



REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

To:	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	Agenda Item <u>Item No: VI.A.</u>
From:	Jack Sullivan, PE <i>JS</i> Assistant City Engineer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Information
Date:	January 17, 2012	
Subject: Public Hearing – Countryside Neighborhood Roadway Improvement BA-385, Resolution No. 2012-18.		

ACTION REQUESTED:

If the Council determines the project to be necessary, cost-effective, and feasible, Council shall adopt Resolution No. 2012-18 accepting the feasibility study and approving Countryside Neighborhood Roadway, Improvement No. BA-388, authorize plans and specifications to be completed and bids taken.

INFORMATION/BACKGROUND:

City staff initiated this project. The proposed project involves reconstructing the existing roadway, adding or replacing curb and gutter, replacement of the water services, and upgrades to the sanitary and storm sewer systems.

The overall project cost is estimated at \$1,433,723, which includes City owned utility repairs and replacement. Funding for the roadway cost will be from a special assessment of 100% of the roadway cost. All City owned utility repairs will be from the respective utility funds.

The Edina Transportation Commission (ETC) reviewed the Feasibility Study at a special meeting held on January 9, 2012. The ETC is recommending the addition of sidewalk as shown in Figure 3 of page 9 of 12 in the Feasibility Report. Staff has analyzed the feasibility of this sidewalk and determined that the assessable cost per REU would be approximately \$1700 due to the topography and site impacts. If the City Council would like to move forward with the sidewalk component Staff would recommend that the public hearing be continued until February 6, 2012 in order to give proper notice due to the sidewalk not being included in the public hearing notice.

Staff. has analyzed the project and feels that the project is necessary, cost-effective, and feasible from an engineering standpoint.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2012-18

Feasibility Study: BA-385

Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2012 and ETC Advisory Communication

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-18
RECEIVING FEASIBILITY STUDY
AND ORDERING IMPROVEMENT FOR
COUNTRYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENT NO. BA-385**

WHEREAS, a resolution of the city council, adopted the 20th day of December, 2011, fixed a date for a council hearing on Improvement No. BA-385, the proposed improvement of Countryside Neighborhood Street Reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, ten days' mailed notice and two weeks' published notice of the hearing was given, and the hearing was held thereon on the 17th day of January, 2012, at which all persons desiring to be heard were given an opportunity to be heard thereon; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDINA, MINNESOTA:

1. Such improvement is necessary, cost-effective, and feasible to update aging infrastructure.
2. Such improvement is hereby ordered.
3. The city engineer is hereby designated as the engineer for this improvement. The engineer shall prepare plans and specifications for the making of such improvement.
4. The city council declares its official intent to reimburse itself for the costs of the improvement from the proceeds of tax exempt bonds.

Dated: January 17, 2012

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 17, 2012, and as recorded in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting.

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

City Clerk



FEASIBILITY STUDY

COUNTRYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

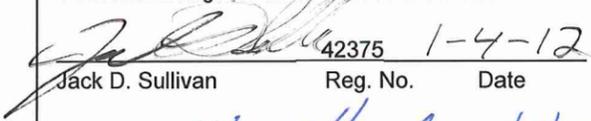
Crescent Drive, Crescent Lane, Highland Road,
Hillside Road, Hunter Street, Ridgeway Road and
Westridge Boulevard

IMPROVEMENT NO. BA-385

January 17, 2012

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
CITY OF EDINA**

I hereby certify that this feasibility study was prepared by me or
under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Registered
Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Minnesota.


Jack D. Sullivan 42375 1-4-12
Reg. No. Date

Approved 
Wayne D. Houle, PE 1/4/12
Date
Director of Public Works/City Engineer



FEASIBILITY STUDY – BA 385
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
CITY OF EDINA

COUTRYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS
JANUARY 17, 2012

LOCATION: The Project includes Crescent Drive, Crescent Lane, Highland Road, Hillside Road, Hunter Street, Ridgeway Road and Westridge Boulevard. The drawing below is a detailed project location map of the Countryside Neighborhood Roadway Improvements (Figure 1).

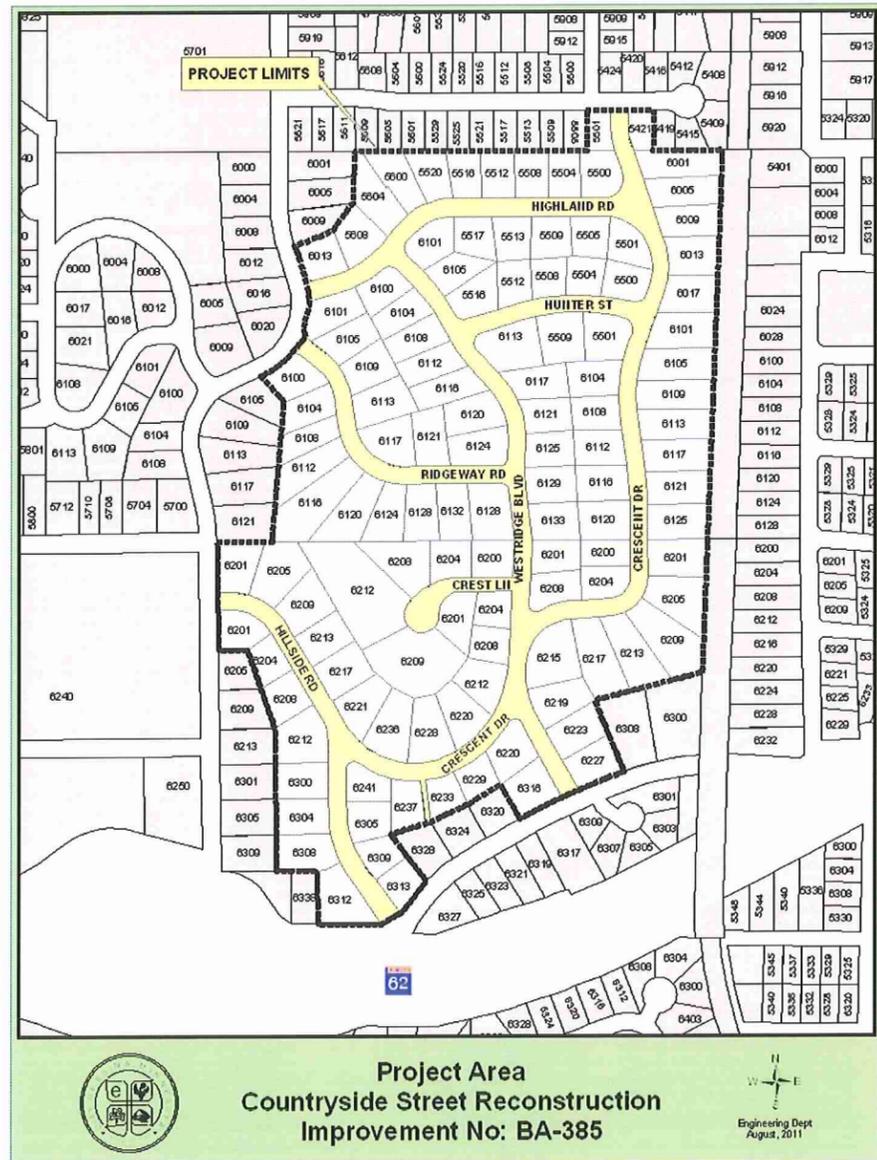


Figure 1. Project Area Map

INITIATION & ISSUES: The Countryside Neighborhood project was initiated by the Engineering Department as part of the City's street reconstruction program and as identified in the Capital Improvement Program. This project addresses updating aging infrastructure issues associated with the pavement condition, storm water, sanitary sewer and watermain systems.

All Engineering projects are reviewed for compatibility with the City of Edina 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update, Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan and the Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan.

City of Edina 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update

Sidewalk Facilities

Chapter 7 of the plan addresses locations of proposed sidewalks facilities and funding options within the City. As shown in Figure 7.10 of Appendix J there are no proposed sidewalk facilities indicated within the project limits.

Bicycle Facilities

Chapter 7 of the plan addresses locations of proposed bicycle facilities within the City as part of the Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan. As shown in Figure 7.11 of Appendix J there are no bicycle primary or secondary routes indicated within the project limits.

City of Edina Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan

The Countryside Neighborhood project is located within the Nine Mile Creek Watershed district. The Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan indicates two known or modeled storm water issues in the neighborhood. The area on Crescent Drive, between Highland Road and Hunter Street and the area near Valley View Road and Hillside Road will be evaluated for possible mitigation measures.

Staff Issues

The following are existing features and resident comments that present issues in determining the feasibility of the project and are addressed in this report:

- Surface rainwater drainage thru private yards
- Poor condition of existing pavement
- Existing landscaping, retaining walls, driveways, etc.
- Sanitary sewer and watermain deficiencies
- Existing mature trees
- Existing lighting
- Over-sized Intersections

Resident Input

As part of the Engineering Departments practice of notifying residents two years prior to a potential reconstruction project the residents were invited to an Open House on September 20, 2010 and again on September 13, 2011 to discuss the City's process for street reconstruction.

This meeting was followed up with a questionnaire sent to the property owners on October 4, 2011. The questionnaires were completed and

returned by 78 of the 120 property owners, a return rate of 65%. The full questionnaire and responses can be found in Appendix C and D.

The two key issues that were addressed in this questionnaire were the addition of new sidewalks and installation of decorative lighting. The responses to those questions are shown in Table 1.

COUNTRYSIDE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT –
 Results from October 4, 2011 Questionnaire Sheet

Questionnaires Sent	Questionnaires Returned	Prefer New Sidewalk		Change Existing Lighting	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
120	78	4	73	13	65
% of Returned Questionnaires	65%	5%*	94%*	17%*	83%*

* Percentages are based on responses of returned questionnaires and may not equal 100% if questions were not answered on questionnaire.

Table 1. Results from Questionnaire

A neighborhood informational meeting was then held on October 24, 2011 to discuss the improvements planned for this neighborhood. The meeting was attended by 20 residents representing 17 properties. Input from this meeting and comments received throughout the planning of this project have been included in Appendix G and K.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: Public Utilities

Sanitary Sewer

Historical records indicate there have been only a few sewer backups or blockages in the area. The trunk sanitary sewer system has been televised and has been evaluated for areas that will need repair.

Watermain

The existing watermain system consists of Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) with one stretch of 1 ½" copper that will be upgraded to a 6" watermain. The system has experienced relatively few breaks since being installed. The fire hydrants are original to the neighborhood and lack the newer STORZ nozzle fittings desired by the Edina Fire Department for quick connection of fire hoses.

Storm Sewer

The storm sewer system is located within the legal boundary of Nine Mile Creek Watershed. Resident questionnaires commented on a few locations of localized surface drainage issues that will be addressed where feasible with sump pump drain pipe. The larger street network of storm sewer is being reviewed with the help of BARR Engineering to determine if storm sewer upgrades are feasible since the two issues raised in the Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan stretch well beyond the practical limits of this project.

Private Utilities

Providers of privately owned gas, electric, communications and cable television utilities are present in the neighborhood. All the utilities are overhead with the exception of the gas lines and some of the communication.

Street lighting consists of standard "cobra head" lights mounted on wood poles that are typically located at intersections.

Streets

The majority of the roadways in this neighborhood were originally constructed in the early 1950's. The majority of the neighborhood currently does not have concrete curb and gutter and the roadway widths vary from 26 to 31 feet wide. The pavement condition varies throughout the neighborhood and is in relatively poor condition (Photos 1 & 2).

The average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for the City of Edina is 51 and the average PCI for Countryside as calculated in October 2011 is 18. Examples of the raveling and alligator cracking can be seen in photos 1 & 2. The City of Edina recently hired a consultant to evaluate all bituminous roadways within the City. The streets were graded based on a number of conditions such as sagging, alligator cracking, raveling and potholes. Streets are rated on a scale from 0 to 100; with 0 being extremely poor and 100 representing a brand new road surface. It is the City's practice to complete a total reconstruction of the streets when the PCI is less than 45, a Mill and Overlay project when the PCI is between 45 and 65, and Seal Coats for PCI greater than 65 and less than 95.

Street grades vary widely throughout the area with some areas that are extremely flat allowing storm runoff to collect along the edges of the roadway causing additional deterioration of the pavement.

The pavement throughout these streets appears to be near the end of its useful life while the costs to maintain and repair the roadways are steadily increasing. Overlaying or seal coating the pavement is no longer feasible.

Landscaping

Some properties have vegetation, hardscapes (such as boulders and retaining walls) or other landscaped items within the City right-of-way. Many of these landscape items are located directly behind the curb or around existing fire hydrants. Some of these landscape items will need to be removed in order to complete the necessary reconstruction work.



Photo 1. Existing Pavement Condition



Photo 2. Existing Pavement Condition

**PROPOSED
IMPROVEMENTS:**

The Countryside Neighborhood project involves rehabilitation of the sanitary sewer trunk line, upgrades to the storm sewer system, and upgrades to fire hydrants, construct new concrete curb and gutter, and reconstruction of bituminous pavement.

Public Utilities

Sanitary Sewer

The trunk sanitary sewer has been televised and based on our preliminary evaluation the trunk sanitary sewer will be upgraded by cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP). Staff is reviewing the feasibility of upsizing the segment of sanitary sewer on Hillside Road between Tracy Avenue and Valley View Road from the 9" diameter to 12" diameter to provide additional capacity.

Watermain

There is an undersized watermain on Hillside Road between Crescent Drive and Valley View Road that will be replaced with a new six inch watermain. The balance of the watermain will remain as is with the exception of the gate valves and fire hydrants that will be upgraded.

With the large number of teardowns and major remodeling project in the neighborhood, staff is recommending upsizing all the water services from three quarter inch to one inch to provide the recommended flows.

Storm Sewer

The addition of barrier style B618 concrete curb and gutter is proposed for all streets within the project that currently do not have curb and gutter.

The storm sewer network will have modifications to improve existing drainage issues at various locations throughout the neighborhood. Some of the existing structures will be removed and replaced due to their poor condition.

Installation of sump drains will be installed where feasible to allow the property owners to connect their sump pump discharges directly into the storm sewer system.

Private Utilities

The local gas utility company, CenterPoint Energy, has indicated that they may upgrade or replace gas mains within the project limits. CenterPoint Energy may also coordinate moving gas meters to the exterior of the homes. This work is not part of the City's project but will be coordinated to occur prior to our construction activities.

The other privately utility owners have expressed some interest in upgrading some of their networks within the project limits.

Streets

The City is recommending the addition of barrier style concrete curb and gutter on all streets within the project. The project will reconstruct the streets with a bituminous pavement surface. In addition to the new bituminous pavement surface staff is also recommending to tighten up the oversized intersections at:

- Crescent Drive and Hillside Road
- Crescent Drive and Westridge Boulevard (Southern intersection)
- Crescent Drive and Westridge Boulevard (Northern intersection)
- Crescent Drive and Highland Road

An example of one of the more substantial reductions in the intersection size is at Crescent Drive and Highland Road as shown in figure 2. The pavement at this particular intersection will be reduced from 15,810 square feet to 9,630 square feet. Reconfigurations of these intersection reduces storm water runoff, provides traffic calming and assignment of right-of-way.

