable program and you must follow the federal aid process for federal authorization and reimbursement. You are responsible for developing the project in accordance to state and federal requirements including ADA. You are also responsible for ensuring that the project meets the deadline dates for federal aid projects being programmed for 2016.

The MnDOT State Aid Office will help provide guidance on managing your SRTS project as a federal Aid project. An initial meeting with Metro State Aid staff to go over the federal aid requirements and schedule for your project is required for this award. We will be in contact within the next few weeks to coordinate a meeting.

Thank you for your efforts in trying to improve conditions for students to walk and bike to and from school. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this award and the SRTS Program.

Sincerely,

MnDOT Safe Routes to School Program

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