

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: VIII. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: November 4, 2013

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

No action is necessary.

Attachment:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

Deb Mangen

From: collin@csbrinkman.com
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 5:09 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Indoor Sports Facility - VOTE YES

Dear Mayor Hovland,

As you know from our past discussions, I am a supporter of Edina building an indoor sports facility or dome in support of all the spring, summer and fall sports that our residents play (soccer, lacrosse, baseball, football, etc.). Please vote "yes" to approve the construction of this type of facility in our city.

Thank you.

Collin Brinkman
4510 Casco Avenue
Edina, MN 55424

Deb Mangen

From: Stephen R. Fox <strfox@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 5:31 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com

Mayor and City Council Members:

I would like to take a moment to express my enthusiastic support of the upcoming Sports Dome agenda item this Evening. I would be there in support for this, as I was as a Player for the vote to add Braemar Arena, but I am in Chicago on Business.

Having been a lifetime resident of Edina experiencing the Athletic Programs as a Player, Coach and Board Member of the Hockey and Lacrosse Association. Having a Daughter who will graduate this year - **please approve for the future Youth the plans to add a Sports Dome**. It is well overdue for such a superior Community such as the one we live in.

Thank you for taking the time to read this - please vote yes later this evening.

Thanks
Steve Fox

Stephen R. Fox
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<http://www.linkedin.com/in/srfox>

From: Sue Plaster <plaster.sue@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 8:59 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Email to Edina Mayor James Hovland

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I am an Edina resident and active in the Chamber of Commerce, as well as a new member of its board. I am highly supportive of your work and that of your Council and City of Edina staff. I have seen the good work you do and its positive impact on the community. I also appreciate the way you collaborate with other groups and institutions inside and outside the community to get things done well.

That being said, I am uncomfortable with the handling of the site of Hootens Cleaners and the Park family. I was a long time customer and had many occasions to talk with the Parks and other family members, as our son and grandchildren are Korean-American as well. I don't understand the laws about eminent domain and have only a sense of what land values in Edina are worth. But I don't have a good feeling about how this case has been handled, particularly since reading the reports of the September 17 meeting disposing of this matter. I am sure the Parks are very proud of their mastery of English, but property and legal matters can use very specialized terms and I wonder if trained interpreters were made available to them for document review and critical conversations in the process, including important phone calls. I know misunderstandings can occur easily anytime that matters of such importance are negotiated, and trust can be lost along the way.

Are there any options in this situation that will save face for the City of Edina and for the Parks? Rather than write to every City Council member, I thought I would appeal to you in case an idea has occurred to you or your staff that might help alleviate the tension. I think it would be appreciated by many if some more middle ground could be sought.

Warm regards, and thank you for all your work,
Sue Plaster
612.723.4177

Sent from Windows Mail

Deb Mangen

From: noaheverist@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 2:40 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Thank You

Mayor Hovland-

Thank you for giving me time to speak at the meeting last evening. I greatly appreciate you and the council's thoughtfulness on the Proposed Brookview Subdivision.

I appreciate all that you do for Edina. Thank you for keeping it the best place in Minnesota.

Regards,

Noah Everist

Deb Mangen

From: sagoergen@q.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 4:04 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: library parking, etc.

Dear City Council members,

As you are well aware, the parking situation at the Edina Library is abominable. It is impossible to find a parking place on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays when senior citizens play cards/other activities. I have waited in a line of cars out to the street, waiting for a spot to open up. Access to a PUBLIC facility (the library) is prohibited by the encroachment of seniors' cars on and around the entire library/Grandview streets.

I am aware that you are studying land use in that Grandview area. Given the large and growing number of retired people living in Edina, it seems to me that a larger Senior Center is called for. The vacant site of the former Public Works would appear to be able to house a center plus ample adjacent parking. The library would remain short of parking, but would not have the "lock out" situation now precipitated by senior activities.

I will be eagerly watching for news of your findings in the SUN CURRENT.

HELP!!!!

Thanks for listening.

Sharon Goergen
Edina citizen

Deb Mangen

From: dberglu@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 8:31 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Contact Us form submission

Name: David A Berglund

Organization:

Website:

Address_1: 5632 Beard Ave. S.

Address_2:

City: Edina

State: MN

Zip_Code: 55410

Email: dberglu@gmail.com

Phone: 7634436363

Referrer: other

Message: I am concerned about the increasing flight/aviation noise in our neighborhood. The noise increased in frequency and loudness and I am not only incredibly frustrated by the change in flight paths, but am worried that noise and potential future flight path changes will negatively impact property values for Edina. I have two questions: What can I and my neighbors do to ACTUALLY be heard by whomever makes decisions regarding flight noise and flight paths; and what are Edina representatives doing to represent our concerns? Thank you very much.

Deb Mangen

From: Krista L. Gresham <klgresham@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2013 9:01 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Fwd: Request to Include a "Best Wishes" Message
Attachments: Best Wishes Messages.docx; ATT00001.htm

Good morning.

Wondering if Mayor Hovland would like to be included? Attached is what we've collected so far for Well Wishes as Edina Hornet Soccer Boys head to State!!

Thank you.

Krista

Best Wishes for a Great 2013 State Soccer Tournament:

On Behalf of Linhoff Photo: "Here's to a picture perfect year! Good Luck!"

Wayne Bellamy, JV Head Coach and Entire JV Team: "Let's go and get the State Championship back to Edina High School. Best of Luck!!"

"It has been a pleasure watching these boys grow into young men and achieve such success this year. There is not a "star player" on this team. They are a collection of good players working together as a team." Rick Dowda, President of Edina Soccer Club

"If you want to be great, BE GREAT"!!!! Ann Eidson, Hornets Mom Super Fan

"The Edina Soccer Association is proud to have provided your first experiences on the soccer field. Through your dedication and hard work, you've taken it to the next level. The ESA family wishes you the very best in the high school state tournament - GO HORNETS!" Angella MCGarvey, President, Edina Soccer Association

"Best wishes to the boy's soccer team as they head on to the state tournament! Bring home a big Edina victory!" Chelsea Duke Miller, Activities Department Administrative Assistant

"Go Hornets! Good luck at state! I am so proud of you, let's get the 4th star." Doc Loc

Steve Tschida "I had a feeling from the first game at "the Mar" this team would go far. It's Edina's year. Best Wishes to the team and stay healthy!"

"I want to say congrats to Brett, Andy, and David at Edina for making the state tournament. Way to make our team proud!" – Joe Voeller, Coach MU U17 Premier

"Conference Champs, done! Sections Champs, done! Next... State Champs! Edina Hornets All the Way... Such a delight watching the team play!" Stephane Cattelin

"Great coaches, great players, great team chemistry – GOOD LUCK!" Boo & Steve Smith

"Winning is a habit." – Vince Lombardi

"You are a great team. Your excellent teamwork has really paid off. Keep up the good work – Best wishes!" – Jane & Larry Bloom

"State champs? ... It's only a matter of time! Play your game!" Dawn & Ron Cunningham

"It's been such an honor to manage this team! I'm so proud of my boys! GO HORNETS!!!" -Maddie Hahn

"This is one of the best Hornet teams ever. Fourteen different players have scored goals this season."...John Sherman, Edina Sun-Current

Have fun, play hard, score lots of goals and Go Get'em At State!!! The Weicht's

Congrats on achieving many of your goals this season. You have never ceased to amaze us. Cheering for continued success to a truly great TEAM - The Stastnys

"Boys: Keep playing the beautiful game as beautifully as you've been playing it and you'll bring home a State Championship. Good luck at State." Cliff and Ginny Anderson

"It's been so fun being able to watch the team throughout the season. Good luck as you continue to state!" Ellen Brunker

"This team has a special chemistry off and on the field. They look out for each other, whether they're making that last minute crossing pass or just providing a simple ride to practice. A team that plays together like that, will win together and they've proven that. Good luck Edina and keep watch."
Jane and Howard Moon

"Good luck boys at State. We are proud of all of you." Elise and Tom Laedtke

"Congratulations to the best team that has pulled together to beat a lot of best players. Together you have made a city proud! Go Hornets!" Mary Jo and Paul Morrison

"There isn't any single superstar. Together, as a group of talented soccer players led by wise coaches, you have formed an awesome and formidable team. Go get your win!"--The Dahl Family

"Congrats to the Hornets' Soccer Team on the season of success highlighted by the section championship. I appreciated being on the sidelines for the championship game and feeling the intensity of the team play...wow! And let the success continue through to the state championship. Our entire community is proud of you." Go Hornets! Ric Dressen, Superintendent

"This team deserves to win it all. They may be different numbers on the field but they're all number one in my heart. Make joe mama proud." Ali Burley

Deb Mangen

From: Sarah Hardy <shardy73@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2013 7:10 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: I support sidewalks in morningside

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of building sidewalks on the north side of 42nd street between France Ave and Grimes (running east/west) and on the east side of Grimes between 42nd and Inglewood (running north/south).

Further, I support the building of a sidewalk on 42nd street connecting Grimes to Oakdale, running east/west, on either the north or south side of 42nd street.