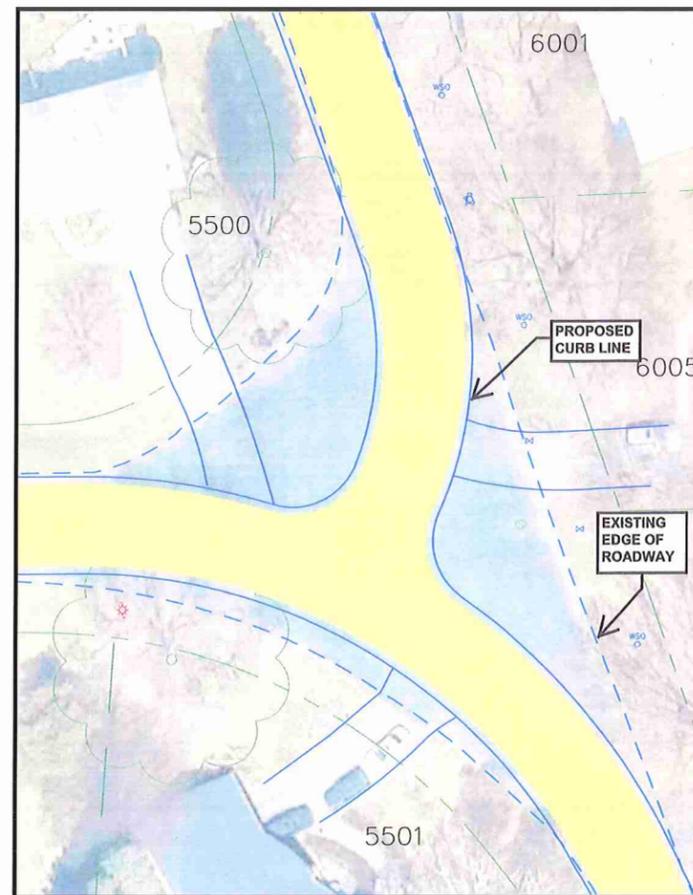


Figure 2. Intersection Detail at Crescent Dr and Highland Rd

The proposed design acknowledges and addresses many of the comments and concerns raised by residents throughout the information gathering process while still maintaining the desired minimum standards of the engineering and public works staff.

Residential Roadway Lighting

The questionnaire asked if residents wanted to reconstruct the street lights in the project area. The results from Table 1 show that property owners do not want to reconstruct the street lights. The lighting of the neighborhood is sufficient to delineate the intersections. Staff is not recommending making any revisions to the current street lighting.

Sidewalks

At the October 24, 2011 neighborhood informational meeting staff indicated to the residents that sidewalk within the neighborhood was not going to be recommended to Council.

The Edina Transportation Commission (ETC) reviewed the proposed reconstruction plan at their November 17, 2011 meeting. The ETC had an in depth discussion regarding the need for sidewalk in the neighborhood. The Countryside Neighborhood is within the 0.7 mile walking zone of Countryside School.

The Edina Transportation Commission (ETC) are recommending adding sidewalk along the following roadways as shown in Figure 3:

- along Westridge Boulevard and Highland Road from Valley View Road to Tracy Avenue to create a connection from areas east of the Canadian Pacific (CP) rail to Countryside Elementary School.
- along Crescent Drive and up Hillside Road to access Countryside Park.

The proposed ETC recommendation to construct sidewalk in the Countryside Neighborhood has not been communicated to the residents since the ETC meeting was held about a month after the Countryside Neighborhood Informational Meeting.

After gathering the input from the residents and the Edina Transportation Commission staff is not recommending the addition of sidewalk within this project based on not being identified as a location in the City of Edina 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update and the overwhelming negative neighborhood responses.

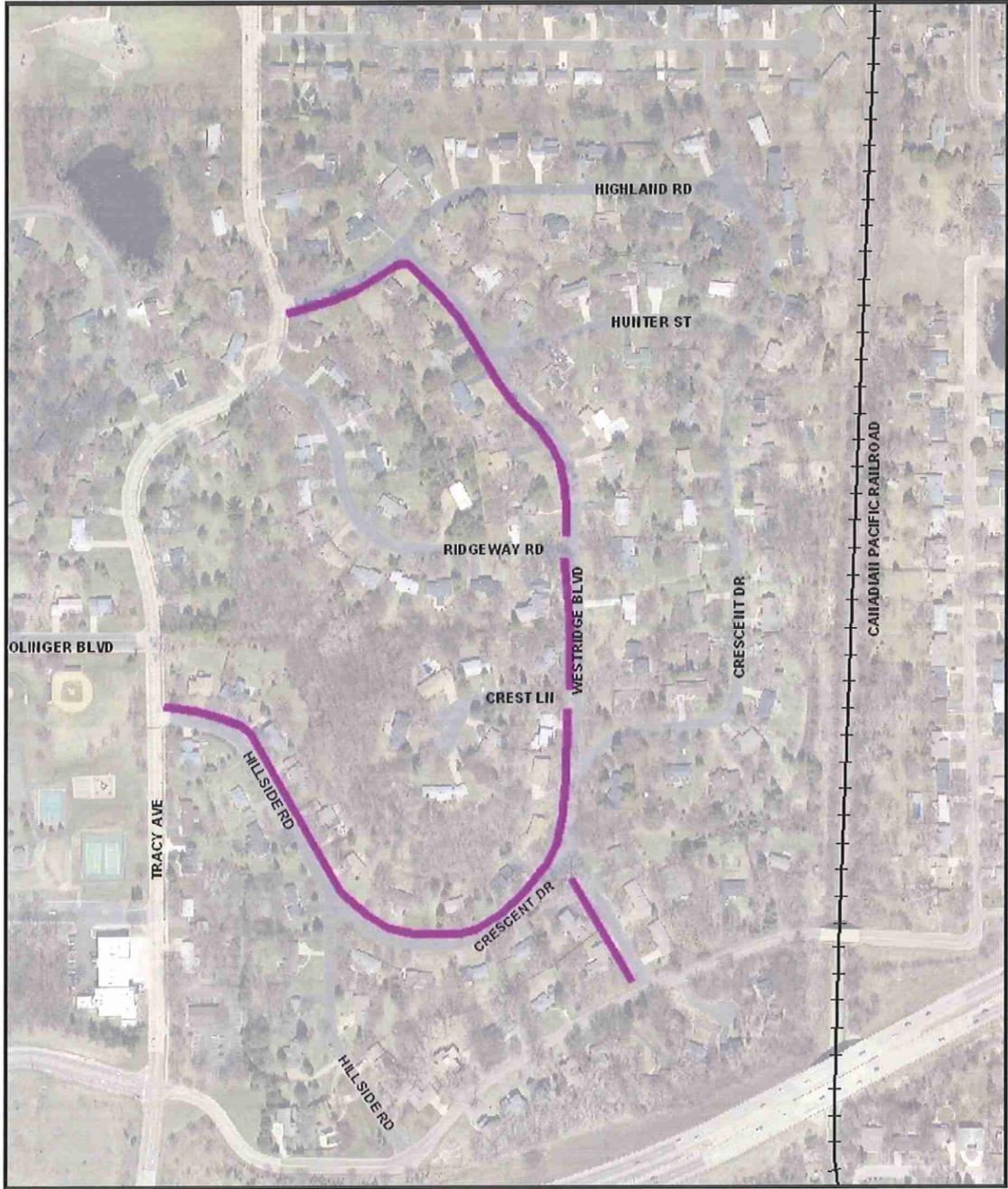


Figure 3. Sidewalk Proposed by Transportation Commission

**RIGHT-OF-WAY
 & EASEMENTS:**

The right-of-way for Crescent Drive, Crescent Lane, Highland Road, Hillside Road, Hunter Street, Ridgeway road and Westridge Boulevard is 60 feet wide. All proposed improvements stay within this right-of-way and no additional easement requirements are anticipated.

PROJECT COSTS:

The total estimated project cost is \$2,833,725 (Table 2). The total cost includes direct costs for engineering, clerical and construction finance costs from start of project to final assessment hearing. Funding for the entire project will be from a combination of special assessment and utility funds. The estimated roadway construction cost is \$1,433,725 and will be 100 percent funded by special assessments. The new concrete curb and gutter is included under the storm sewer fund not under the roadway special assessment. Utility improvements and repairs amount to \$1,400,000 and will be funded through the respective utility fund.

Item	Amount	Total Cost
Roadway:	\$1,433,725	
Roadway Total:		\$ 1,433,725
Utilities:		
Storm Sewer	\$ 530,000	
Watermain	\$ 470,000	
Sanitary Sewer	\$ 400,000	
Utility Total:		\$ 1,400,000
Total Project:		\$ 2,833,725

Table 2. Estimated Project Costs

ASSESSMENTS:

The assessments are based on the City's Special assessment policy, dated September 7, 2010. Based on this policy there are 116 residential equivalent units (REU); six of the properties are shown as a 1/3 REU's. The estimated assessment per REU is \$12,360. (Figure 4)

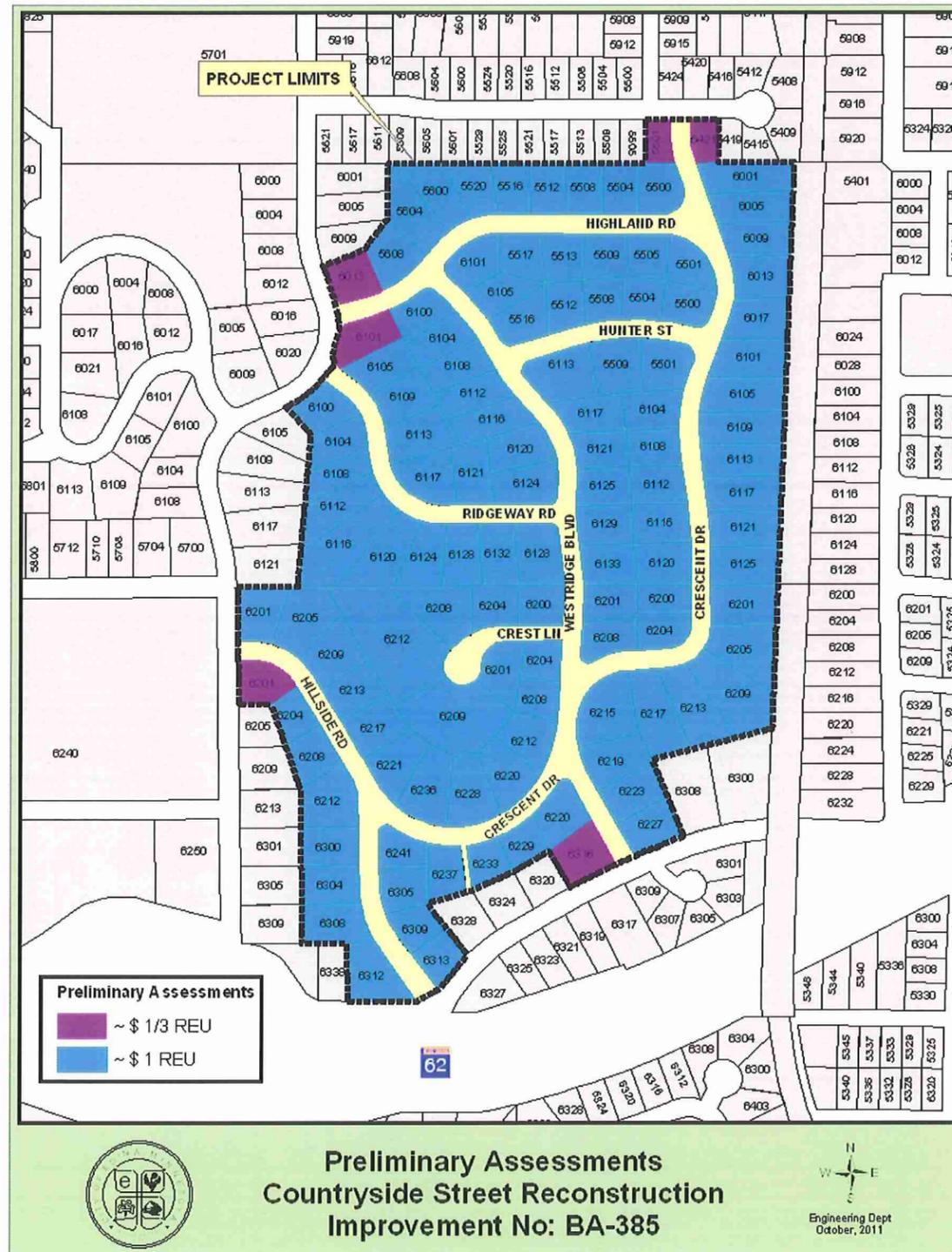


Figure 4. Preliminary Assessment Map

PROJECT SCHEDULE: The following schedule is feasible from an Engineering standpoint:

Project Open House 2010	September 20, 2010
Project Open House 2011	September 13, 2011
Neighborhood Informational Meeting	October 24, 2011
Council Orders Public Hearing	December 20, 2011
Receive Feasibility Report and Public Hearing	January 17, 2012
Bid Opening	March/April 2012
Award Contract	Spring 2011
Begin Construction	Spring 2012
Complete Construction	Fall 2012
Final Assessment Hearing	Fall 2013

FEASIBILITY: Staff believes the construction of this project is necessary, cost effective and feasible to improve the public infrastructure in the Countryside Neighborhood.

- APPENDIX:**
- A. 2010 Open House Meeting Letter and Presentation
 - B. 2011 Open House Meeting Letter and Presentation
 - C. Property Owners Questionnaire
 - D. Property Owners Questionnaire Results
 - E. Informational Meeting Letter
 - F. Information Meeting PowerPoint Presentation
 - G. Attendance List and Public Comment
 - H. Recommendation to Set Public Hearing, Notice of Public Hearing to residents and Notice of Public Hearing Advertisement
 - I. Preliminary Assessment Roll
 - J. City Comprehensive Plan Update – Sidewalk and Bicycle Facilities (Fig. 7.10 and 7.11)
 - K. Resident Correspondence
 - L. Edina Transportation Commission Review Data and Meeting Minutes

APPENDIX A

2010 Open House Meeting Letter and Presentation



City of Edina

September 7, 2010

RE: 2012 Street Reconstruction Projects

Dear Resident:

The City of Edina has initiated the process of roadway and utility improvements for the summer of 2012 for your neighborhood. The first step is to have an open house to familiarize you with the City's process for street reconstruction.

You are invited to attend an informational meeting on Monday, September 20, 7:00 p.m., at the new Public Works and Park Maintenance Facility, located at 7450 Metro Boulevard, see attached map on the back. The meeting will consist of a short presentation starting at 7:15 p.m. with question and answer to follow. The presentation will cover topics such as "How are streets selected for reconstruction; Who funds the project; Special Assessment; What can I expect during construction; How can I stay informed." The exact amount that you will be assessed for this project will not be available in time for the open house; however, based on past projects, you can expect the amount to be between \$8,000 to \$12,000.

To prepare for the meeting, please review the enclosed brochure "A Guide to Edina's Street Reconstruction Process". Also, for additional information on our Street Reconstruction process visit our website at <http://www.CityOfEdina.com/FutureProjects>.

Please contact Assistant City Engineer, Jack Sullivan if you have any questions or if you are unable to attend and would like more information on the process. Jack can be reached at jsullivan@ci.edina.mn.us or 952-826-0445.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne D. Houle".

Wayne D. Houle, P.E.
Director of Public Works
and City Engineer

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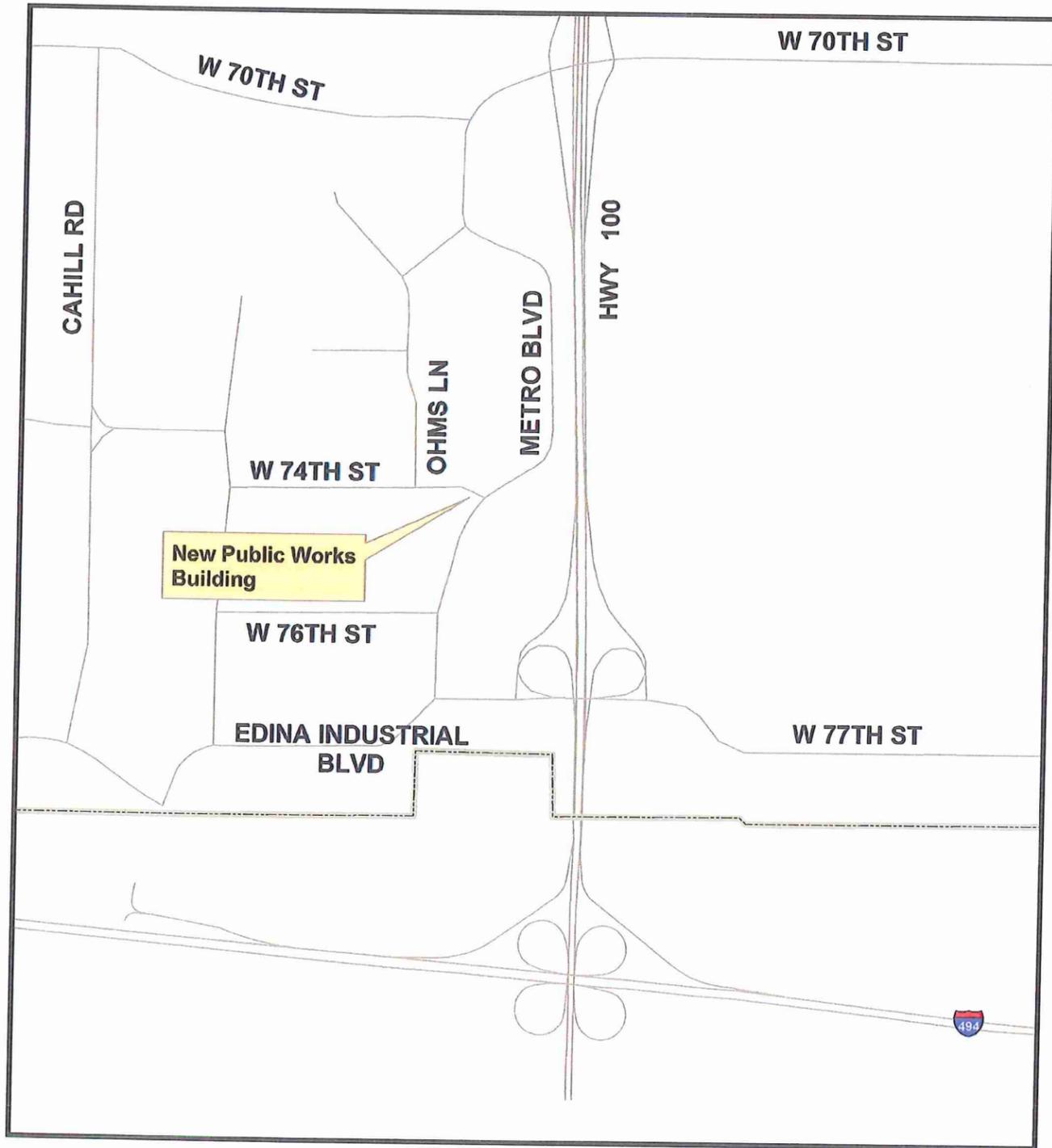
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OPEN HOUSE

for

Neighborhood Roadway Improvements 2011 and 2012

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AGENDA

Introductions

Road Reconstruction Video

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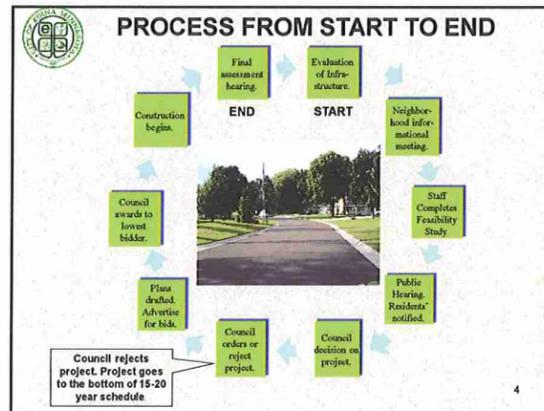
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TYPICAL TIMELINE

FROM FIRST NOTIFICATION TO END OF CONSTRUCTION

August	Kick-off informational letter to residents
Mid-September	Open House (for preceding two years)
Mid-October / November	Neighborhood informational meeting – detailed project plans and estimated cost are provided
December / January	Feasibility report and public hearing
January / February / March	Plan Preparation / Bidding
April / May	Construction starts
October / November	Construction finishes
Spring	Warranty work
Summer / Fall	Final Assessment Hearing

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FUNDING

Special Assessment pays 100% of the following (approximately \$8,000 to \$12,000 per Residential Equivalent Unit (REU)):

- Roadway – replacing entire roadbed
- Sidewalks
- Decorative Streetlights (optional)
- Traffic Management (optional)

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FUNDING

The **Utility Fund** which covers sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main pays 100% of the following:

- Curb & Gutter
- Sanitary Sewer – trunk pipe only in the roadway
- Storm Sewer – trunk pipe in roadway and in easement on private property
- Water main – trunk pipe in roadway up to the curb stop of private property
- Sump Pump Pipe – for residents to connect sump pumps

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WHAT DO YOUR TAXES PAY FOR?

The Portion of Your Property Tax that the City Receives

Entity	Percentage
City of Edina	20%
Other	80%

Allocation

- Police
- Fire
- Parks
- Public Works
 - Snowplowing
 - Pothole Repairs
 - Seal coating
 - Other Street Maintenance

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SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS – PAYMENT OPTIONS

A final special assessment hearing is held the fall after the project is completed (sometimes one year later).

- Pay entire amount by Nov 30
- Defer payment if over 65 yrs. old
- \$8,000 to \$12,000 Payable over 10 years
- Pay 25% min. Balance rolls to your property taxes
- Roll entire amount to your property taxes

Final assessment amounts are determined at that time, but cannot exceed 10% of pending assessment.

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COMMUNICATING WITH YOU

Our first contact with you is when we inform you of the informational meeting, followed by public hearings notification; open house; surveys; project plans and schedules; and construction update letters via regular mail. Our last communication to you is the notice of final special assessment hearing.

- Public hearings will be published in the *Edina Sun-Current*
- Questionnaires will be sent during the early planning stage to help staff formulate a decision in areas such as street lighting and style of street lighting.
- Weekly construction updates will be sent via the "City Extra" email. Stay in the loop by signing up for this free service.
- Letters may be delivered to inform you of time-sensitive events such as water shut-off the next morning.

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HOW CAN YOU GIVE INPUT AND STAY INFORMED?

- www.CityofEdina.com
Visit our website regularly. Information from open houses and other communications are archived on our website.
- edinamail@ci.edina.com
Drop us an email
- 952-826-0371
Call us; office hours are 7:00-3:30 p.m.
- Stop by the office
Public Works and Engineering Departments
7450 Metro Boulevard
- Schedule an appointment
952-826-0371

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RESIDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

The property owners questionnaire generally gathers information on the following topics:

- Sump Pump Discharge Service Line – do you have one and the location?
- Residential Roadway Lighting – do you want decorative street lights, style and pole location?
- Pedestrian Issues – what are the issues and do you favor sidewalk?
- Private Underground Utilities – do you have underground lawn irrigation and pet containment?
- Local Drainage Problems – have you noticed drainage issues in the neighborhood?

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BOULEVARD AREAS

Property owner items located within the City's right of way may be damaged during construction:

- Irrigation and pet containment systems will only be restored if indicated on the resident questionnaire.
- Prior to construction, residents will be given an opportunity to remove plantings and other landscape features in the boulevard.
- Boulevards will be restored with grass – regardless of previous planting or landscaping.

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 **WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION?**

- That the City will keep you informed of activities
- Private utility companies updating their systems prior to City's contractor
- Dusty, noisy, muddy (watering trucks will help to keep dust down)
- May be asked to limit water use
- May be connected to temporary water

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 **WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION?**

- Irrigation system and pet containment may be damaged
- May not be able to access your driveway for up to seven days
- May not be able to access the roadway for a few hours
- Contractor will accommodate special needs

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 **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREPARE FOR THE PROJECT?**

- Begin financial planning for the assessment
- Coordinate landscaping, driveway replacement and house remodeling projects with the reconstruction schedule
- Complete questionnaire to provide feedback
- Ask questions; inform staff of your concerns
- Sign-up for "City Extra" to receive updates via email notification

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THANK YOU

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APPENDIX B

2011 Open House Meeting Letter and Presentation



City of Edina

August 30, 2011

RE: 2012 Street Reconstruction Projects

Dear Resident:

Last fall you were notified that the City of Edina initiated the process of street and utility improvements for your neighborhood for the summer of 2012. At the same time you were also invited to an open house to learn more about the process.

Once again, you are invited to attend a similar open house on Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 p.m., at the Public Works and Park Maintenance Facility, located at 7450 Metro Boulevard.

The meeting will consist of a short presentation starting at 7:15 p.m. with question and answer to follow. The presentation will cover topics such as "How are streets selected for reconstruction; Who funds the project; Special assessment; What can I expect during construction; How can I stay informed." Please keep in mind that this meeting will not cover project specific details, that meeting will come at a later time.

The exact amount that you will be assessed for this project will not be available in time for the open house; however, based on past projects, you can expect the amount to be between \$6,000 to \$9,000.

For additional information on our street reconstruction process please see our brochure at <http://www.cityofedina.com/FutureProjects>.

To better communicate the overall happenings of the project, the City has introduced the City Extra e-mail notification service. This service is free and allows individuals to sign up to receive e-mail messages from the City on a variety of topics. To sign up for the service go to the City Extra website at <http://cityextra.cityofedina.com> and place a check mark in the box next to your neighborhood project name (**Countryside**). Please contact the City at 952-927-8861 if you are having trouble signing up for City Extra.

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If you cannot attend the open house and have questions on the process please contact either Assistant City Engineer Jack Sullivan at 952-826-0445 or email at jsullivan@ci.edina.mn.us or Project Manager Jamie Cynor at 952-826-0440 or email jcynor@ci.edina.mn.us.

Sincerely,



Wayne D. Houle, P.E.
Director of Public Works
and City Engineer

cc: City Council
Edina Transportation Commission

OPEN HOUSE

for

2012 Neighborhood Roadway Improvements

9/13/2011 1

WHY ARE WE HERE?

- For Engineering staff to communicate to residents the reconstruction process directed by Council
- Staff is not here to debate the process but rather to educate and to gather input from residents
- Council determines if a street reconstruction project proceeds

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FUNDING

Special Assessment pays 100% of the following (approximately \$6,000 to \$9,000 per Residential Equivalent Unit (REU)):

- Roadway – replacing entire roadbed
- Sidewalks
- Decorative Streetlights (optional)
- Traffic Management (optional)

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WHAT DO YOUR TAXES PAY FOR?

Allocation

- Police
- Fire
- Parks
- Public Works
 - Snowplowing
 - Pothole Repairs
 - Seal coating
 - Other Street Maintenance

The Portion of Your Property Tax that the City Receives

City of Edina 20%
Other 80%

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SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS – PAYMENT OPTIONS

A final special assessment hearing is held the fall after the project is completed (sometimes one year later).

- Pay entire amount by Nov 30
- Defer payment if over 65 yrs. old
- \$6,000 to \$9,000 Payable over 10 years
- Pay 25% min. Balance rolls to your property taxes
- Roll entire amount to your property taxes

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COMMUNICATING WITH YOU

Our first contact with you is when we inform you of the informational meeting, followed by public hearings notification; open house; surveys; project plans and schedules; and construction update letters via regular mail. Our last communication to you is the notice of final special assessment hearing.

Public hearings will be published in the *Edina Sun-Current*.

Questionnaires will be sent during the early planning stage to help staff formulate a decision in areas such as street lighting and style of street lighting.

Weekly construction updates will be sent via the "City Extra" email. Stay in the loop by signing up for this free service.

Letters may be delivered to inform you of time-sensitive events such as water shut-off the next morning.



HOW CAN YOU GIVE INPUT AND STAY INFORMED?

- www.CityofEdina.com
Visit our website regularly. Information from open houses and other communications are archived on our website.
- edlinamall@ci.edina.com
Drop us an email
- 952-826-0371
Call us; office hours are 7:00-3:30 p.m.
- Stop by the office
Public Works and Engineering Departments
7450 Metro Boulevard
- Schedule an appointment
952-826-0371



RESIDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

The property owners questionnaire generally gathers information on the following topics:

- Sump Pump Discharge Service Line – do you have one and the location?
- Residential Roadway Lighting – do you want decorative street lights, style and pole location?
- Pedestrian Issues – what are the issues and do you favor sidewalk?
- Private Underground Utilities – do you have underground lawn irrigation and pet containment?
- Local Drainage Problems – have you noticed drainage issues in the neighborhood?



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WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION?

- That the City will keep you informed of activities
- Private utility companies updating their systems prior to City's contractor
- Dusty, noisy, muddy (watering trucks will help to keep dust down)
- May be asked to limit water use



WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION?

- Irrigation system and pet containment may be damaged. The irrigation system will not be fixed until the end of the project.
- Prior to construction, residents will be given an opportunity to remove plantings and other landscape features in the boulevard.
- Boulevards will be restored with grass – regardless of previous planting or landscaping.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION?

- May be connected to temporary water



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WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION?

- May not be able to access your driveway for up to seven days



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WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION?

- May not be able to access the roadway for a few hours. Some days it may not be accessible by vehicle. Contractor will accommodate special needs.



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WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREPARE FOR THE PROJECT?