Thank you very much,

Sarah Hardy
4408 Morningside Road, Edina 55416

From: Mab Nulty <mkndogwalker@q.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2013 9:25 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: For Edina Transportation Commission

We are writing to express our very strong support of a sidewalk being built on 42 St west of France to the St Louis Park border.

We have lived on 42 St for 24 years. We live on the north side 3 houses west of Grimes. During those years we have noticed an increase in foot traffic and vehicular traffic. A lot of families walk to the park, others walk their children to and from Golden Years and others are strolling the neighborhood with their dogs or out for exercise. This is all a wonderful development but without sidewalks we cringe to think about some near misses we have witnessed or others can imagine. Many pedestrians are young family groups often with one adult pushing a stroller with a kid on a scooter or small bike. It is plain to us that this is not the ideal situation and often dangerous. The solution is not for the pedestrians to give up their outings. It is something that makes the neighborhood desirable. The solution is for a sidewalk to be built. There has been some support for the sidewalk to be installed on the south side of the street because the neighborhood is deeper in that direction therefore more walkers feed from that side, there are sidewalks already in place on a lot of the north/south streets and crossing to the park could take place at the 4 way stop at 42 and Grimes.. This makes sense but, personally we do not care which side the sidewalk ends up on as long as one is built and increases safety for our community.

Sincerely,
Mab Nulty and Larry Sutin

Deb Mangen

From: Susan Petersen <spetersen55436@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 5:09 AM
To: jonibennett12@comcast.net; Edina Mail; joshsprague@edinareality.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: 5612 Tracy Avenue Variance

We want to thank you for voting against the variance on 5612 Tracy. Please continue to vote against the proposed submdivision.

Jeff and Susan Petersen
6213 Hillside Road
Edina, Mn 55436

Deb Mangen

From: Joshua M. Ahlberg <josh.ahlberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 8:59 AM
To: Edina Mail; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; jonibennett12@comcast.net
Subject: 5612 Tracy Ave. Subdivision

City Council Members,

I am writing you to thank you for voting against the subdivision at 5612 Tracy Ave. I very much appreciate your efforts to maintain the look, feel, property value, and standard of quality in the neighborhood that make it so great. Splitting lots and making way for more homes is not a good strategy for the community, and doing so sets a dangerous precedent for others in the area to follow suit.

Thanks for looking out for your constituents.

- Joshua M. Ahlberg
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Edina, MN 55436
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From: wynjohn@municipalenergyconsultants.com
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 9:05 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Private Funding For Your City's Energy Efficiency Projects (LED Conversions/Retrofits)
Attachments: MEC Profile.pdf

To The Honorable Mayor Hovland and Members of the City Council:

I was conducting certain research for my firm, and I noticed that your city is in the process of converting its current lighting system to LED's--- a very wise decision. Further, I understand that your city is also researching available sources of funding for such projects. This brings me to the purpose of this email. I am writing to encourage your city to consider private funding sources, particularly if your city has certain unfunded LED upgrade projects planned for the near future.

As I am sure you are aware, office and exterior lighting generally accounts for the greatest percentage of your city's monthly expenditures for electricity--- perhaps as much as 65% (including street lights). Incandescent lights and certain "old-style" fluorescent lights, which are largely inefficient and out-of-date, are the primary reason for these high energy costs. Based on our research, I understand that your city has already begun at least one LED retrofit project. Cities across America--- big and small--- are all coming to the same realization that LED's are the best way to combat souring electrical bills.

The only drawback associated with LED's is the initial cost. This again brings me to the purpose of this email. **As stated above, Municipal Energy Consultants, LLC ("MEC"), in association with a group of private investors, has a program that will provide 100% funding to your municipality so that it may acquire and install LED's throughout all property owned and operated by your city/town.** With all of the "cheap" money currently available for such projects, we are certain we can structure a deal so that your municipality may realize substantial net savings from the first day following installation, "net savings" which may be used for other "worthwhile" projects.

MEC is one of America's premier, national consulting firms in the area of LED conversion/retrofits. Unlike other firms, we integrate and coordinate state-of-the-art engineering, finance and economic analysis to help our clients devise and implement a conversion/retrofit strategy that best fits its circumstances. In many cases, our clients may convert to LED's without incurring any cost, whatsoever. In certain exceptional cases, our clients actually realize a "net gain".

Some of the key features of our financing program:

- Up to ten (10) year financing;
- Low Interest rates (below municipal bond financing rates in many cases);
- 100% financing, including installation costs;
- Client may hire contractor to perform installation;
- No deposits, upfront fees or "hidden" expenses, whatsoever.

I have attached materials summarizing our firm's services. Please review them at your convenience. In addition, please visit our website at www.municipalenergyconsultants.com.

I will be contacting you shortly to follow up this correspondence to ascertain whether there is any possibility that we may assist you in anyway. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please

contact us at your earliest convenience either by email or at (800) 611-1962. I hope we can be of service to your city.

Best regards,
Wyndell J. Wright
President and CEO

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October 20, 2013

City of Edina, MN
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Attn: Hon. James Hovland, Mayor, and Members of the City Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. As I am sure you are aware, office and exterior lighting generally account for the greatest percentage of a city's/private company's monthly budgeted expenses--- up to sixty-five percent (65%) in some cases. Incandescent lights and certain "old-style" fluorescent lights, which are largely inefficient and out-of-date, are the primary reasons for these disproportionately high costs. Likewise, I am sure you are aware that there is a new lighting technology, light emitting diode (or "LED") lighting technology, which can significantly lower these costs--- up to 80%, in certain instances.

2. LED technology is superior to incandescent and old-style fluorescent lighting in many respects. LED's have longer life spans (up to 25-30 years). They use significantly less electricity (up to 80%), are cheaper to maintain, and do not emit harmful ultraviolet/infrared radiation. Also, LED's are more environmentally sound as they create substantially less CO2 gas as compared to their incandescent counterparts. The only significant drawback associated with this new lighting technology is the initial cost. Most cities/private companies cannot absorb the high cost of LED conversion, particularly as these costs relate to street lights (municipalities only). Moreover, there is little or no funding at the state or federal level to assist cities/private companies in this regard.

3. Municipal Energy Consultants, LLC ("MEC") has access to a unique funding program so that cost is no longer an impediment to implementing this new technology. MEC, in association with a group of private investors, has a program that will assist cities/private companies to obtain 100%-funding for its LED upgrade so that it may acquire and install LED's throughout all its property, including all administrative office spaces and other facilities (i.e. police and fire stations, if any), garages, surface parking lots and all street lights. Moreover, this program provides funding on a long-term basis (usually up to 7-10 years), without regard to our clients' municipal bond rating, if applicable. This significantly reduces the monthly cost of implementing an LED conversion. Thus, our clients are able to pay for the upgrade using all or a portion of the savings realized during the term of the financing. Thereafter, one hundred percent (100%) of the savings inure to the benefit of our clients. In some instances, our clients are able to realize a positive cash flow position immediately following LED conversion.

4. Please note that MEC is not an LED light manufacturer; nor is it an electrical energy provider. Accordingly, MEC has no clear conflicts of interest with respect to our client's choices with respect to the implementation of this new technology. In some instances, a local energy provider may offer to fund LED upgrades, but will often withhold all or a significant portion of the energy savings associated with the upgrade. Additionally, LED light manufacturers will generally only offer their specific line of products, irrespective of whether their products best serve the needs of the client. MEC, on the other hand, offers its services, without any potential conflicts of interest whatsoever. For these reasons, MEC is the best choice with respect to assisting your cities/private companies in performing LED conversion.

Enclosed/attached with this correspondence is a company profile, a "bullet-point" summary of the MEC LED Conversion Financing Program and related articles. If you are interested in discussing these matters further, please contact us at (866) 870-6687. We look forward to working with you.

Best regards,
Wyndell J. Wright
President and CEO

COMPANY PROFILE

Introduction

Founded in 2007, Municipal Energy Consultants, LLC ("MEC") is one of America's premier municipal consulting firms. Our focus extends across two general practice areas---- federal gasoline excise tax recovery, and LED conversions.

Federal Gasoline Excise Tax Recovery

MEC assists small towns, cities and other municipalities to recover federal gasoline excise taxes from the U.S. Treasury. To the extent that certain municipalities purchase gasoline for their cars (i.e. police, fire, etc.) at retail, such municipalities are entitled to recover such excise taxes from the federal government. MEC is proud to provide its services in this area, strictly on a contingent basis, with its compensation being based on the amount of the excise tax actually recovered by its clients.

To date, MEC has assisted over 250 cities (across the U.S.) in this regard.

LED Conversion Services

Office, interior and exterior lighting generally account for the greatest percentage of a city's/private company's monthly budgeted expenses. As such, it behooves city officials and business managers to find cost effective ways of minimizing these costs.

Moreover, under the U.S. Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, major changes have been made to the energy policy of the U.S. that will have a profound effect on the availability of certain lighting fixtures and other appliances in the immediate future. Chief among these developments is the phase out of incandescent lights and "old-style" fluorescent lights, which are considered inefficient and largely out-of-date in favor of light emitting diode ("LED") technology¹.