- Begin financial planning for the assessment
- Coordinate landscaping, driveway replacement and house remodeling projects with the reconstruction schedule
- Complete questionnaire to provide feedback
- Ask questions; inform staff of your concerns
- Sign-up for "City Extra" to receive updates via email notification

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THANK YOU

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APPENDIX C
Property Owners
Questionnaire



October 4, 2011

City of Edina

RE: 2012 Countryside Improvements – Resident Questionnaire

Dear Resident:

The City of Edina has initiated the process of roadway and utility improvements for the summer of 2012 for your neighborhood. The first step was to hold an open house on September 13, for you to become familiar with the process.

Things to know and consider:

- Residents pay a portion of the overall project cost in the form of a special assessment. A typical special assessment ranges from \$6,000 to \$9,000 per Residential Equivalent Unit (REU) or, per property, and is payable over 10 years. The estimated special assessment for your neighborhood will not be determined until after information has been gathered from the questionnaires and a feasibility report is completed. You will not be billed for the special assessment until fall 2013.
- Components of a project vary and are based on questionnaire responses. The special assessment typically includes cost of new roadway, sidewalk and streetlights. Other utility upgrades such as water main, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and concrete curb and gutter are funded through the utility fund and are not special assessed.
- Construction typically starts in spring/early summer and end in late fall of the same year.

The next step is to get feedback from you regarding a number of key components of the project. The information you share with us is essential in determining certain aspects of the project that may be constructed. This information will be discussed at the project informational meeting scheduled for October 24.

The following information explains the questionnaire that is enclosed. A map showing the boundaries of the area to be reconstructed is attached to the back of this letter. After reading this letter completely, **please complete the questionnaire and return by October 18**, in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

I. Drainage Service Connection

Do you use a sump pump or have you considered installing one? Do you currently have a footing drain? The project could include a sump drain system along the roadway to collect groundwater, storm water runoff, and discharges from private sump pumps, roof drains or any other runoff from private property. If a sump drain system is installed you could connect to it; however, the line from your house to the City sump drain would be your responsibility, including any plumbing modifications needed to connect.

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A typical sump pump discharges onto a homeowner's lawn. This can cause problems with your lawn, your neighbor's lawn, your basement if your lawn drains back to your home or with the street if the sump pump constantly runs down the gutter line promoting algae growth. Discharging the sump pump into the sanitary sewer system using floor drains or laundry tubs is against the law, both by City Ordinance and State Statute.

If the topography and final street designs favor a City sump drain system we will need to know if you currently have a sump pump or a footing drain. The City sump drain system is funded through the storm sewer utility fund.

We also would like to know about any local drainage problems. This might be an opportunity for the sump drain system to correct these issues.

II. Local Drainage Problems

Does storm water run-off stand in the street or sidewalk in front of your house? As part of the storm sewer and sump drain design process, we would like to know if this or similar situations are occurring in your area. If so, please describe it in the local drainage problems section of the questionnaire. We will review for possible corrective action.

III. Private Underground Utilities

Some residents install private underground utilities in the City owned boulevards, also called the right-of-way (ROW). These utilities are usually lawn irrigation or pet containment systems. Utility and roadway reconstruction can damage these utilities. If they are damaged, they will be restored only if you indicate that you have these systems on your returned questionnaire in the private underground utilities section. Additionally, if the contractor knows the location of these private utilities, they can attempt to avoid damaging them during construction.

IV. Residential Streetlights

As part of all reconstruction projects, staff typically asks if residents favor upgrading their streetlight system. In some cases, the streetlight system is at the end of its useful life and requires upgrading. We do not know yet the condition of your specific streetlight system; an evaluation will be done later on. Funding for streetlights are currently through special assessment. The typical cost is approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000 per REU or, per property.

In the residential streetlight option section of the questionnaire are examples of the different styles of streetlighting that could be installed in your neighborhood. Please rank your style preferences. Please note that ranking your style preferences does not mean you are in favor of streetlights.

V. Pedestrian Issues

As part of all reconstruction projects, staff typically asks if residents see a need to add sidewalks in the neighborhood. Funding for sidewalks is split between special assessment, City of Edina and the Edina School District (if the sidewalk falls within a school walking zone). The typical cost to add a couple blocks of sidewalks to a multi-block area is \$300-\$600 per REU or, per property.

If you know of a problem at a pedestrian crossing, missing sidewalk or other pedestrian issues please tell us about it in that section of the questionnaire.

VI. Traffic Management

The Edina Transportation Commission typically reviews traffic issues on local streets. We would like to know if you feel that your roadway has any traffic issues. Please tell us about it in the traffic management section of the questionnaire.

Receive Project Updates via City Extra

If you sign up for our "City Extra" e-mail notification service, you will receive project updates as they occur. During feasibility study preparations, such updates are usually notifications of upcoming meetings. Later, if the Council chooses to proceed with construction of this project, the updates will occur weekly. During construction, the updates will include information such as when access to your driveway might be limited or when to have your contractor repair your private lawn irrigation system if it was damaged by construction activities.

The "City Extra" is our best form of communication with you. This service is free and allows individuals to sign up to receive e-mail messages from the City on a variety of topics. To sign up for the service go to the City Extra website at <http://cityextra.cityofedina.com> and place a check mark in the box next to this project's name, "**Countryside Street Reconstruction**". Please contact the City at 952-927-8861 if you are having trouble signing up for City Extra.

Questions

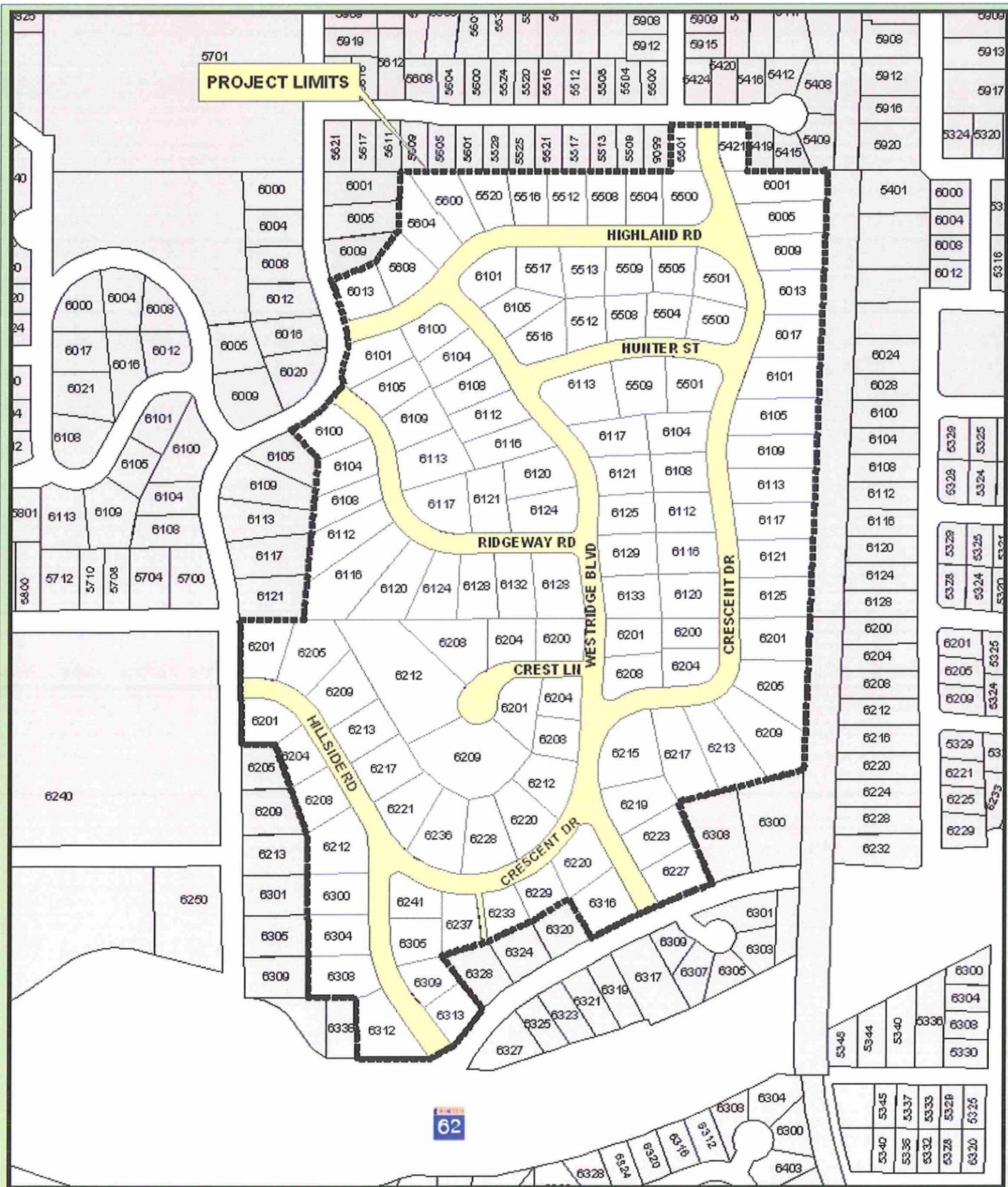
If you have questions after reading this letter, please contact either Assistant City Engineer Jack Sullivan at 952-826-0445 or email at jsullivan@ci.edina.mn.us or Project Manager Jamie Cynor at 952-826-0440 or email jcynor@ci.edina.mn.us.

Sincerely,



Jack D. Sullivan, PE
Assistant City Engineer

Enclosed: Property Owner's Questionnaire
Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope



Project Area
Countryside Street Reconstruction
Improvement No: BA-385



Engineering Dept
 August, 2011



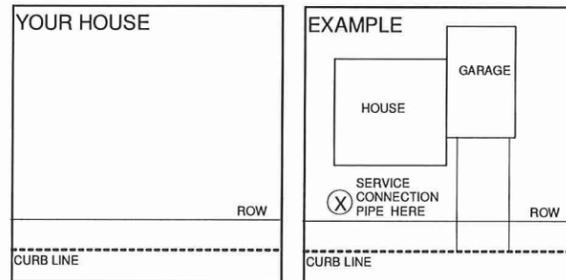
**PROPERTY OWNERS QUESTIONNAIRE
2012 COUNTRYSIDE
NEIGHBORHOOD ROADWAY AND
UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS
CITY OF EDINA**

Please do not answer these questions until after you have read the entire newsletter. Please complete and return this survey by **October 18**, using the self-addressed stamped-envelope.

I. Drainage Service Connection:

- A. Does your home have a drain tile/footing drain? Yes No Unknown
- B. Does your home have a sump pump? Yes No Unknown
- C. Would you be willing to connect your sump pump up to a City drain if provided (at your own cost)? Yes No
- D. Would you be willing to connect your roof drains up to a City drain if provided (at your own cost)? Yes No

Please sketch in the space to the right: your house, garage, driveway, sump pump discharge location and approximately where along the right-of-way (ROW) line you would like the service connection pipe located.



II. Local Drainage Problems – please list specific surface water drainage problems in your neighborhood:

III. Private Underground Utilities

- A. Do you have an underground lawn irrigation system in the City's right-of-way? (Typically the right-of-way is 10' to 15' behind the roadway.)
 Yes No
- B. Do you have an underground electric pet containment system in the City's right-of-way?
 Yes No

IV. Residential Streetlights:

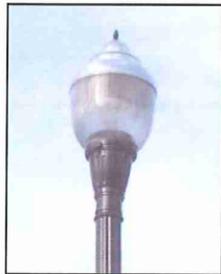
A. Do you favor upgrading your streetlights (there is a special assessment cost of approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000 per REU)?

Yes No

B. If the streetlights are upgraded, which style do you prefer? Please rank all the styles from 1 to 5, with 5 being most liked. Please answer even if you answered "No" in section IV. A.

Acorn:

Style can be viewed along Concord Ave from Valley View Rd to South View Ln, Edina.



Dislike Like
1 2 3 4 5

Coach:

Style can be viewed in the Sunnyslope neighborhood, just north of Edina City Hall, Edina.



Dislike Like
1 2 3 4 5

Arlington Lantern:

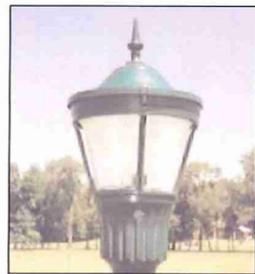
Style can be viewed in the Country Club neighborhood, just north of West 50th St along Wooddale Ave, Edina.



Dislike Like
1 2 3 4 5

Round Lantern:

Style can be viewed at County Road 101 and W 78th St North, Maple Grove.



Dislike Like
1 2 3 4 5

V. Pedestrian Issues:

A. Do you see a need to add sidewalks in your neighborhood?

Yes No

B. If Yes, Where? _____

C. Please list specific neighborhood pedestrian issues below.

VI. Traffic Management

A. Do you feel your neighborhood or roadway has any traffic issues?

- Yes No

B. If yes, what is it and where does it occur?

Thank you for your cooperation. Please return this questionnaire in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped-envelope. **Please complete all questions and return to the City of Edina by October 18.**

APPENDIX D
Property Owners
Questionnaire Results

**COUNTRYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD RECONSTRUCTON
2012 PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE
IMPROVEMENT NO. BA-385**

Data Entered By: Susan Waack
 Last Date Data Entered: Oct 21, 2011
 Due Date: Oct 18, 2011
 Questionnaires Sent Out: 120
 Questionnaires Returned: 78
 Percent Returned: 65%

House #	Street Name	Returned Survey	Sump Pump Discharge Service Line									Local Drainage Problems Explain	Private Underground Utilities				Residential Roadway Lighting Option					Sidewalk Need		Pedestrian Issues		Traffic Management										
			Draintile or Footing Drain			Has a Sump Pump			Willing to Connect to City Drain		Willing to Connect Roof Drains		Irrigation sys. in Blvd.		Pet containment system		Favors Upgrading Street Lights		Preferred Styles			Yes		No		Construct new sidewalks where?		Specific N'hood Pedestrian Comments		Yes		No		If yes, where?		
			Yes	No	Unkn	Yes	No	Unkn	Yes	No	Yes		No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Acom	Coach	Arington Lantern	Round Latern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No			
6233	Crescent Dr	1		1			1			1		1			1		3	5	5	3		1										1				
6117	Ridgeway Rd	1	1			1				1		1			1		3	4	2	1		1										1				
6132	Ridgeway Rd	1			1	1						1			1	1	5	5	1			1										1				
6228	Crescent Dr	1		1			1					1			1	3	5	4	2			1										1				
6101	Westridge Blvd	1	1			1			1	1				1		1	1	1	2			1				1		existing lights are fine, new lights waste of money!				1				
6213	Hillside Rd	1	1			1				1	1				1		5					1			1		WE DON'T NEED SIDEWALKS			1		going from Hillside to Tracy is terrible, especially with the ??? Project going on, also baseball games at the park all the time-they park on our street all the time				
6013	Crescent Dr	1		1		1				1	1			1	1	5	4	2			1			1		there is an overgrown blind curve in front of our house making it dangerous for pedestrians and bikers, seen some people almost get hurt walking and biking here					1					
6201	Crest Ln	1			1	1					1				1							1										1				
6217	Crescent Dr	1		1			1				1				1		3	5	2	1		1											1			
6235	Crescent Dr	1		1		1				1	1				1	1	4	3				1									1		Thick brush/shrubs at intersections, hard to see around curves			
6221	Hillside Rd	1		1			1				1				1							1									1		Hillside Rd and Crescent intersection is blind when heading north			
5501	Countryside Rd	1		1		1				1	1				1	2	3	5	4			1											1			
6204	Crescent Dr	1		1			1								1							1											1			
6112	Ridgeway Rd	1		1			1				1				1							1											1			
6219	Westridge Blvd	1		1			1				1				1							1											1			
6212	Westridge Blvd	1		1			1				1				1	1	1	1	1			1											1			
6108	Westridge Blvd	1		1		1				1	1				1	5	2	1	5			1									1		intersection of Tracy and Benton is a DISASTER, need light there, very dangerous with school and heavy traffic on Tracy			
6108	Crescent Dr	1		1			1				1				1	2	4	5	3			1											1			
5512	Highland Rd	1	1			1				1	1				1	4	2	2	3			1											1			
6101	Crescent Dr	1		1			1				1				1	3	1	3	5			1											1			

**COUNTRYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD RECONSTRUCTON
2012 PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE
IMPROVEMENT NO. BA-385**

ADDRESS	Returned Survey	Sump Pump Discharge Service Line						Drainage		Private Underground Utilities		Residential Roadway Lighting Option					Pedestrian Issues		Traffic Management									
		Draintile or Footing Drain			Has a Sump Pump			Willing to Connect to City Drain	Willing to Connect Roof Drains	Local Drainage Problems	Inggation sys. in blvd.	Pet containment system	Favors Upgrading Street Lights		Preferred Styles			Sidewalk Need	Construct new sidewalks where?	Specific N'hood Pedestrian Comments	Yes	No	If yes, where?					
		Yes	No	Unkn	Yes	No	Unkn	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Acorn	Coach	Arlington Lantern	Round Lantern	Yes						No				
6116	Westridge Blvd	1		1			1					1		1		1	1	1	1		1				1			
6120	Westridge Blvd	1		1			1					1		1		1	1	1	1	5		1			1		cars drive in the wrong lane when they turn off Tracy onto Ridgeway Rd in front of 6117, and drive that way for several houses, partially in the wrong lane	
6201	Tracy Ave	1	1				1				1		1		1	1	1	4	5	1		no need for sidewalk on Hillside it has very light traffic			1		exit/entrance to Hwy 62 when you get off hwy going west hard to make left turn on Tracy, traffic light would be nice	
6241	Crescent Dr	1			1		1				1		1		1	1	5	3		1					1			
6205	Crescent Dr	1		1			1				1		1		1	2	4	5	3		1					1		
6121	Ridgeway Rd	1		1			1				1		1		1	5	5	5	2		1					1		
6120	Westridge Blvd	1		1			1				1		1		1	3	2	2			1					1		
6223	Westridge Blvd	1	1				1				1		1		1	3	5	2	5		1					1		Need 4 way stop at corner Tracy and Valley View. Other comments on blank area of packet
6104	Westridge Blvd	1	1				1				1		1		1	3					1	All the lamps look kind of cheap which (lamps) keep light from penetrating skyward? Light pollution is a problem			1		need stop sign Westridge Blvd (only) as it intersects with Highland-kind of a blind intersection	
5505	Highland Rd	1	1				1				1		1		1	5	2	1	1	1		at least one side of road in Countryside neighborhood	There are several blindspots along streets because vegetation planted too close to road and sidewalk along Highland and around east corner to Crescent					
6013	Tracy Ave	1		1			1				1		1		1	5	5	2	2		1	already exist			1		K-turns 100' in from Tracy Ave on Highland Rd	
5500	Hunter St	1		1			1				1		1		1						1					1		
6113	Crescent Dr	1	1				1				1		1		1	5	4	2	5		1					1		
6001	Crescent Dr	1			1		1				1		1		1	2	4	2	4		1					1		speeding
6208	Crest La	1			1		1				1		1		1						1					1		
6215	Westridge Blvd	1		1			1				1		1		1						1					1		
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6308	Hillside Rd	1		1			1				1		1		1						1					1		Tracy and ValleyView
6227	Westridge Blvd	1	1				1				1		1		1						1					1		
6120	Crescent Dr	1			1	1					1		1		1		5				1					1		
6125	Westridge Blvd	1		1			1				1		1		1	5	3	2	1		1		some speeding			1		
6125	Crescent Dr	1		1			1				1		1		1	5	5	3	1		1					1		

APPENDIX E

Informational Meeting Letter



City of Edina

October 17, 2011

RE: Countryside Neighborhood Roadway and Utility Improvements

Dear Resident:

The City of Edina has initiated the process of roadway and utility improvements for the summer of 2012 for your neighborhood. As part of the public involvement process the City held an open house on September 13, 2011, to discuss a typical roadway reconstruction project. The next step is to hold an informational meeting to discuss the improvements more specific to your neighborhood.

We are hosting a neighborhood informational meeting for the **Countryside Neighborhood Roadway and Utility Improvements on October 24**, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Public Works and Park Maintenance Facility, located at 7450 Metro Boulevard.

The meeting will consist of a 20 minute presentation starting shortly after 7:00 p.m. that will cover such items as work to be done, preliminary project costs, estimated assessment, etc. followed by a short question and answer session.

Please see the map on the back side of this letter for the preliminary project area.

If you cannot attend the informational meeting the presentation can be made available to you after the meeting. Please contact the Engineering Department at 952-826-0371.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack D. Sullivan", is written over a horizontal line.

Jack D. Sullivan, P.E.
Assistant City Engineer



Project Area
Countryside Street Reconstruction
Improvement No: BA-385



Engineering Dept
 August, 2011

APPENDIX F

Informational Meeting PowerPoint Presentation

City of Edina

October 24, 2011
Neighborhood Informational
Meeting
Countryside
Roadway Improvements
BA-385

 CITY OF EDINA **Agenda**

Introductions
Typical Project Process
Project Details

- Existing Conditions
- Plans
- Preliminary Assessments

Project Schedule

 CITY OF EDINA **Input Opportunities**

PURPOSE OF MEETING IS TO INFORM AND TO
GATHER PUBLIC INPUT FROM YOU

- Use Post-it notes and place on map
- Fill out comment cards
- Tell us/Phone us
- Write/Email us
- Speak at Public Hearing

HOLD ALL QUESTIONS UNTIL AFTER PRESENTATION

 CITY OF EDINA **Agenda**

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 CITY OF EDINA **Typical Process**
Special Assessed Projects
Chapter 429 of MN State Statute

- Initiation of improvement project by Council (staff) or by petition.
- Public Open House to inform residents of project and to take comments and input.
- Ten days notice is sent to affected property owners and legal notice is placed in paper (Edina Sun) prior to Public Hearing.
- Feasibility Report prepared by Professional Engineer and accepted by Council.

 CITY OF EDINA **Typical Process**
(continued)

- Conduct Public Hearing to order the project.
- Ordering of improvement project requires a majority of Council if petitioned by residents
 - normally 3 of 5 Council votes if >35% signatures of assessed properties, or
 - 4 of 5 Council votes if project is not initiated by residents (or lacking 35% signatures)
- Levy of special assessments is typically held at the completion of the project through a Final Assessment Hearing.

CITY OF EDINA **Typical Process**
(continued)

- All assessments are preliminary until project is completed.
- Once City Council orders project, assessments become pending.
- Typically assessments are lower than pending amount.

CITY OF EDINA **Typical Process**

Assessment Policy

Neighborhood reconstruction:

- Based on residential equivalent unit (REU)
- Single family home is 1 REU
- Adjacent properties with side yards are assessed 1/3 REU
- Based on address of property

CITY OF EDINA **Typical Process**

Assessment Policy

Interest Rate:
Typically 5.5% to 7.5%
Based on 10 year Aaa bond rate plus 2%

Payback Period:
up to 10 years

CITY OF EDINA **Typical Process**

Assessment Policy

Final assessment Hearing After Project is Complete

Special Assessment Payment :

1. Pay entire balance
2. Partial payment (25% minimum)
3. Spread payment over 10 years
4. Senior deferral

CITY OF EDINA **Agenda**

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Project Schedule

CITY OF EDINA **Project Details**



Project Area
Countryside Street Reconstruction
Improvement No. BA-385

CITY OF EDINA **Project Details**

- Project initiated by City staff.
- Street originally constructed mid to late 1950's.
- Watermain constructed in late 1960's.
- Normal maintenance performed on street.
- Street pavement approaching end of useful life.
- Typical life of street varies (~35 years).
- Storm water drainage issues.
- Steel gas main and service pipes.

CITY OF EDINA **Questionnaire Results**

- 67 of 120 questionnaires returned ~ 56%
- Many people noted the need for drainage improvements
- Comments on sight issues in the wide street intersections
- 82% of residents do not want changes to the street lights
- 93% of residents do not want to add sidewalk

CITY OF EDINA **Project Details**

- Majority of the neighborhood currently has no curb and gutter
- Street widths vary from 26-31-ft
- Sandy-Clay soils



CITY OF EDINA **Project Details**

Issues / concerns we do know about:

- Storm water drainage issues.
- Landscaping placed in boulevard.
- Irrigation systems & pet containment fences



CITY OF EDINA **Project Details**

Issues / concerns we do know about:

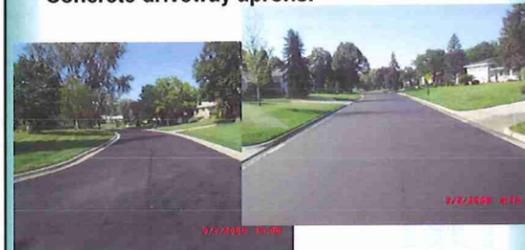
- Varied driveway materials.
- Cost of the project.
- Inconvenience (e.g. access, dust, noise, etc.)

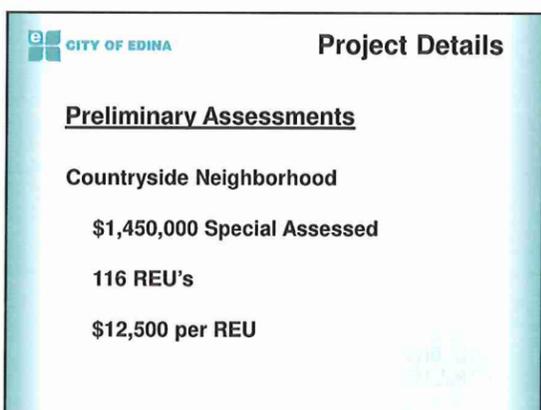
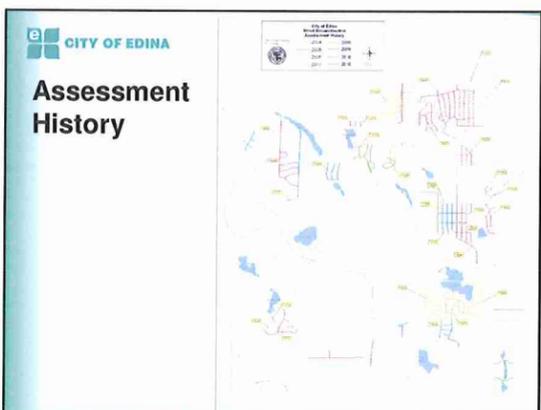
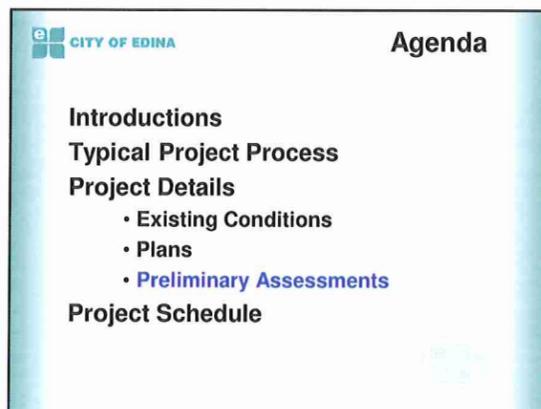
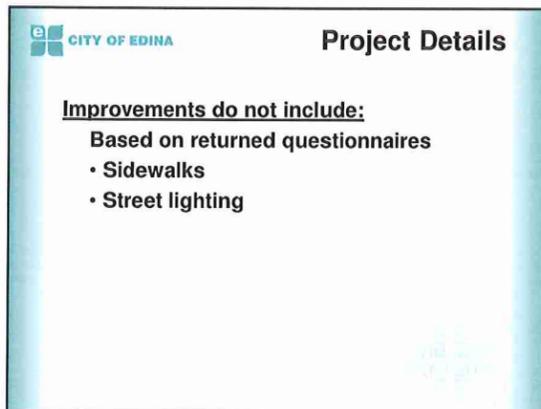
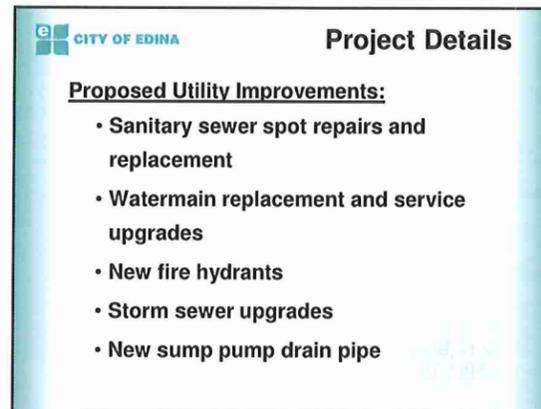
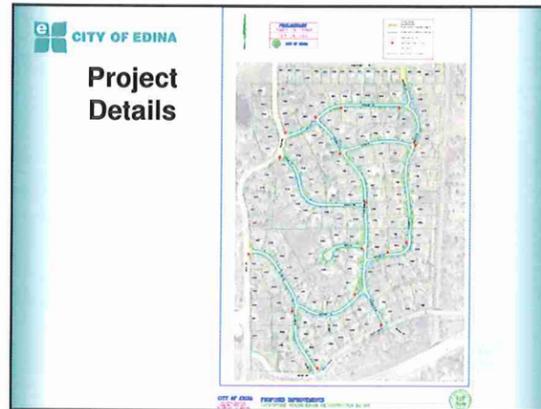


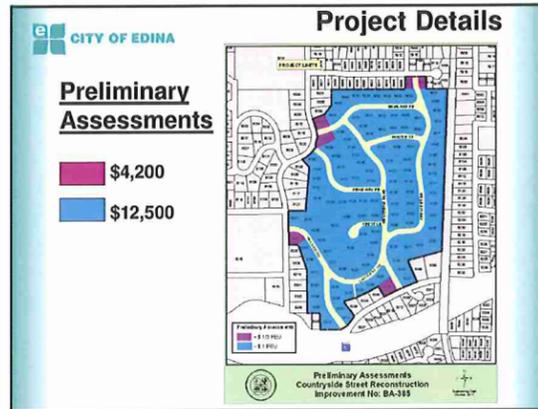
CITY OF EDINA **Project Details**

Proposed Street Improvements:

- B618 concrete curb and gutter along all streets.
- Concrete driveway aprons.