LED technology is superior to incandescent, halogen and compact fluorescent lighting in many respects. LED's have longer life spans. They use less electricity (per unit of light produced), are cheaper to maintain, and do not emit harmful ultraviolet and infrared radiation. More importantly (from an environmental standpoint), LED's emit substantially less CO2 during their operation as compared to incandescent lights. The only drawback associated with this new lighting technology is the initial cost of LED conversion.

Among its many services in this area, MEC assists cities/private companies to obtain funding for energy efficiency upgrades so that cost is no longer an impediment to implementing this new technology. MEC, through its association with a group of private investors, has access to a program that will provide 100% funding to a city/company to acquire and install LED's throughout all property owned and operated by such city/company.

MEC is unique in the industry because we take a "one-stop-shop" approach to LED conversion. As such, MEC is one of the few national, full-service firms to offer comprehensive consulting services, integrating engineering, finance and economic analysis to all phases of the LED conversion process (i.e. design, planning, acquisition and installation). Because we assist cities/private companies obtain 100% financing for the conversions with which we are involved, our clients do not risk acquiring LED lights or fixtures that do not meet the highest performance standards². Accordingly, the products and services that we endorse are required (by our financiers) to last significantly longer than the term of the applicable financing---- i.e. 15-20 years, in most cases---- which far exceeds the warranty periods offered by most (if not all) manufacturers. For these and other reasons, MEC is the best choice with respect to assisting our clients in performing LED conversion.

¹ As of 2014, incandescent bulbs between 40 and 150 watts and certain old-style fluorescent bulbs will no longer be manufactured or sold in the U.S. Moreover, all end users will have to convert to LED (or similar high efficiency) lighting by 2020.

² There is a great deal of variance in the quality of LED bulbs currently on the market--- ranging from very poor (i.e. bulbs that have very limited life spans) to excellent (i.e. bulbs that can last up to 20 years or more).

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Wyndell J. Wright

President and CEO

Mr. Wright obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA in 1983 where he graduated Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa (*Southern California Epsilon Chapter*), with high honors in Economics, and as a Haynes Foundation Scholar (1982-83). Mr. Wright obtained his Juris Doctorate degree from Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA in 1986.

Prior to founding MEC, Mr. Wright practiced law in Los Angeles where his practice emphasized business transactions, entertainment, sports and corporate law. Additionally, Mr. Wright has substantial experience in the area of municipal finance where he sat second chair in several multi-million dollar financings to fund, inter alia, such things as energy efficiency upgrades, the modernization of transportation systems and improvements to telecommunications infrastructure. In addition to practicing law, Mr. Wright has achieved a strong reputation in consulting with large corporations, mid-size companies and start-ups to achieve cost containment and/or savings in all aspects of operations, including administration, expansion, and research and development.

Mr. Wright maintains strong business relationships with the world's largest investment banking firms and private hedge fund managers to insure that MEC's clients obtain long- term funding for their energy efficiency upgrades/conversions at the lowest rates available. Additionally, Mr. Wright maintains a broad technological database of the world's leading LED manufacturers--- big and small. This enables MEC to offer the best state-of-the-art lighting products and fixtures at competitive prices.

As the President and CEO of MEC, Mr. Wright closely supervises the staff to insure the highest standards of quality, integrity, service and responsiveness.

Rutherford P. Summerland

Executive Vice President- Operations

Mr. Summerland obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Vanderbilt University in 1968, with high honors. After serving four years in the U.S. Marines, he obtained a Juris Doctorate degree from Yale University in 1975. Prior to joining Municipal Energy Consultants, LLC, Mr. Summerland managed a real estate development firm in the southwest region of the U.S. for over thirty years. Mr. Summerland retired from the real estate industry in 2005. He joined MEC in 2008. Currently, he works with MEC largely on a consulting basis.

Marshall Walker III

Executive Vice President- Sales

Mr. Walker obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Hayward in 1979. Prior to joining Municipal Energy Consultants, LLC, Mr. Walker worked as the Urban Planner for the City of Richmond, California's Redevelopment Agency for over 30 years, during which time he concurrently held the title of President to the largest Service Employee Union (SEIU) in Northern California representing over 35,000 members.

Theodore "Ted" P. Leonard

Assistant Vice President and Sr. Analyst

Mr. Leonard obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from the University of Maryland, with honors in 1986. He went on to obtain a Masters in Business Administration from Tulane University in 1990. Mr. Leonard began his career working for the Internal Revenue Service from 1992 to 2006. He joined Municipal Energy Consultants, LLC in 2007.

Katherine P. Ross

Senior Analyst

Ms. Ross obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Literature from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1999. She worked for the City of Los Angeles in the business tax department where she was an auditor. She later left the City in 2005 to attend law school at University of Southern California, where she graduated with honors, in 2010. Ms. Ross is currently studying for the California bar. Ms. Ross joined Municipal Energy Consultants, LLC in 2008.

Maria T. Gonzalez

Senior Analyst

Ms. Gonzalez obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Arkansas in 1992. She worked for Lockheed Martin from 1996 to 2005 in the cost containment division. In 2005, Ms. Gonzalez started her own engineering and consulting firm, specializing in project management for small to medium sized private and governmental projects. Ms. Gonzalez joined Municipal Energy Consultants, LLC in 2009.

THE MEC LED CONVERSION FINANCING PROGRAM

Advantages of Program:

- **One hundred percent (100%) funding for capital improvement**, including acquisition and installation costs for all lighting in administrative and other facilities (i.e. police department, fire station, etc.), any garage, external parking and/or street lamps, if any, owned or operated by your city/town/private company;
- Up to ten (10) year term financing (in most cases), without regard to a client's municipal bond rating; up to seven (7) year term financing (in most cases) for private companies at an APR based upon credit rating³;
- Immediate savings on electrical bills (up to 80%) over the lifetime of the units, **which will significantly exceed the costs of acquisition and installation in most cases**;
- Client is entitled to receive direct federal and/or state rebates;
- **No negative fiscal impact upon the municipality**;
- No down-payments, upfront fees or out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Client;
- Client has right to choose any LED product, subject to restrictions⁴, and it may be installed by Client's own contractors, as part of the financing that we provide;
- **Create well-paying jobs for the local economy**;
- Client has taken major step toward becoming a "green" municipality/private company;
- MEC takes a "one-stop-shop" approach to LED conversion; as such, MEC is the only major national, full- service firm to offer comprehensive consulting services, integrating all phases of LED conversion, including but not limited to acquisition, design, planning, installation and finance;
- Because MEC assists its clients in obtaining 100% financing with respect to LED conversions, our clients do not risk acquiring LED lights or fixtures that do not meet the highest performance standards. Accordingly, the products and services we endorse are required (by our affiliated financiers) to last significantly longer than the term of the subject financing---- i.e. 15-20 years, in most cases---- which far exceeds the warranty periods offered by most (if not all) manufacturers; and
- No conflicts of interest exist with respect to MEC's implementation of our clients' LED conversion strategy. For example, some local energy providers will offer to provide funding for LED upgrades to their customers, but will often withhold all or a significant portion of the energy savings associated with the upgrade. Additionally, LED light manufacturers will generally only

³ By offering long-term financing (usually between 7-10 years), many clients actually realize positive cash flow immediately following the LED conversion.

⁴ All LED products must be financeable, which means that they must meet the highest performance standards (i.e. they must last for a significant period beyond the term of the secured financing).

offer their specific line of products, irrespective of whether their products best serve the needs of the client. MEC, as a consultant, operates in a manner that is free of such entanglements.

Advantages of LED technology:

- Significantly lower electricity consumption (ranging from 50% to 80%) from the first day following installation;
- Significantly longer lifetime (up to 30 years) depending on usage;
- Significantly less maintenance costs as LED's do not burn out as frequently as incandescent, halogen or high pressure sodium lamps;
- Greater range of colors for decorative lighting applications;
- Superior quality of light for external/street lights, thereby providing greater visibility and security to pedestrians at night;
- Significantly less heat associated with lighting fixture, reducing heat loads during summer months, thereby requiring less air conditioning;
- No toxic mercury contained in the LED bulb (as is the case with compact fluorescent lights and induction lights); and
- No harmful ultraviolet and infrared radiation;

Environmental Benefits:

- Significant reduction in the harmful emissions associated with incandescent and fluorescent lighting. For example, assuming the average light bulb is on for 10 hours a day, one 40-watt incandescent bulb will cause 196 pounds (89 kg) of CO₂ emission per year. The 6-watt LED equivalent will only cause 30 pounds (14 kg) of CO₂ over the same time span. **Therefore, a building's carbon footprint from lighting can be reduced by 85% by exchanging all incandescent bulbs with new LEDs.**

Lighting Fact Sheet

Incandescent and Fluorescent (including compact fluorescent) bulbs:

- Only 5%-10% of the electricity that passes through an incandescent bulb goes toward creating visible light. 90%-95% of the electricity goes toward creating heat.
- Only 20%-25% of the electricity that passes through a compact fluorescent bulb goes toward creating visible light. 75%-80% of the electricity goes toward creating heat.
- Incandescent bulbs result in the release of excess CO₂ into the atmosphere. Assuming that the average office building uses about sixty 40-watt incandescent bulbs for 10 hours a day, that office building creates the same CO₂ emissions as the average car travelling 12,000 miles per year.

- During the summer months, the extra heat created by incandescent and compact fluorescent bulbs results in the greater use of air conditioning, thereby further increasing electrical consumption associated with this source of lighting.
- Because all fluorescent bulbs (including compact fluorescent lights) contain toxic mercury (a hazardous substance), they require special handling for disposal. Failure to observe such special disposal instructions may result in the release of toxic mercury into the environment (i.e. the air or watercourses).

Light Emitting Diode (LED) bulbs:

- LED's are not electric lights; therefore, there is very little heat associated with creating the visible light that they create.
- Almost all of the energy is converted to visible light.
- Do not contain mercury; no special disposal required.

Deb Mangen

From: Shawna Wagoner <shawnamwagoner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 9:41 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 42nd street sidewalk

Edina City Staff,

As a homeowner in the Morningside neighborhood we strongly support the sidewalk on 42nd St. extending from Grimes to the western city boundary. Weber Park is a central foot traffic destination for young and old alike year round. Golden Years preschool, Calvin Christian School, ice skating rink, park, baseball fields, voting location, tennis courts, dog walking, access for runners and walkers to the wooded area along France. Also, given the limited left turns off of France Ave., 42nd street has heavy car traffic.

Sincerely,

Shawn & Shawna Wagoner
4113 Kipling Ave.

Deb Mangen

From: Todd McIntyre <todd.m.mcintyre@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 9:41 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Re: [Morningside Women's Athletic Club (WoMAC)] City staff is to proposing a 5' concrete sidewalk...

Jennifer

My wife forwarded on your email to me. We live on 42nd street at the corner with Oakdale.

I would definitely vote to extend the sidewalk to Oakdale or the end of city line. We get a lot of traffic on the road going through to Harriet or France and a lot of runners, bikers and kids walking to Weber park. Having a sidewalk would bring some peace of mind.

While I am at it. Is there anything that can be done to slow the traffic down. We live right by a stop sign and the amount of people running the sign drives me crazy. I would venture to say 1 in 10 folks do not even slow down for it. Many come into it very fast and just tap the breaks. I don't know if having an officer watch the corner or a speed bump, but it is dangerous and there are lots of kids around

Thanks

Todd

On Oct 20, 2013, at 11:25 AM, Carrie <carrie.l.mcintyre@gmail.com> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jennifer Janovy" <notification+kuwu7pjm@facebookmail.com>
Date: October 20, 2013, 9:34:55 AM EDT
To: "Morningside Women's Athletic Club (WoMAC)"
<MorningsideWAC@groups.facebook.com>
Subject: [Morningside Women's Athletic Club (WoMAC)] City staff is to proposing a 5' concrete sidewalk...
Reply-To: Reply to Comment
<g+41d6i5xu000000kwqk230033cieu0rud000zg47dy1nz2gw46@groups.facebook.com>

[Jennifer Janovy posted in Morningside Women's Athletic Club \(WoMAC\)](#)



Jennifer Janovy

8:34am Oct 20

City staff is to proposing a 5' concrete sidewalk on the north side of W. 42nd from France to Grimes and on the east side of Grimes from 42nd to Inglewood to be constructed in 2014. They've withdrawn a preliminary recommendation for a sidewalk on W. 42nd from Grimes to

Oakdale or city boundary. Transportation Commission (which I'm on) meets this Thursday and will discuss. If you support these sidewalks please let the city know by emailing mail@edinamn.gov. If you think the city should construct the sidewalk on W. 42nd between Grimes and Oakdale, which side of the street should it be on? Costs are covered by the city's pedestrian and cyclist safety fund. Thank you!



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Deb Mangen

From: Suzanne Rausch <suzanneraus@hotmai.com>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 5:36 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Parks & Recs

Hi James!

Can you please tell me who heads up the Edina Park & Rec department?

I think they do a terrible job and have very little to offer for children. We moved to Edina from Golden Valley, a smaller city with no open elementary schools. At the same time, Golden Valley has many beautiful playgrounds/parks with new equipment. There are so many parks there compared to Edina. I thought Edina was supposed to be the best city to live in Edina; I disagree. Golden Valley has nicer parks with nicer playground equipment. When I lived there I could walk to 4-5 different playgrounds. I live in Indian Hills now, there is not 1 park I can walk. Why doesn't the city buy up some of the land and build a nice playground?

Also - please take a few minutes and look at the website for St. Louis Park and Golden Valley. Again, Edina has little to offer and has a terrible website, however it is supposed to be such a good place to live. Both Golden Valley and St. Louis Park mail this information out to Residents - Edina doesn't.

Look at St. Louis Parks Website - It is fantastic - <http://www.stlouispark.org/rec-center.html>
Golden Valley is better than Edina too <http://www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/>

Who heads up the Park & Rec department and how come they are doing such a poor job compared to other cities?

Best Regards,

Suzanne

Deb Mangen

From: Jilene Framke <jileneframke@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 9:30 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Sidewalks morningside

I am thankful to hear we will have sidewalks in 2014 in 42 nd between France and Grimes. I am hopeful the sidewalk will extend to oakdale. Makes no difference to me what side they are on.
Thank you. Jilene framke

Deb Mangen

From: Jeanne.StPierre <Jeanne.StPierre@target.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 8:37 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 5612 Tracy

Thank you. We agree with the city council's decision to deny the preliminary approval plat with lot width and lot area variances for the property at 5612 Tracy Ave. The lot is too small to support two homes and the potential traffic two families could generate.

John and Jeanne St. Pierre
6005 Arbour Lane
Edina, MN 55436

Deb Mangen

From: Jeff Strate <bukumi@infionline.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 9:10 AM
To: Scott Neal; Ron Case; rgetschow@edenprairie.org
Cc: ntyra-lukens@edenprairie.org; Edina Mail; tschneider@eminnetonka.com; Ahmed Tharwat
Subject: Today -

To: Scott Neal, Ron Case, Rick Getshow - Southwest Suburban Cable Commission Chair and Members
Cc: Mayor Nancy Tyra-Lukens, Mayor Jim Hovland, Mayor Terry Schneider, Producer Ahmed Tharwat

Good morning,

Today's StarTribune has this story about the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission.

<http://www.startribune.com/local/west/228807981.html?page=2&c=y>

I look forward to the Southwest Suburban Cable Commission meeting later today. Coincidentally, Democratic Visions - the community access program that I produce, premiers a new edition on our Channel 15 at 9 p.m. on Sunday that includes a long segment on the Southwest Light Rail Transit project that features documentary footage of Mayors Nancy, Jim and Terry and a studio discussion with Jim. I am happy that we and the other access program from our five city group continue to produce and can contribute perspectives to important local issues that the regional media and community weeklies sometimes ignore for lack of resources or interest.

Sincerely,

Jeff Strate
Producer, Democratic Visions
952-949-8980

Deb Mangen

From: Steven J. Timmer <stimmer@planetlawyers.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 10:13 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Statement of principles re 54th Street
Attachments: Statement of principles re 54th Street.pdf

Please distribute this email with the attached pdf, which I transmit on behalf of a group of neighbors on 54th Street, to the Mayor, members of the City Council, the City Manager, the City Engineer and Assistant Engineer, the Traffic Engineer, and members of the Transportation Commission.

Thank you, Steve Timmer
5348 Oaklawn Avenue
stimmer@planetlawyers.com

The 54th Street neighbors' principles and design

A group of neighbors who live along 54th Street, and therefore spend more time there than any other residents of the city or passers-through, has come to its own conclusions about the approach that should be taken in the redesign of the street. This statement was prepared based on our own discussions among ourselves, and input from others in the neighborhood. We believe it meets the city's goals, too.