Agenda

- Introductions
- Typical Project Process
- Project Details
 - Existing Conditions
 - Plans
 - Preliminary Assessments
- Project Schedule

Project Schedule

Anticipated Schedule

Open House Meeting	Sept. 13, 2011
Informational Meeting	Dec. 2, 2011
Tentative Feasibility Report/Public HearingJanuary 2012
Bid OpeningMarch 2012
Award ContractMarch 2012
Begin ConstructionMay 2012
Complete ConstructionFall 2012
Final Assessment Hearing2013

Questions? Comments?

APPENDIX G

Attendance List and Public Comment

COUNTRYSIDE
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2011

	NAME	ADDRESS
1	Mark Gierach	5509 Hunter St.
2	C. Charles for Emma Charles	5800 Hunter St.
3	Marty Sedoff	5508 Highland Road
4	SPENCER TURNER	6208 Hillside Rd
5	Robert GRANSON	6217 CRESCENT DR
6	Freda Teeny	6204 Hillside Rd
7	Itai Sher	6112 Crescent Dr.
8	Jeff + Susan Peters	6213 Hillside Rd
9	Alicy + Steve Clark	6132 Ridgewood Rd
10	BOB J LONICKA	5604 HIGHLAND Rd.
11	Laurie Miller	6220 Westridge Blvd.
12	Jane Schutte	6280 Crescent Dr.
13	M. N. Water	6133 Westridge Blvd.
14	Sam GRINK	6208 CRESCENT
15	Mary Kelb	5504 Highland Road
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COUNTRYSIDE
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2011

	NAME	ADDRESS
1	ROBERT REED	6223 WESTRIDGE BLVD
2	Lowell + Marcelyn McCallie	6200 Westridge Blvd
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QUESTION / COMMENT CARD

10/24/11 VERY POSITIVE PRESENTATION
IT TOTALLY AGREES WITH THE PROJECT.

INTERSECTIONS RARE VERY GOOD -
CURB & GUTTER VERY GOOD -

HAVE 3 RAIL FENCE @ JUST WEN

Name DAVID
PLEASE PRINT

Address 6223 W 95th Ave BLD
PLEASE PRINT

APPENDIX H

Recommendation to Set Public Hearing, Notice of Public Hearing to Residents and Notice of Public Hearing Advertisement



REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

To:	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	Agenda Item	Item No: <u>IV.H.</u>
From:	Wayne D. Houle, PE <i>WDH</i> City Engineer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Action
Date:	December 20, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Information
Subject:	Resolution No. 2011-132, Setting January 17, 2012 Public Hearing for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BA-385 Countryside Neighborhood Street Reconstruction 2. BA-388 Richmond Hills Park Neighborhood Street Reconstruction 		

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve attached Resolution No. 2011-132, calling for Public Hearing on January 17, 2012 for:

1. BA-385 Countryside Neighborhood Street Reconstruction
2. BA-388 Richmond Hills Park Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

INFORMATION/BACKGROUND:

City staff is requesting public hearings for two neighborhood street reconstruction projects. All projects are initiated by staff and have included an extensive public process.

The feasibility reports for the projects will be provided to Council prior to the public hearing.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2011-132



RESOLUTION NO. 2011-132
SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JANUARY 17, 2012
FOR NEIGHBORHOOD STREET RECONSTRUCTION FOR:
COUNTRYSIDE, IMPROVEMENT NO. BA-385
RICHMOND HILLS PARK, IMPROVEMENT NO. BA-388

City of Edina

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EDINA, MINNESOTA, that a public hearing shall be held on the 17th day of January, 2012, in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. to consider street reconstruction in the neighborhoods of:

- Countryside, Improvement BA-385;
- Richmond Hills Park, Improvement No. BA-388;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall give mailed and published notice of such hearing and improvements as required by law.

Dated: December 20, 2011

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 December 20, 2011, and as recorded in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting.

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

City Clerk

January 3, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT NO. BA-385
COUNTRYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The Edina City Council will meet at Edina City Hall, on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., to consider the public hearing on roadway improvements for Countryside Neighborhood. This hearing is being conducted under the authority granted by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429.

This hearing has been called as a recommendation from staff. The proposed project would be constructed in the summer of 2012 with the assessment hearing occurring in the fall of 2013. The estimated project cost is \$1,433,723. The cost of the project will be funded by special assessment. The estimated cost per assessable lot is \$12,360 per residential equivalent unit. The assessments can be divided over a ten-year period with interest accumulating on the unpaid balance.

The area proposed to be assessed the cost of the proposed improvement includes the following:

5421 to 5501 Countryside Rd; 6001 to 6241 Crescent Dr; 6201 to 6212 Crest Ln;
5500 to 5608 Highland Rd; 6201 to 6313 Hillside Rd; 5500 to 5516 Hunter St;
6100 to 6132 Ridgeway Rd; 6013, 6101 and 6201 Tracy Ave; 6316 Valley View Rd;
6100 to 6227 Westridge Blvd.

Your receipt of this notice is an indication that property whose ownership is listed to you is among those properties which are considered to be benefited by the improvement.

The City Council can authorize the proposed project immediately upon the close of the hearing.

(OFFICIAL PUBLICATION)
CITY OF EDINA
4801 W 50TH STREET
EDINA, MINNESOTA 55424
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COUNTRYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT

IMPROVEMENT NO. BA-385

The Edina City Council will meet at the Edina City Hall on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following proposed improvements to be constructed under the authority granted by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429.

<u>Countryside Neighborhood Roadway Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Total Assessment Cost</u>
Improvement No. BA-385	\$1,433,723

The area proposed to be assessed by the proposed improvements includes all properties between and including:

5421 to 5501 Countryside Rd; 6001 to 6241 Crescent Dr; 6201 to 6212 Crest Ln;
5500 to 5608 Highland Rd; 6201 to 6313 Hillside Rd; 5500 to 5516 Hunter St;
6100 to 6132 Ridgeway Rd; 6013 to 6201 Tracy Ave; 6313 Valley View Rd;
6100 to 6227 Westridge Blvd.

These properties are proposed to be assessed at approximately \$12,360 per residential equivalent unit;

Debra Mangen
City Clerk

PLEASE PUBLISH IN THE EDINA SUN ON December 29, 2011 and January 5, 2012

PLEASE SEND TWO (2) AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION. BILL TO CITY OF EDINA.

APPENDIX I

Preliminary Assessment Role

PENDING ASSESSMENT ROLL
 COUNTRY SIDE IMPROVEMENT BA-385

	STREET	PID	LEGAL		HOUSE NO	OWNER	ASSESSABLE REU	ASSESSMENT AMOUNT
			LOT	BLOCK				
1	COUNTRYSIDE RD	3211721410021			5421	PAMELA & FREDERICK NORDAHL	1/3	\$ 4,119.89
2		3211721410022			5501	ZACHERY & PAULINE NARELL	1/3	\$ 4,119.89
3	CRESCENT DR	3211721440052			6001	HARRIETT HERB	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
4		3211721440053			6005	STEPHEN & ELLEN DOSDALL	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
5		3211721440054			6009	PETER & MARGARET KOETS	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
6		3211721440055			6013	ROBERT & CARMEN EIDE	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
7		3211721440056			6017	JOHN & JEANIE MURPHY	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
8		3211721440057			6101	TRACY & MICHAEL BENNETT	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
9		3211721440049			6104	JULIETTE & ERIC SCHNEIDER	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
10		3211721440058			6105	MARJORIE MEESTER	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
11		3211721440048			6108	SHANNON & EMIL BUSSE	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
12		3211721440059			6109	MARK & HELENE ROBACK	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
13		3211721440047			6112	MELISSA KOENING & ITAI SHER	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
14		3211721440060			6113	ROGER & ADA STRACHOTA	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
15		3211721440046			6116	KOULA E TRIANTAFYLLOU	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
16		3211721440061			6117	DUANE A SCHLEY	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
17		3211721440045			6120	WALTER & ALICE LEHRKE	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
18		3211721440062			6121	ROSEMARY& PATRICK MANION	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
19		3211721440063			6125	DENISE & CLARK SMITH	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
20		511621110052			6200	ALEXANDER A GIACOMUZZI	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
21		511621110054			6201	TIMOTHY & LAUREN MCNAMARA	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
22		511621110053			6204	MARILYN & BERNARD BJERKEN	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
23		511621110055			6205	LISA HEIM	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
24		511621120048			6208	SETH SMITH & M. HAIGH-GRIAK	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
25		511621110056			6209	ALLEN D MILLER	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
26		511621110057			6213	SAVINA GHELFI & DAVID LOWE	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
27		511621110058			6217	ROBERT & NANCY GRANSON	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
28		511621120037			6220	PAUL & JANE SCHLUTER	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
29		511621120036			6228	GEORGE & BARBARA JACHIMOWICZ	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
30		511621120020			6229	JENNY COVINGTON & B CRAIGGS	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
31		511621120019			6233	RICHARD & BARBARA METZGER	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
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33		511621120018			6237	TIMOTHY & ANNIE TINBERG	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
34		511621120017			6241	ROBERT & DOROTHY POOL	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
35	CREST LN	511621120041			6201	RUDOLPH RUZICKA	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
36		511621120045			6204	MARY & GORDON CLEAVELAND	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
37		511621120044			6208	THOMAS &LYNN CEDERGREN	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
38		511621120042			6209	VAUGHN & HANS KOENIG	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
39		511621120043			6212	ISAAC H JACOB	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
40	HIGHLAND RD	3211721440026			5500	JUDITH & GEORGE ROOT	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
41		3211721440034			5501	LARRY BETH FORBORD	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
42		3211721440025			5504	MARY E KALB	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
43		3211721440035			5505	RICHARD & CARL KAPSNER	1.0	\$ 12,359.68

PENDING ASSESSMENT ROLL
COUNTRY SIDE IMPROVEMENT BA-385

	STREET	PID	LEGAL		HOUSE NO	OWNER	ASSESSABLE REU	ASSESSMENT AMOUNT
			LOT	BLOCK				
44		3211721440024			5508	ROBERT & MARILYN SEDOFF	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
45		3211721440066			5509	M LISTVAN & J GAASEDELEN	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
46		3211721440023			5512	MICHAEL & LISA ECKROTH	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
47		3211721440067			5513	SARA & MATTHEW MCLEINIGHAN	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
48		3211721440022			5516	TODD & JENNIFER MILLER	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
49		3211721440038			5517	SCOTT & AMANDA COFIELD	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
50		3211721440021			5520	SEAN & LEAH KELLENBERGER	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
51		3211721430061			5600	Y ORANDI & D SLUZEWSKI	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
52		3211721430060			5604	ROBERT J LOMICKA	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
53		3211721430051			5608	RICHARD & ANGELIA PERRIN	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
54	HILLSIDE RD	511621120029			6201	TIMOTHY& MARIAN E OLSON	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
55		511621120004			6204	ALFREDA TERRY	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
56		511621120030			6205	MARY & JOHN LAMB	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
57		511621120005			6208	SPENCER & MIRIAM TURNER	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
58		511621120031			6209	ANTHONY D OLSON	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
59		511621120006			6212	MALVERN THOMPSON	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
60		511621120032			6213	SUSAN & JEFFREY PETERSEN	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
61		511621120033			6217	MARC SANDLER	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
62		511621120034			6221	TIMOTHY & SARAH ROBB	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
63		511621120007			6300	MARY & MARK VIDELE	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
64		511621120008			6304	DAVID W ANDERSON	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
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66		511621120009			6308	DELORES R STROM	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
67		511621120027			6309	KATHERINE & JAMES OSTLUND	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
68		511621120065			6312	GAIL & DONALD HAYDEN	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
69		511621120026			6313	TODD & SANDRA WAKEFIELD	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
70	HUNTER ST	3211721440033			5500	EMMA G CHARLES	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
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74		3211721440051			5509	MARK & JILL GIERACH	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
75		3211721440030			5512	VICTORIA CARR & M. BRENDDEL	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
76		3211721440029			5516	STEVEN & JULIA SCHOONMAKER	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
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79		3211721430040			6105	VERA M SCHLEITZER	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
80		3211721430031			6108	JENNIE & GREGORY JOHNSON	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
81		3211721430041			6109	PETER & PAN F EBERHART HALL	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
82		3211721430030			6112	PAUL & JANET FREDRICKSON	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
83		3211721430042			6113	THOMAS & MARY BATES	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
84		3211721430029			6116	WALDEMAR DANIELSON	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
85		3211721430043			6117	RICHARD & KRISTA PETERSON	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
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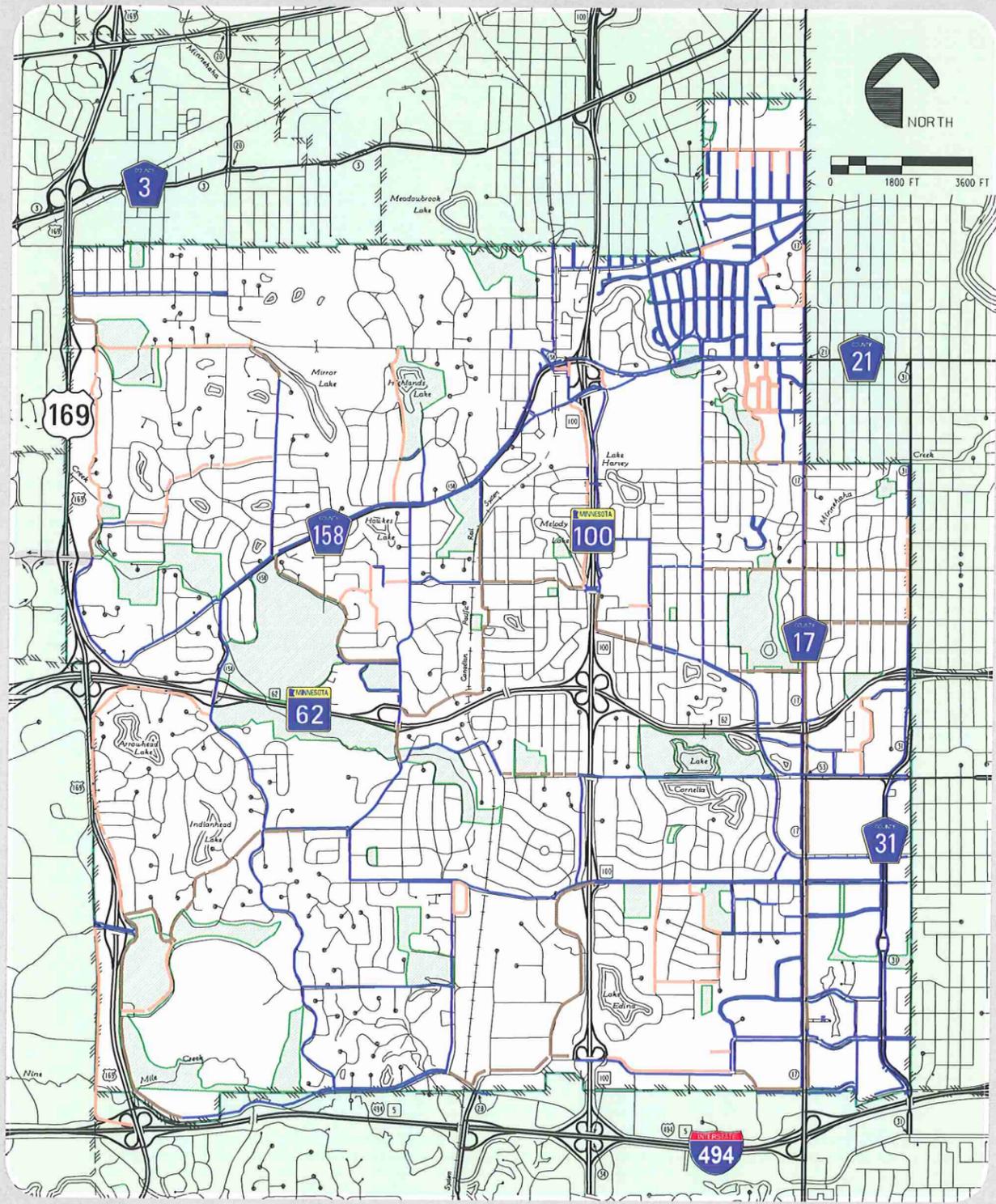
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87		3211721440016			6121	MARK LIDKE & BETSY KITSLAAR	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
88		3211721430027			6124	DONNAY HOMES INC	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
89		3211721430026			6128	MICHELLE & ANGEL ARREOLA	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
90		3211721440015			6132	STEPHEN CLARK & K COLLINS-CLARK	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
91	TRACY AVE	3211721430050			6013	CATHY& BRUCE UTNE	1/3	\$ 4,119.89
92		3211721430039			6101	JANE & HERMAN BAINS	1/3	\$ 4,119.89
93		511621120003			6201	ALEXANDRE & ADRIANA PIMKINE	1/3	\$ 4,119.89
94	VALLEY VIEW RD	511621120022			6316	CAROL VOGT	1/3	\$ 4,119.89
95	WESTRIDGE BLVD	3211721430046			6100	SANDRA & BRIAN BARRY	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
96		3211721440027			6101	BRIGID & ALEXANDER SCOTT	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
97		3211721430045			6104	JOYCE & JAMES SUTHERLAND	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
98		3211721440028			6105	SUMA & BADRINATH KONETTY	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
99		3211721430044			6108	RHONDA & GERARD GREENE	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
100		3211721440020			6112	LISA S HAWKS	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
101		3211721440039			6113	GERALD & BEVERLY KOCH	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
102		3211721440019			6116	SHARON & RODGER PEISSIG	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
103		3211721440040			6117	PETES & AMANDA DUPONT	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
104		3211721440018			6120	THEODORE & KAREN OLSON	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
105		3211721440041			6121	PAUL & JULIE ANDERSON	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
106		3211721440017			6124	ROBERT W SIT	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
107		3211721440042			6125	ANGELINE & ANDREW PORTER	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
108		3211721440014			6128	ELIZABETH & CHRISTOPHER PSIHOS	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
109		3211721440043			6129	BONNIE L WEYNARD	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
110		3211721440044			6133	KIMBERLY & ANDREW NOOLEEN	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
111		511621120046			6200	MARCELYN & LOWELL MCCALLA	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
112		511621120047			6201	NANCY & GEORGE WINTER	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
113		511621120040			6204	JEFFREY & BARBARA MANDEL	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
114		511621120039			6208	STEPHEN E MCLANE	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
115		511621120038			6212	JEFFREY KAHRMANN & EILEEN WHELAN	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
116		511621120049			6215	CHARLOTTE M SEGUIN	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
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120		511621120052			6227	DIANE M PLUME	1.0	\$ 12,359.68
Total							116	\$