- *A guiding principle of our discussions is the preservation of 54th Street as part of the South Harriet Park neighborhood, a unique neighborhood in Edina – and a rather desirable one – from changes that make it unrecognizable. Many of the more aggressive ideas of the engineering department would do that, making it an ugly urban slash right through the neighborhood.*
- *Another guiding principle of ours is to keep the total footprint of the project to a minimum, to minimize the disruption to residents, to preserve old and majestic trees, to keep traffic speeds down, and also to minimize the thermal and sediment load to Minnehaha Creek. We believe that can be done in the existing road footprint.*

Here is a discussion of specifics, based on these principles:

- Regarding design specifics, the project could – and should, in our view – be placed in the existing 32' footprint for the *west side* of the project. Here's how: .5' curb + two 13' "share the road" lanes + .5' curb + 1' concrete "boulevard" or "rumble strip" + 4' sidewalk = 32'.
- For the *east side* of the project, the same design and aesthetic consideration apply (including the two "share the road lanes" with no striped bike lanes) but with on-street parking as shown in scenario 1 and 2 in the preliminary drawings shown at the open house September 30th. Consideration should be given to adding periodic landscaped "bump outs" to calm traffic. (Parking on the east side is valuable to parishioners at the church and will, many of us hope, alleviate the need for the destruction of the flood plain forest behind the church for additional parking.)
- We look to West 44th Street west of Browndale Avenue as a model. This is a primary bicycle route because it crosses Highway 100 – 54th Street is a secondary route – and it has 20% more traffic than 54th Street in recent counts. It is a street with shared bicycle and traffic lanes, no center stripe, a single sidewalk with a one foot aggregate "boulevard," and neighborhood-appropriate signage. It is narrower than either of the designs proposed by engineering for the west side of the project.
- We think this project, and others like it around the city in the neighborhoods, should be designed by a landscape architect, with engineering following up to implement the design. We believe the current regime of holding a chaotic listening session, followed by an on-line questionnaire with small spaces for response, is entirely inadequate for anyone to begin a design that is truly reflective of what citizens want.

- If the footprint of the project on the west side must be widened, it ought to be done equally to keep the entire footprint centered in the right of way.
- The street must not be urbanized with bus alighting pads and bike racks.
- The speed limit on the street should be reduced to 25 mph.
- We'd favor the light posts shown at the 30th of September open house, with lights shining down to minimize light pollution, only if the lights would be removed from the utility poles as a result.
- Regarding the bridge, we'd like it as small and aesthetically "light" as possible, with stone being a major surface material. There should be no "wings" on either the upstream or downstream side of the bridge that would contribute to a massive and unattractive appearance. The bridge should sit as lightly possible over Minnehaha Creek, a major natural amenity to the neighborhood and the entire city.
- The bridge ought to have walk ways on both sides to accommodate people who want to look at the creek from both upstream and downstream side.
- There should be no portage under the bridge and no changes to the hydrology of the creek. A portage should avoid concrete landings or piers, and an effort made to keep the area as natural as possible; it is not a water park. The stop sign should remain at Minnehaha Avenue and 54th Street to, *inter alia*, help slow traffic, make pedestrian crossing safer, and facilitate portaging around the "rapids."
- The adequacy of the storm water runoff plans as disclosed on September 30th ought to be re-examined carefully as to adequacy, especially if additional impervious surfaces are considered, as well as consideration given to the removal of the concrete approaches to the upstream side of the bridge and their replacement with natural materials and vegetation for filtration and cooling of runoff.

We respectfully ask Public Works, the City Manager, the Transportation Commission, and the City Council to consider what we propose.

/sjt

Deb Mangen

From: Libby Cecchi <libby@doodledee.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 1:34 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: I support Morningside sidewalks

Hi there -

I am fully in support of the sidewalks you are proposing:

- a 5' concrete sidewalk on the north side of W. 42nd from France to Grimes
- one on the east side of Grimes from 42nd to Inglewood

I would also like a sidewalk on W. 42nd from Grimes to Oakdale or city boundary but I have no opinion on which side of the street it should be on (both would be fantastic). If the sidewalk is only built on one side of the street, we should get some crosswalks to improve safety. Sidewalks are safer for pedestrians, their kids, and their dogs. Two more reasons I like sidewalks: they promote a healthy lifestyle because it encourages more walking, and they boost spontaneous neighbor-to-neighbor interactions - facilitating conversations and friendships. For both of the homes we have owned, having a sidewalk has been a top priority for all these reasons.

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From: Julie Pope Steele <jpopesteele@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 12:56 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: ETC: 42nd Street

ETC:

I am writing in regard to a proposed sidewalk on 42nd Street, west of Grimes Ave. As a resident of 42nd Street, I hope you have further researched the logic of positioning the sidewalk on the SOUTH side of 42nd Street.

-The south side connects to the existing sidewalks in Morningside neighborhood. There are no existing sidewalks on the north side.

-The south side has existing street lamps to light the sidewalks. There are no streetlamps on the north side.

-The south side is the direction of all but two blocks of Edina neighborhoods. Edina pedestrian and bicycle traffic comes from the south. St. Louis Park is to the north side.

-The sidewalk can easily be on the north side at Golden Years and eastward past the fields, while still being on the south side west of Grimes. There is a four-way stop and crosswalks at the intersection.

-A south side sidewalk would prevent the dangerous practice of children crossing 42nd Street from the south side, just to get to a sidewalk. Most intersections on 42nd Street do not have stop signs. Speeding is extremely common. Children crossing a street without stop signs will eventually lead to tragedy. They are better off just staying on the south side and walking on the grass.

-ADA regulations will be difficult (impossible?) to meet with a north sidewalk. The ramps at the intersections on the south side cross streets are across from curbed lawns on the north. Bicycles, strollers, or a wheelchair would have to be ridden down the ramp on the cross street, across 42nd Street traffic where there are no stop signs, then proceed in the street toward oncoming traffic in order to reach a ramp half a block away on the other side. You could expect strong resistance on this and possibly legal action.

Please take the steps necessary to research the safety a south side sidewalk allows. I believe a north sidewalk is honestly worse than no sidewalk, because we do not want children crossing 42nd Street at Kipling, Lynn, and Monterey, where cross traffic does not stop. I would ask children to ignore the sidewalk and just walk through the lawns or beside the curb on the south side.

Thank You,
Julie Steele

From: Sonja Martens <sonjamartens@usfamily.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 8:13 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: For Edina Transportation Commission

I am writing in regard to this afternoon's discussion about 42nd Street. We live on 42nd Street, two houses west of Grimes and Weber Park. We have lived here for about 16 years.

As you know, Weber Park serves as a hub and gathering place for this community. Families and children use the park constantly. In addition, there are summer programs there such as little league baseball and soccer that attract both children and traffic. The Golden Years Montessori school located at the corner of 42nd and Grimes increases the number of children coming to or from the park area in the neighborhood.

In the 16 years I have lived here, I have observed a steady increase in the usage of both the park and of 42nd Street. Every day I see small children on scooters or bikes riding along the side of the street while several cars go whizzing by, often in both directions at once. And that is just in front of my house. The vehicle traffic seems to increase in volume and speed yearly. In addition, there are people running, walking dogs (I walk my dogs and have to walk along 42nd street for at least a short way), biking or pushing strollers.

The neighborhood is conveniently located to several areas such as 44th and France, and more and more people (including me) like to walk to the co-op or Bruegger's or Trader Joe's. I would like to see the neighborhood remain a desirable place to live and function sustainably.

Given the increasing traffic and the number of children and people in the neighborhood that walk or bike, I think it is vital that a sidewalk be installed along 42nd Street. A safe path to and from the park and school, and along a main thoroughfare of the neighborhood, is important for safety reasons as well as making the neighborhood even more desirable. I would happily shovel and maintain a sidewalk to help make this happen.

As you deliberate today, please keep the long-term welfare of the neighborhood and its children in mind. In my opinion, that requires a sidewalk along 42nd Street.

Thank you for listening.

Sonja Martens
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Edina, MN 55416
(952) 928-0093

Deb Mangen

From: amburatti@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 10:30 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Thank You!

Hi Lynette-

Can you please forward this message to Mayor Hovland, Ann Swenson, Mary Brindel, Josh Sprague, and City Manager Scott Neal? Park & Rec staff should include Ann Kattreh, Eric Boettcher, and Susie Miller.

Thanks!

Ann

To the Mayor, Council Members, City Manager, and Park and Rec personnel,

Edina Soccer Club would like to say a big thank you for all your hard work and support for the Edina Dome and Pamela field improvement initiative. Over the last several years, the time and effort each of you have put in has helped, finally, to make this project a reality. Edina families are the big winners out of this. The Edina Dome will be beautiful and will provide a service that is desperately needed.

It took leadership to recognize the importance of the Dome to our community, and you have done your part to attend to the needs of our sports organizations and the kids and families who are impacted. Edina, again, is demonstrating its commitment to excellence.

Many, many thanks,

**Edina Soccer Club
Board of Directors**

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Deb Mangen

From: Cosgrove, William <Bill.Cosgrove@ndsu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 3:19 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Subdividing of the property at 5612 Tracy Ave.

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Please accept this email about the proposed subdividing of the property at 5612 Tracy Ave. in Edina. Thank you for voting against the proposed subdivision earlier, and I want to urge you to vote against it again when the developer presents another plan to subdivide the property.

Basically, the lot at 5612 Tracy Ave. is significantly smaller than all the properties on the other side of Tracy. If the 5612 property is considered acceptable to subdivide and build two houses on, it places most of the surrounding larger lots in jeopardy, too, and susceptible to being subdivided. I believe a city ordinance requires comparison with other properties within 500 feet and not just immediately adjacent properties. Virtually everyone within the surrounding neighborhood of 5612 Tracy could be considered open to subdivision if that smaller lot is allowed to subdivide. Would that be good for the neighborhood or the City of Edina?

I might add here that our nearby property at 6104 Tracy Ave. is also large and could likewise be considered ripe for subdividing if this precedent were allowed to proceed and become established. We don't want that and believe the same is true of our neighbors. I don't need to say that such unnecessary and undesirable changes would affect the unique nature of the City of Edina and our quality of life. Though we moved to Edina only relatively recently, it is our understanding that the long-term, continuing, and attentive work of Edina leaders and residents has kept the city's broad spaces, attractive lots, and family-friendly neighborhoods intact for many years while some other first-ring suburbs have experienced some compromising changes.

Thanks for your continuing attention to the thoughts and input of your fellow Edina residents.

Best regards,

Bill & Peggy Cosgrove

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Deb Mangen

From: Daniel Levine <daniel.levine@t4america.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 3:21 PM
To: Daniel Levine
Subject: U.S. DOT Secretary Anthony Foxx to Keynote T4's Launch Event Nov 19
Attachments: Nov 19 draft agenda.pdf



On behalf of Transportation for America, I would like to cordially invite you to participate in "**Local Economies, National Prosperity: Community leaders make the economic case for federal investment in transportation**" on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at Union Station's Columbus Club in Washington, D.C.

Capped off with a keynote speech by USDOT Secretary Anthony Foxx, this exciting event will highlight the strides that communities nationwide are taking to strengthen their economic competitiveness through smart transportation investments.

Come hear from a diverse array of business, elected and civic leaders as they call on Congress to support a robust federal transportation program that invests in bottom-up innovation in order to strengthen local economies.

Space is limited, but you can reserve your spot here: bit.ly/launcht4

The draft agenda for this event is attached. You may direct any questions you have to myself at daniel.levine@t4america.org or at (202) 955-5543x213.

Dan Levine | Policy Associate | Transportation for America
daniel.levine@t4america.org | (202) 955-5543 x213

Local Economies, National Prosperity

Community leaders make the economic case for federal investment in transportation

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Columbus Club, Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, D.C.

8:00AM-12:00PM	Registration
8:00AM-9:00AM	Continental Breakfast
8:30AM-8:45AM	Welcome/Introductions The Honorable John Robert Smith, former Mayor, Meridian, MS
8:45AM-9:45AM	What it takes for local economies to thrive – the role of smart transportation investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Lane Beattie, President and Chief Executive Officer, Salt Lake Chamber [<i>confirmed</i>] • Mary Leslie, President, Los Angeles Business Council [<i>confirmed</i>] • The Hon. Stuart Adams, State Senator, State of Utah [<i>invited</i>] • Will Schroeer, Director, Infrastructure for Economic Development, Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce, St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce [<i>confirmed</i>] • Gary Sasso, Chair, Transportation, Tampa Bay Partnership [<i>confirmed</i>]
9:45AM-10:00AM	Networking Break
10:00AM-11:00AM	Barriers to success – making the federal transportation program work for local communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: The Hon. Marc Morial, President and CEO, National Urban League; Former Mayor, New Orleans, Louisiana [<i>invited</i>] • The Hon. Ken Moore, Mayor, Franklin, Tennessee [<i>confirmed</i>] • The Hon. Mark Mallory, Mayor, Cincinnati, Ohio [<i>invited</i>] • Mike McKeever, Chief Executive Officer, Sacramento Area Council of Governments [<i>confirmed</i>]

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11:00AM-12:00PM	<p>Building bridges – the importance of diverse alliances and new partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Wade Henderson, President and CEO, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights [<i>confirmed</i>] • Dave Williams, Vice President, Transportation and Environment, Metro Atlanta Chamber [<i>confirmed</i>] • María Elena Durazo, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO [<i>confirmed</i>] • Anita Hairston, Associate Director, PolicyLink [<i>confirmed</i>]
12:00PM-12:30PM	<p>Transportation for America's Call to Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Corless, Director, Transportation for America
12:30PM-1:00PM	<p>Keynote Speaker Moving Forward: Federal Priorities Connecting State and Local Opportunities The Honorable Anthony Foxx, U.S. Secretary of Transportation [<i>confirmed</i>]</p>
1:00PM	<p>End of Meeting</p>

Deb Mangen

From: Cosgrove, William <Bill.Cosgrove@ndsu.edu>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 10:05 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Attn: Planning Commission

Dear Planning Commission Members,

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Deb Mangen

From: John Harvey <jharvey@isd.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2013 2:02 PM
To: Edina Mail; jjacobs1956@yahoo.com; tschneider@eminnetonka.com; allcouncil@edenprairie.org
Subject: Mayors
Attachments: Letter to our Mayors and city councils.pdf
Importance: High

I've attached an open letter which I hope you all will read and think about in the following days.

My Regards,

John Harvey

October 26th

Honorable Mayors : James Hovland,
Jeff Jacobs,
Terry Schneider,
Nancy Tyra-Lukens

Folks,

As a resident of the CIDNA neighborhood in Minneapolis near the proposed Kenilworth alignment for the SWLRT I'd like to address you and your respective City Councils.

As members of The Southwest LRT Corridor Management Committee you voted on October 2nd in favor of allowing both Freight and SWLRT to use the Kenilworth trail. The "solution" you voted for involved the digging of a shallow tunnel through the Kenilworth to house the SWLRT 's last leg into down town Minneapolis. All of you voted YES leaving your fellow Mayor RT Rybak as the SOLE dissenting vote.

I frankly am sad that your concerns are so parochial that, as long as you get what you want in each of your sections of the Light Rail then who cares that Minneapolis is ill served by the decision to run the SWLRT through a wooded area running through the Chain of

Lakes ,which is the crown Jewel of “The City of Lakes”, and not through high density areas within the City which could actually use the Light Rail.

You who represent Eden Prairie were concerned about both more use and natural protection that you forced a realignment to protect your back yard and enhance ridership. *“With more than 1,000 acres of developed parkland along with 120 miles of bike trails and 13 miles of nature trails, Eden Prairie offers a top-notch environment for anyone who loves the outdoors.”*

Saint Louis Park got what they wanted. No relocation of the Freight through the football field and up onto 15' tall berms through its neighborhoods. Do you think that we in Minneapolis thought that this was a great plan for Saint Louis Park. NO. We thought it was as outlandish and absurd as you did. But did you think of Us and what we would have to endure. I see no evidence of it.

I can't say that I'm knowledgeable about the problems faced by Minnetonka and Edina but I assume your problems were answered by the planners, so you're OK.

I guess we are all, in a larger sense NIMBI's. You've been successful in protecting and enhancing your back yards. We have, as of yet, not been so fortunate.

Here is the problem. There is no balance to this solution. This is a regional transit proposal and one which is part of an even larger plan for these counties. If Minneapolis is not as well served as the rest of you than not only are we the poorer for it but so are you.

You should have had foresight to say, *“Wait a Minute”* as

Mayor Rybak did. . *How does this make sense in total. Maybe our residents would like to go other places than to down town Minneapolis and the sports facilities. Maybe they'd like to enjoy Lakes Cedar, Calhoun and Harriett and other beautiful parts of Minneapolis. Maybe the people of Minneapolis would like to have the same convenience of use that we will have. Maybe they'd like to step out of their houses and catch the Light rail across town or out our way. It shouldn't be a Commuter Train serving office workers and condo Livers along the route. It should be part of a great Light rail system. A system encompassing many uses.*

Now that we have a 60 to 90 day cooling off period I respectfully request that you get involved in helping Minneapolis and, by extension, YOU find an alignment which works for the entire system. And, if that alignment is not found because no serious attempt is made, then I would hope that you'd be concerned enough to refuse Municipal Consent until there is a plan which makes this leg of the entire proposed transit system whole.

Thanks from a citizen,

John Harvey
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jharvey@isd.net

Deb Mangen

From: Denise Bouley <ready5332@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2013 11:21 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Hooten Cleaners

Edina City Council,

Please reconsider your decision regarding Hooten Cleaners, and eminent domain.

Sincerely,

Denise Bouley

Deb Mangen

From: Fromedinatoo@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2013 1:10 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Against subdividing 5612 Tracy

This property is too small to create two new houses on. I suspect if approved the next request will be to change the plan to two big houses crowded into the two too small properties.

Focus should be on current residents and their property value, not making money for developers.

Gary Mays

Deb Mangen

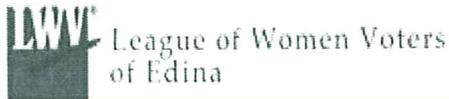
From: Suzanne Kerwin <skerwin@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 10:15 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: What's New with Edina Parks and Recreation? League of Women Voters Edina November Meeting

Please forward to the Mayor, Council and Board and Commission members,

Thank you,

Suzanne Kerwin

LWV Edina Board Member



What's New with Edina Parks and Recreation?