PRELIMINARY TOTAL ROADWAY COST \$ 1,433,722.73
TOTAL ASSESSMENT REU 116
AVERAGE COST PER REU \$ 12,359.68

APPENDIX J

City Comprehensive Plan Update – Sidewalk and Bicycle Facilities (Fig. 7.10 and 7.11)



LEGEND: Existing Sidewalk Proposed School / Business Sidewalk Proposed State-Aid Sidewalk

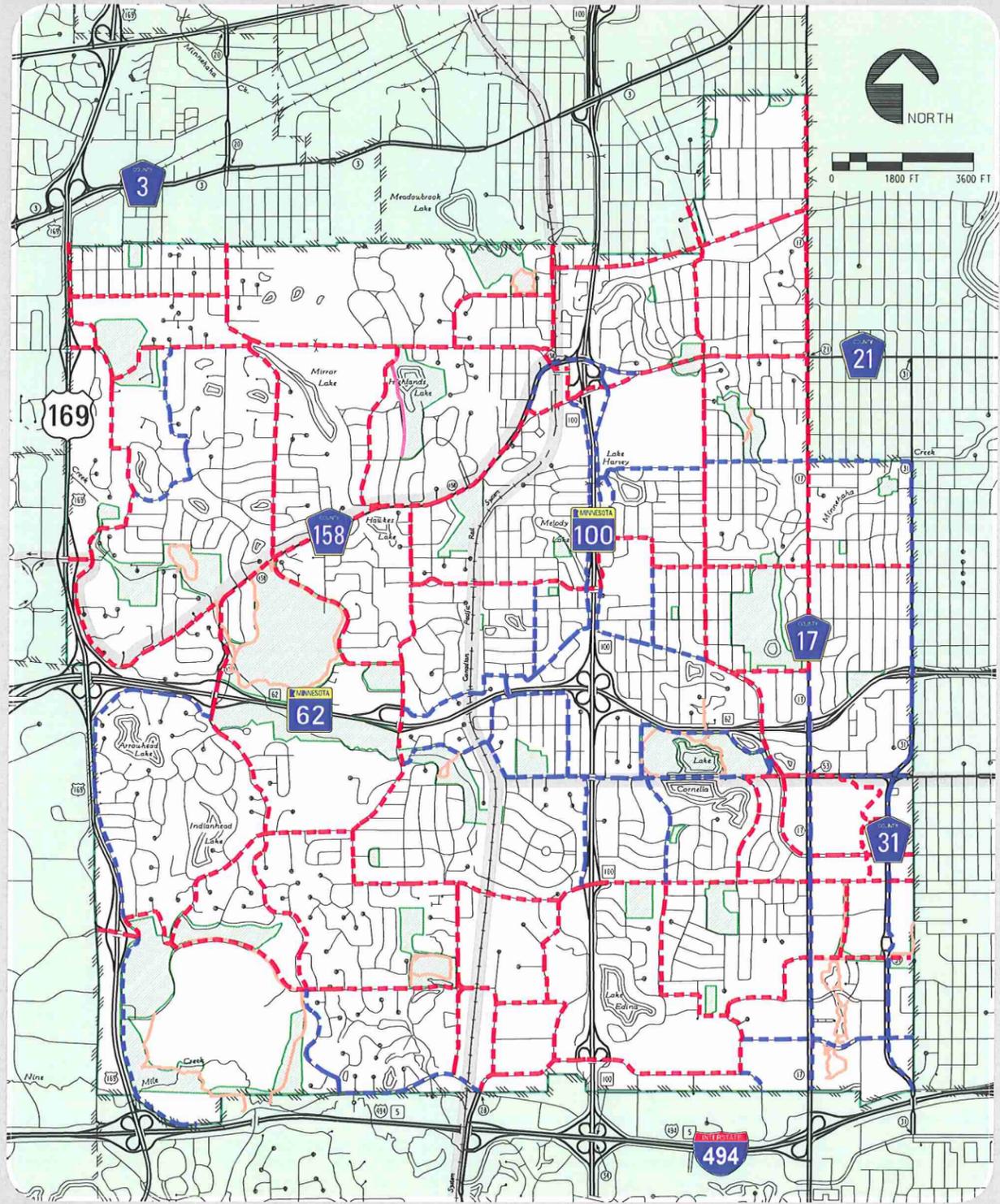
Note: Park Pathways are included on Figure 7.11



City of Edina
2008 Comprehensive Plan Update

Sidewalk Facilities

Figure 7.10



LEGEND: Existing Park Pathway Existing Hennepin County Corridors Proposed Park Pathway From the 2007 Edina Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan Primary Route Secondary Route



**City of Edina
2008 Comprehensive Plan Update**

Bicycle Facilities

Figure 7.11

APPENDIX K

Resident Correspondence

Jamie Cynor

From: Pam_Nordahl@bluecrossmn.com
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 7:52 AM
To: Jamie Cynor
Subject: Countryside Road project

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Hello there. I live at 5421 Countryside Road which is the first house on the corner at the end of street cul-de-sac. We received the letter regarding the project and assessment. None of my other neighbors in the cul-de-sac received the letter. A surveyor in the area told us that he thought the assessment would be only for those needing curbs. We have curbs so we are wondering if we will be charged an assessment or not.

Thanks for your help,

Pam Nordahl

Pam Nordahl
Director | Claims Operations

p 651-662-1808 | f 651-662-1808
pam_nordahl@bluecrossmn.com



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Jack Sullivan

From: Jamie Cynor
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 1:36 PM
To: Pam_Nordahl@bluecrossmn.com
Cc: Jack Sullivan
Subject: RE: Countryside Road project
Attachments: Countryside Project Limits.pdf

Pam,

Our project limits for this project doesn't include Countryside Road so the neighbors in the Cul-de-sac would not receive the letter. Please see attached map to see the project limits.

The special assessment portion would be for the reconstruction of the roads. Any curb and gutter and other utilities would come out of their respected utility fund. For additional information you can go to our city website under future projects, which is http://www.ci.edina.mn.us/Departments/L5-17a_ConstructionProjects_future.htm and download the brochure or watch the short video.

Please contact me with any further questions or clarifications. Thank you



Jamie Cynor, Project Manager

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From: Pam_Nordahl@bluecrossmn.com [mailto:Pam_Nordahl@bluecrossmn.com]

Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 7:52 AM

To: Jamie Cynor

Subject: Countryside Road project

Hello there. I live at 5421 Countryside Road which is the first house on the corner at the end of street cul-de-sac. We received the letter regarding the project and assessment. None of my other neighbors in the cul-de-sac received the letter. A surveyor in the area told us that he thought the assessment would be only for those needing curbs. We have curbs so we are wondering if we will be charged an assessment or not.

Thanks for your help,

Pam Nordahl

Pam Nordahl
Director | Claims Operations

p 651-662-1808 | f 651-662-1808
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Jamie Cynor

From: alscott68@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 7:15 AM
To: Jamie Cynor
Subject: countryside curb & gutter question

hello jamie,

i just got your letter & questionnaire regarding curb & gutter improvements for our countryside neighborhood. there are 2 questions that ask if i would be interested in connecting roof drains/sump pumps to city drain. i understand that would be our expense, but i am wondering if you work with a contractor that does this kind of thing on your projects or do we solicit bids ahead of time. i checked the box "yes", but obviously that is conditional upon the amount of extra cost. do you have any idea what kind of prices people are paying for this kind of thing? i have 2 sump pumps.

thank you

alex scott
6101 westridge blvd.
612-275-2506

Jamie Cynor

From: anooleen@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2011 8:22 AM
To: Jamie Cynor
Subject: Re: Countryside meeting Oct 24th?

Thanks :)

Sent on the Sprint® Now Network from my BlackBerry®

From: "Jamie Cynor" <JCynor@ci.edina.mn.us>
Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2011 07:09:40 -0500
To: Andrew Nooleen <anooleen@comcast.net>
Cc: Jack Sullivan <jsullivan@ci.edina.mn.us>; <JCynor@ci.edina.mn.us>
Subject: RE: Countryside meeting Oct 24th?

Kim and Andy,

The survey letter just wanted you to be aware that we would have an up and coming meeting regarding the Countryside project. You should receive a letter today or tomorrow stating the details for the October 24th meeting. If after reading the letter and you have additional questions please feel free to contact me.

Thanks



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From: Andrew Nooleen [<mailto:anooleen@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 8:16 PM
To: Jamie Cynor
Cc: 'Nooleen, Andrew'; 'Andrew Nooleen'
Subject: Countryside meeting Oct 24th?

Hi Jamie,

We read in the last letter Oct 4th that there would be a meeting on Oct 24th however we have not received any details about this.

Do you know when and where then meeting will be?

☺ Thanks for the info- Kim and Andy Nooleen

From: Jamie Cynor [<mailto:JCynor@ci.edina.mn.us>]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 10:03 AM

To: Andrew Nooleen
Subject: RE: Y2011 letter to residents + sidewalk plan

Kim and Andy,

Here is the letter and the project limits for your neighborhood. I will also attach the existing/future sidewalk plan that is in our Comprehensive Plan that was approved by council.

Please contact me with any further questions.



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From: Andrew Nooleen [<mailto:anooleen@comcast.net>]

Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 8:09 AM

To: Jamie Cynor

Cc: 'Andrew Nooleen'

Subject: Y2011 letter to residents + sidewalk plan

Hi Jamie

Thank you for your time at the meeting this week.

Per our discussion, we just purchased a home at 6133 Westridge Blvd.

1. please email me the letter that was sent to the residents Y2011 regarding the upcoming project.
2. Please email me the current sidewalk plan if there is one for the Countryside neighborhood

☺ Thanks,
Kim and Andy Nooleen

Jack Sullivan

From: Itai Sher <isher@umn.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 1:15 PM
To: Lynette Biunno
Cc: Jack Sullivan
Subject: Attn City Council: Countryside Road Construction Project

Dear council members,

I am writing with regard to the proposed Countryside road construction project.

People often comment on the beauty of our neighborhood, due to its rustic feel. Adding curbs, as the current project proposes, would take away some of our neighborhood's character. From conversations, I know that some of my neighbors feel similarly. At the recent informational meeting, other neighbors raised similar concerns. One resident pointed out that many of us moved here to begin with because of the country feel and that curbs can become quite ugly when not maintained (if I understand, there is no plan to do so for twenty years). Another pointed out that our neighborhood is called "countryside" precisely for this reason.

Similar sentiments probably account for the fact that on the engineer's survey 93% of respondents voted against sidewalks.

However, the engineer's survey did not ask us about curbs. I believe that a similarly large percentage of residents would oppose curbs if they were asked. I could be wrong, but there is no way to know unless we ask. If we leave it to individual initiative, then only a small percentage of residents are likely to contact the city council. In contrast, if the city council were to send out a survey on this question to residents, this would generate much more feedback. I believe that 56% of residents responded to the engineer's survey, and if a similar percentage responds on the question of curbs, then we should have a good idea about how the neighborhood feels. I believe that a survey is the best way to inquire about public opinion because it will be unbiased, revealing both the sentiment in favor of and sentiment opposed to curbs, giving everyone an accurate picture of people's attitudes. So I am requesting that you perform such a survey and publicly release the results before the upcoming meeting at which the city council will vote on the project.