Saturday, November 9, from 9:45 – 11:30 AM, Edina City Hall

Speaker: Ann Kattreh, Director, Edina Parks and Recreation Department

Thursday, November 14, from 9:45 – 11:30 AM, Edina Senior Center

Speaker: Donna Tilsner, Recreation Supervisor, Senior Center

Ann Kattreh became director of Edina Parks and Recreation Department in December 2012. The Department oversees 40 parks and open space totaling more than 1,550 acres. It also operates 10 facilities which include the Edina Aquatic Center, Art Center, Braemar Arena, Braemar Golf Courses and Golf Dome, Centennial Lakes Park, Edinborough Park, Fred Richards Golf Course, Arnesan Acres Park and Edina Senior Center. Keeya Steel, Chair of Edina Park Board will introduce Ann and answer questions at the Saturday meeting.

Donna Tilsner is the new manager of the Edina Senior Center. Meet Donna at the Thursday meeting, tour the Senior Center and learn about current projects, facilities and programs.

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters Edina.

The League of Women Voters of Edina is a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

For more information, please visit www.lwvedina.org.



Connie Wilde
4413 Morningside Road
Edina, MN 55416

December 3, 2012

City of Edina Mayor
City of Edina Council Members
4801 W. 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Subject: 42nd Street Sidewalks / Morningside B Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction

Dear Esteemed City Leader,

I am writing today to express my support to the proposed sidewalk construction on 42nd Street in Morningside. We, like many Morningside residents, bought our home here in part because of the sidewalks. Our family loves walking the streets of our community.

Connecting streets with sidewalks benefit all community members. There is an enhanced sense of community through better connections to neighbors and businesses. Sidewalks encourage exercise and provide the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

There are safety benefits to connecting streets with sidewalks. Sidewalks separate pedestrians from motorists. Connecting streets offer easy and timely access for emergency vehicles. Crime is deterred when there is pedestrian traffic.

Additionally, connecting streets with sidewalks offer community members economic benefits. Home buyers are willing to pay more for homes in a walkable neighborhood. Property values rise fastest in pedestrian friendly areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Connie Wilde".

Connie Wilde

EFD:

- Kregness, Dr.

- Engen, Driver

#133606

EPD:

- T. Olson

- D. Verne

Margarette Lawson Hann

5615 Woodcrest Drive

Edina, MN 55424-1653

October 9, 2013

to the two policemen
and to the two paramedics
who came to our home on
Monday - October 7th after
my frantic call to 911 -
I thank you very - very
sincerely - I would not
have been able to handle the
situation alone.

We are deeply indebted
to you and we thank you
for your expertise and
understanding -

Margarette Hann

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and
Charley -

Mailing Address
2038 Ford Parkway #230
St. Paul, MN 55116
13 October 2013

Residence
7605 Edinborough Way #6214
Edina, MN 55435

The Honorable James Hovland, Mayor
4801 W. 50th St.
Edina, MN 55424



Re: Southwest Light Rail Transit (SW-LRT)

Dear Mayor Hovland,

With respect to you and your office.

The purpose of this letter is to express my displeasure with respect to the on-going saga surrounding the Southwest Light Rail Transit initiative. A bit of latitude to elaborate!

Generally in private industry when a new initiative is in development or a new product launched and due diligence for either indicates something is askew, the development or project is sunset. (e.g., The Ford Edsel, New Coke, Windows 95, etc.).

My observation in following the SW-LRT indicates a significant gap in the due diligence primarily focused on the Kenwood Corridor. As a result, poor decisions have been made and in attempts to rectify the situation, via a compromise, another poor decision will be made. As a result of this *faux pas*, citizens will be tagged with an estimated \$165 million price tag.

Let me be clear, I understand the need for big picture thinking and execution. Minneapolis would not be Minneapolis without the drive to build the milling industry. Ditto for the industries on the iron range, the agriculture industry across the state and one of the worlds finest medical centers (The Mayo). However, in this case, the tragedy will be that the *powers brokers* will make decisions to ram the SW-LRT through, despite the poor decision-making, despite the pending alienation of constituents and despite additional costs which considering forthcoming lawsuits, will increase.

At some point in the not too distant future, there will be celebrations when the SW-LRT opens. Perhaps I may be missing something, but it would be troubling to sleep at night having such a celebration, knowing how this unfolded.

I appreciate your time. Feedback welcome.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "LAE".

Lawrence A. Ellis
(ellis.lae@mac.com)

Travel ahead in time

*Rail~Volution 2014 Kickoff Event
November 14, 2013*

In September 2014, hundreds of visitors from across the country will converge in Minneapolis-St. Paul to attend the 2014 Rail~Volution conference. Please join us for a celebratory evening where you can learn how to get involved!

Rail~Volution is an annual conference bringing together the public, private and nonprofit sectors to collectively discuss how to build livable communities with transit.

It doesn't matter if you're an elected official, planner, developer, business leader, transit operator or community advocate – this conference has something to offer everyone.

November 14, 2013

5 – 6:30 p.m. *(brief presentation 5:30 p.m.)*

Union Depot

214 E. Fourth St.

St. Paul, MN 55101

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to LuAnne Major at 651-602-1758 or Luanne.Major@metc.state.mn.us.



Rail~Volution

**Building Livable Communities
with Transit**

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL 2014



October 17, 2013

Mayor James Hovland
City of Edina
4801 W. 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Metro Transit is in the early stages of creating a plan to guide the expansion of transit service in the region, particularly for the regular-route bus network. This long-term plan will identify service improvements that best meet local and regional transit goals and will prioritize investment opportunities when additional funding is available.

We invite you to attend a workshop to learn more about the process to develop the plan and to provide input into its content. These workshops will provide background on our transit planning approach, summarize feedback from recent public engagement efforts and allow participants to comment on broad themes and specific service suggestions. In addition, we will be asking for your assistance to help us reach out to the general public. Three identical workshops will be held:

Tuesday, Nov. 12

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Brookdale Library, Meeting Rooms ABC
6125 Shingle Creek Parkway
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
Served by Route 722
Brooklyn Center Transit Center

Wednesday, Nov. 13

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Union Depot
214 East 4th Street
St. Paul, MN 55101
Served by Routes 21, 54, 65

Thursday, Nov. 14

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Southdale Library, Full Meeting Room
7001 York Avenue South
Edina, MN 55443
Served by Routes 6, 537, 538

Please pick the one that is most convenient for you. Space is limited, so please RSVP by contacting Chelsey Armstrong at 612-349-7648 or at sjp@metrotransit.org.

A service of the Metropolitan Council

We are sending this invitation to only one contact at each city, county or organization, but there is no limit to the number of people from each group who can attend; please forward this information to others in your organization who are interested in transit issues.

Additional information about the project, including an online survey, will be available at metrotransit.org/sip in mid-November. If you are unable to join us but would still like to receive project updates, please let us know.

We look forward to working with you as we develop our plans for expanding the regular-route transit network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Levin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

John Levin
Director of Service Development

Deb Mangen

From: Superintendent <Superintendent@edinaschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 1:08 PM
To: Jim Hovland (jhovland@krausehovland.com); James Hovland; Melisa Franzen (sen.melisa.franzen@senate.mn); sarah.duevel@senate.mn; ronerhardt@gmail.com; Paul Rosenthal (Rep.paul.rosenthal@house.mn); rep.ron.erhardt@house.mn; Lily.Schultze@house.mn; Gina.Kunesh@house.mn
Cc: Hedberg, Brian (home); Cella, Cathy (home); Wallen-Friedman, Leny (home); Lonni Skrentner; Neville, Regina; Meyer, Randy (home); Patzloff, Sarah (home); Bauck, Margo M; Brott, Susan K; Buettner, Steve; Burke, Valerie; Dressen, Ric; Gardner, Robert J; Jackson, Gwen; Kodrich, Penny; Manderfeld, Mary; Russell, Beth; Sansted, Richard; Schmidt, Chad W; Smasal, Randy J; Bergman, Karen L; Dahlquist, Kari; Dockter, Jason; Dudley, Shawn; Hodne, Peter; Holden, Chris; Hollenbeck, Molly A.; Jensen, Craig; Johnson, Jenny; Locklear, Bruce; Lukaska, Gerry L; Nelson, Eric J; Stein, Troy
Subject: National Merit Scholars Reception, 11/18/13, 6pm
Attachments: NatlMerit-program.pdf

Date: October 30, 2013
To: Mayor Hovland, Senator Franzen, Representatives Erhardt and Rosenthal
cc: School Board, Lead Team, Admin Team
From: Ric Dressen, Superintendent
Re: National Merit Scholars Reception, 11/18/13

You are invited to attend a brief reception honoring Edina Public Schools' National Merit Scholars and their parents or guardians. A list of those students is attached. The reception will take place on **Monday, November 18, 2013**, from **6:00-7:00 p.m.**, at the **Edina Community Center Auditorium** (*enter via the Normandale Elementary north entrance*). Light refreshments will be served.

Please contact my assistant Sarah Schandle (952-848-4000; sarah.schandle@edinaschools.org) if you will be able to attend this reception, or if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

Ric Dressen, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Transportation Department
Public Works Facility
1600 Prairie Drive
Medina, MN 55340-5421

Phone: 612-596-0300
FAX: 612-321-3410

www.hennepin.us

October 30, 2013

Dear Resident:

Recently you received a letter from me inviting you to attend a neighborhood meeting to discuss a county proposal for the installation of temporary bumpouts along Xerxes Avenue between the Crosstown Highway and 60th Street. During the meeting those in attendance supported the proposed temporary bumpout installation.

At this point, the county proposes that temporary bumpouts be placed along Xerxes Avenue in November at the locations shown on the enclosed aerial photograph. It is proposed the temporary bumpouts be left in place through the winter into the spring. If we find the bumpouts are performing adequately, it is proposed permanent bumpouts be constructed in 2014 as part of a county overlay of Xerxes Avenue between the Crosstown Highway and Minnehaha Creek.

The temporary bumpouts will be configured as shown on the enclosed drawing and will be comprised of plastic delineators (see photograph enclosed) with a barricade placed inside the configuration to further improve visibility. In placing the bumpouts as shown we intend to keep motorists in a single lane to a point 170 feet north of the Crosstown Highway interchange. Southerly of this point we intend to develop two southbound lanes approaching the interchange. This will necessitate on street parking prohibition along 6124, 6128 and 6132 Xerxes Avenue in Edina. At the same time on street parking will be prohibited at 6125, 6129 and 6133 Xerxes Avenue in Minneapolis, while the current peak hour parking restrictions between 6125 and 6005 will be removed to allow unrestricted parking (please note the peak hour parking restrictions will remain in effect north of 6005).

This proposal has been approved by the Edina Transportation Commission and is scheduled for Edina City Council review on November 5. Council Member Betty Hodges has expressed support of the proposal, and Minneapolis staff has prepared necessary documentation to carry out the installation. If the Edina City Council supports the proposal, and Council Member Hodges does not receive objections from Minneapolis neighborhoods, the county will install the temporary bumpouts in November.

If you have any questions in regard to the information provided, you are invited to contact my office at 612-596-0307 or james.grube@hennepin.us.

Sincerely,

James N. Grube, P.E.
Director, Transportation Department and County Engineer

Enclosure

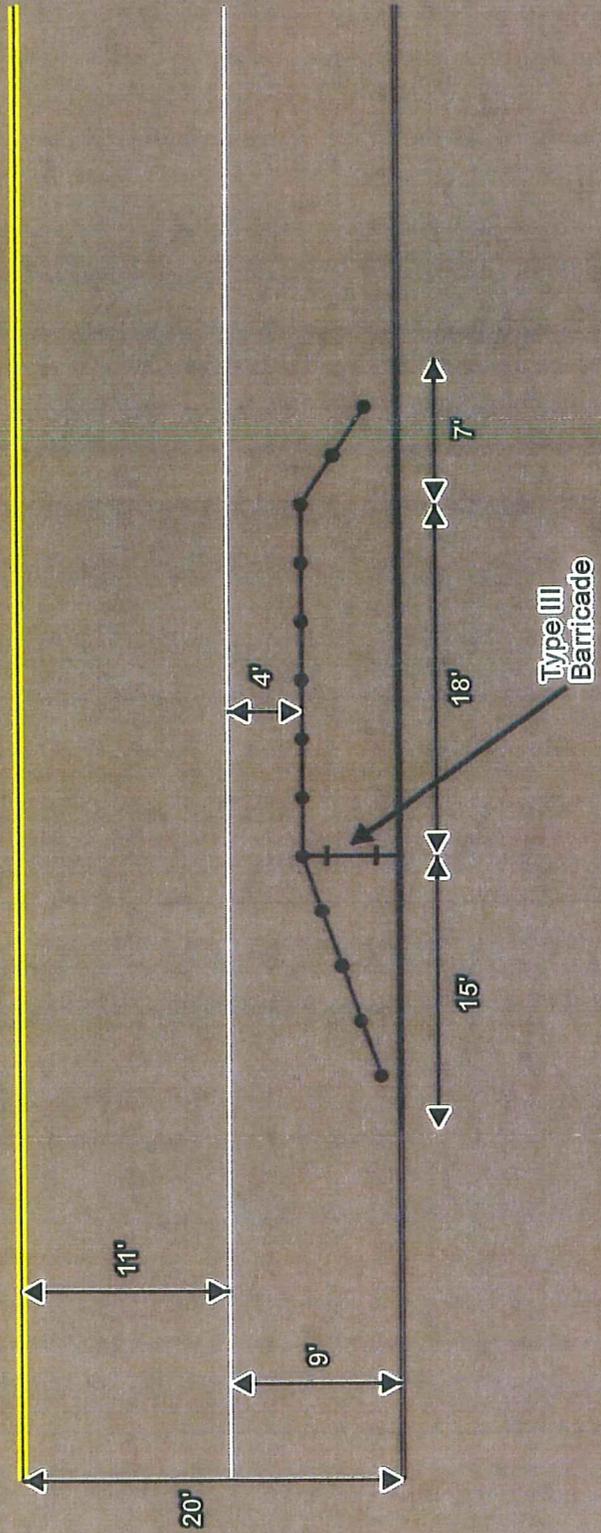
C: **Mayor Jim Hovland**
Council Member Joni Bennett
Gail Dorfman, Hennepin County Commissioner, District 3
Wayne Houle, City Engineer-Edina
Jon Wertjes, City of Minneapolis
Debra Brisk, Hennepin County
Greg Chock, Hennepin County

JNG/ca

XERXES AVE (CSAH 31) between: T.H. 62 & 60TH ST W - with Bumpouts

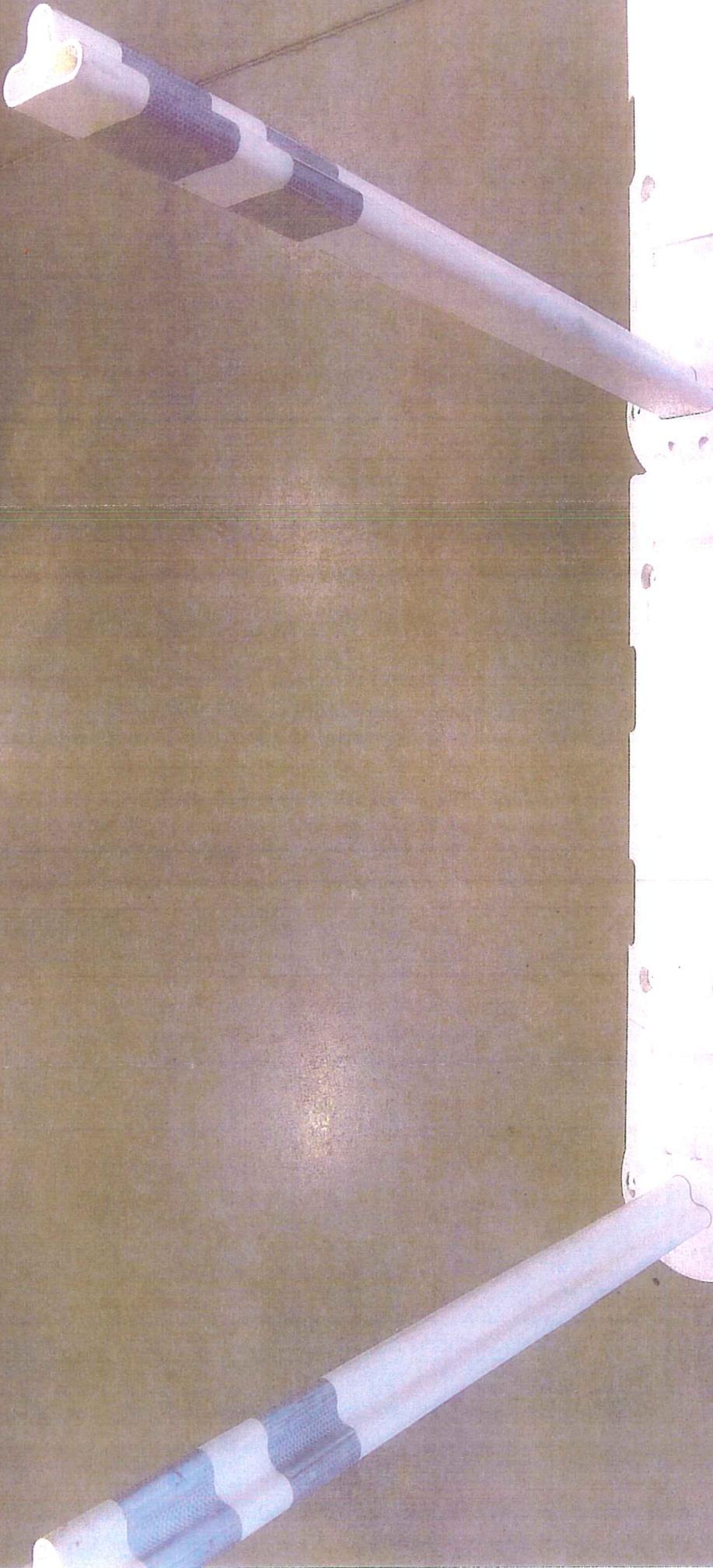


Xerxes Ave southbound



1 inch = 10 feet

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