I am aware that the charge for curbs is not part of the special assessment, but we are the ones who will have to live with them. The city council still has the option to vote for curbs even if a majority or large majority oppose them. But I think that a vote taken with knowledge of people's feelings is better than one taken without knowledge. The results of such a survey would add to the transparency and public accountability of the process, and would also make people feel better for having been consulted on a decision that affects them.

Sincerely,
Itai Sher
6112 Crescent Dr.
Edina, MN 55436

Jack Sullivan

From: Kathleen Collins Clark <kjcclark@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2011 11:21 AM
To: Jack Sullivan
Subject: Countryside Street Reconstruction

Hi Jack,

It was very nice to meet you on Monday night. Steve and I live at 6132 Ridgeway Rd. We discussed a few things that I am just confirming in this email.

1. We agree with many neighbors that curbs are not ideal in our "country" neighborhood as well as wishing we did not have this project to begin with, considering the cost. But given that it looks like we will be going through with the curb installation next summer we would like to discuss what options there are to address the drainage issues we have on our property.
2. When we first bought our home we did not have any standing water issues but over time an area in the back of our yard had standing water for weeks in the spring. As the neighbor behind us built up his garden with leaves each fall and perhaps as land settled, we had more issues.
3. However, those drainage problems quadrupled when a large house was built close to our property and higher than our lot. Now we have a large area of our backyard that has standing water in the spring which requires us to pump it out so that our trees do not die. Additionally, our sump pump in our basement pumps consistently through the spring and summer due to runoff from our neighbor's property.

We have had a surveyor out to see what we could do but he said that the street was actually a few inches higher than our lot making the situation more difficult.

We really appreciate that you are willing to work with us before the project begins and look forward to the next step. Please let us know how you would like to proceed.

Best regards,
Kathy and Steve Clark

Kathleen Collins Clark
Market Research Consultant
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Office: 952-920-9366
Cell: 952-913-6998

Jack Sullivan

From: Spencer Turner <turnersa12@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 06, 2011 3:14 PM
To: Jack Sullivan
Subject: Countryside Roadway Improvements

Jack
First, hats off to the City and you for making a great effort to keep the citizens informed on the upcoming improvements and for giving us a chance to give you "on the ground" suggestions. I appreciated the meeting you held on October 24. There are 3 items I'd like to call to your attention. 1) Where Hillside Rd meets Tracy Ave. The resident at 6201 Hillside Rd has planted some arborvitae trees fronting Tracy. It has become difficult to see traffic coming from the south on Tracy as one tries to pull out from Hillside onto Tracy. The problem will get worse as the trees grow. The solution is to remove several of the trees that block the view. 2) When there are baseball games at Countryside Park spectators of the games park on both sides of Hillside near the stop sign. Turning on to Hillside from Tracy one finds themselves on a one lane street. The solution would be to put a no parking sign on one side of the street. 3) Coming south on Crescent Dr between Highland Rd and Hunter St bushes and large trees block the view of the road ahead. The street is very narrow at that point as well. The solution would be to either aggressively trim the bushes and trees or remove them entirely.

Thanks for listening.

Spencer Turner
6208 Hillside Rd.
952-929-6216

APPENDIX L

Edina Transportation Commission Review Data and Meeting Minutes

Nov. 17 2011 Transportation
Commission
Minutes

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Review

Chair Janovy explained that they will receive the feasibility reports for the neighborhood reconstruction projects for review and then make recommendations to Council. She said tonight is an opportunity for them to give input before the feasibility reports are completed.

Mr. Sullivan said nothing unusual is planned for any of the 2012 neighborhoods. Regarding Valley Estates, he said the area is in the walking shed for Creek Valley Elementary and he and member Bass met with school officials and discussion included adding a sidewalk on Creek Valley Road. Mr. Sullivan said staff was not proposing a sidewalk in this neighborhood. The current sidewalk funding policy is 25% school district, 25% City and 50% assessed to residents. After discussion, the following recommendations were made: 1) sidewalk on Creek Valley Road; 2) inform residents of options for private rain gardens and possible funding (due to drainage issues); 3) review parking issue on Nordic Circle/Creek Valley Road; 4) try to address drainage issue if in ROW through rain gardens or other environmentally sound ways; and 5) remove stump street [street name?] to reduce impervious surface.

In Countryside, upgrades will include water main and water service upgrades, certain intersection upgrades to minimize impervious surface, and new curb and gutter. Discussion included narrower intersections and pedestrian safety. The question was asked how the decision is made to include sidewalks? Is it based on 750 cars per day or on other initiatives that the Council may be focusing on, such as walkable communities? It was noted that the City is making decisions now that will have an impact for 40 years. After discussion, the following recommendations were made: adding sidewalk on one side of Westridge from Highland to Valley View and on one side of Crescent from Hillside to Tracy; and to review curb radius of narrowed intersections to ensure adequate turning radius for larger vehicles, especially school buses. Concern was expressed that a too-short curb radius will not necessarily slow down vehicles but will cause vehicles to turn into the oncoming traffic lane of the receiving roadway. Mr. Sullivan said they generally plan for a 20 ft. curb radius and they have tested this with school buses. A slightly longer radius was suggested. Additional discussion focused on the need for a sidewalk on Valley View/Whiting; the need to review the Valley View/Whiting and Tracy intersection, per resident concerns; and the need to review safe crossing locations from the neighborhood to Countryside Park.

In Vikings Hill, Mr. Sullivan said upgrades will include spot utility repairs. Mr. Sullivan was asked about the STOP sign at Arctic and Vernon, per resident concerns. Does it have a stop line and double yellow? He thought so, but said he would check. An effort to improve STOP sign compliance was recommended. Also discussed was the need to improve pedestrian facilities along Vernon and Gleason and safe crossing locations. It was noted, however, that Vernon and Gleason are outside of the project area.

Mr. Sullivan said in December, Tracy Avenue, Gallagher Road, and Richmond Hills Park will be presented.

TLC Phase 1 Bike Boulevard – Steve Clark, Transit for Livable Communities

Mr. Sullivan said a 2nd open house is scheduled for December 12, 7 p.m. at Public Works and Park Maintenance, 7450 Metro Blvd. He said staff should have a consultant selected by next Monday from the two companies that responded to the RFQ. Regarding advisory bike lanes, Mr. Sullivan said MnDOT said they have never seen them before and the street in Minneapolis where it was used did not require MnDOT's involvement. He said if advisory lanes are approved, it would be the first of its kind in the state and the country.

Update of Proposed 494/Xerxes Avenue Public Open House

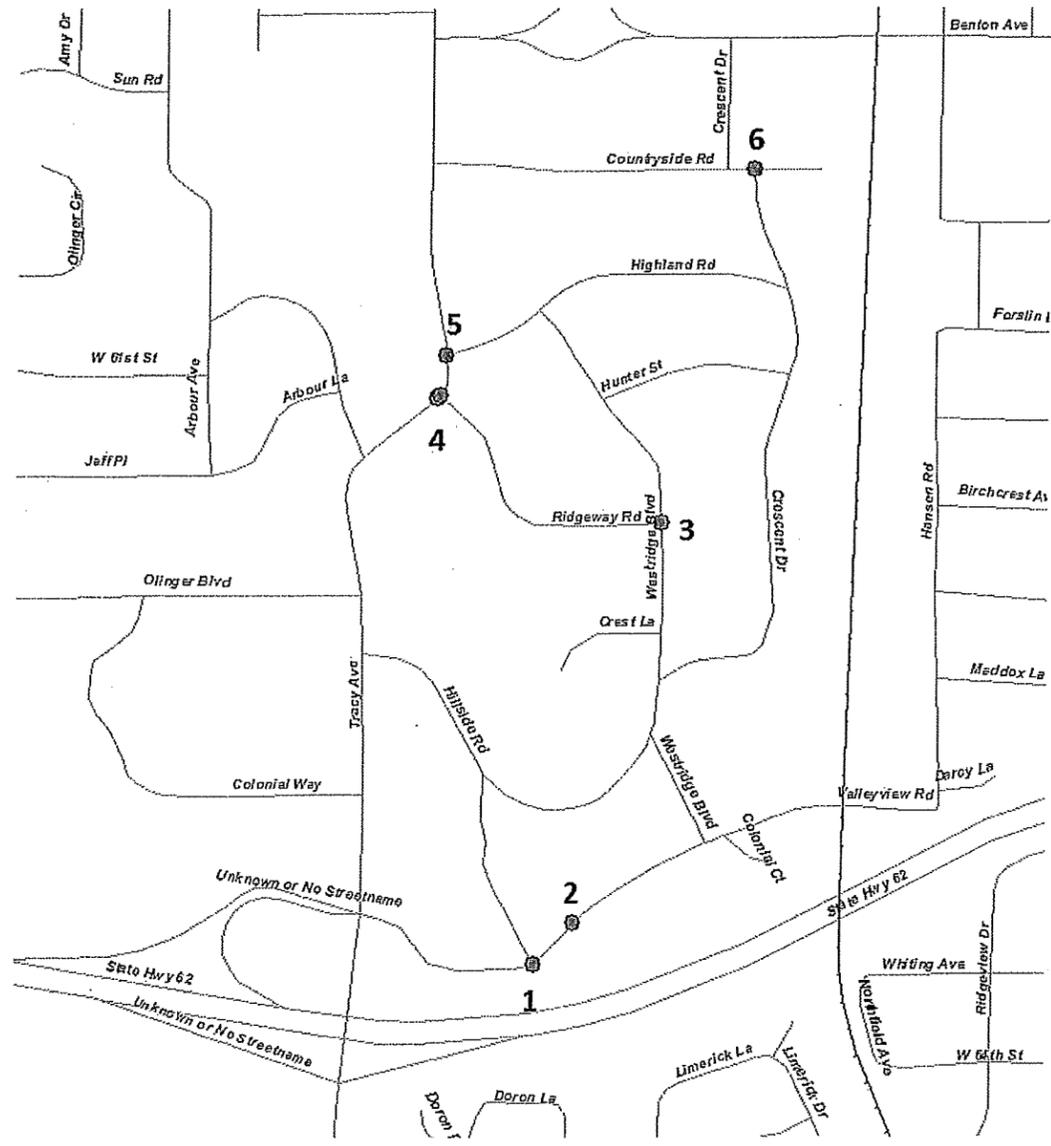
Mr. Sullivan said MnDOT would like to attend the December ETC meeting to present their proposed plan and they will be holding an open house on November 29.

Neighborhood Attributes

Neighborhood:

Countryside

<u>Street</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Bit/Conc</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Curb</u>		<u>Parking</u>	<u>ADT (2011)</u>	<u>85th %</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>School Zone</u>
				<u>(Bulk/Sur)</u>	<u>Sidewalks</u>					
Hillside Road	30'	Bituminous	City	None	None	Allowed both sides	190; 77	29.5; 26.3	1; 2	Yes
Westridge Blvd.	30'	Bituminous	City	None	None	Allowed both sides	283; 127	26.8; 25.9	3; 7	Yes
Crescent Drive	30'	Bituminous	City	None	None	Allowed both sides	257	23.6	4	Yes
Ridgeway Road	30'	Bituminous	City	None	None	Allowed both sides	121	26.4	5	Yes
Highland Road	30'	Bituminous	City	None	None	Allowed both sides	187	24.6	6	Yes
Hunter Street	30'	Bituminous	City	None	None	Allowed both sides	NA	NA	NA	Yes
Crest Lane	30'	Bituminous	City	None	None	Allowed both sides	NA	NA	NA	Yes



Countryside Crash Data (2001-2010)

Crash Statistics

Year: 2001 - 2010

Intersection: Countryside

Total Crashes: 10

Breakdown by Year

Year: 2010

Total: 4

Severity:	3	Property Damage: No Apparent Injury	<u>Location</u> 1; 2; 4
	1	Injury: Possible Injury	
	0	Injury: Non-Incapacitating Injury	
	0	Injury: Incapacitating Injury	

Year: 2009

Total: 1

Severity:	1	Property Damage: No Apparent Injury	<u>Location</u> 5
	0	Injury: Possible Injury	
	0	Injury: Non-Incapacitating Injury	
	0	Injury: Incapacitating Injury	

Year: 2005

Total: 1

Severity:	0	Property Damage: No Apparent Injury	<u>Location</u> 6
	0	Injury: Possible Injury	
	1	Injury: Non-Incapacitating Injury	
	0	Injury: Incapacitating Injury	

Year: 2002

Total:	2			Location
Severity:		1	Property Damage: No Apparent Injury	5
		1	Injury: Possible Injury	1
		0	Injury: Non-Incapacitating Injury	
		0	Injury: Incapacitating Injury	

Year: 2001

Total:	2			Location
Severity:		2	Property Damage: No Apparent Injury	3; 4
		0	Injury: Possible Injury	
		0	Injury: Non-Incapacitating Injury	
		0	Injury: Incapacitating Injury	

PRELIMINARY
 SUBJECT TO CHANGE
 OCT. 24, 2011
 CITY OF EDINA



LEGEND
 PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION
 PROPOSED CURB & GUTTER
 EXISTING ROAD
 EXISTING STREET LIGHT
 LOT LINES
 RIGHT OF WAY LINES

1- Location of traffic counts



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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
 COUNTRYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD RECONSTRUCTION BA-385



Project Area
Countryside Street Reconstruction
Improvement No: BA-385

Engineering Dept
 August, 2011

Edina Transportation Commission Advisory Communication

Date: January 12, 2012

Subject: Countryside Neighborhood Roadway Improvements — BA-385

Attachments: DRAFT January 9, 2012 ETC minutes

Situation:

The ETC recommends including sidewalks in this project.

Background:

At our November 2011 regular meeting, the ETC reviewed resident feedback; speed, volume and accident data; and proposed improvements in the project area, which is within a school and park walking zone. The ETC recommended that sidewalks be included in the project and identified locations for the sidewalks. The main reasons were:

- The project area is within a school and park walking zone;
- The sidewalks would provide a connection between a future sidewalk on Valley View and the existing sidewalk on Tracy;
- There will not be an opportunity to add sidewalks as part of a street reconstruction project for another 30-50 years;
- Sidewalks are consistent with the policy directions currently being developed.

The project feasibility study addresses the ETC sidewalk recommendation on p. 9-10. The feasibility study does not concur with the ETC recommendation. At our January 9, 2012 special meeting, the ETC reviewed the feasibility study and voted to forward this advisory communication to affirm our sidewalk recommendation.

(Please see next page.)

Assessment:

The ETC acknowledges the following:

- The sidewalks are not shown in Figure 7.10 of the Comprehensive Plan;
- All streets in the project area have low traffic volumes and 85th % speeds are below the posted limit;
- The sidewalk routes were not presented to residents at neighborhood open houses;
- The report does not discuss the feasibility of the sidewalks;
- Residents will be assessed for 50% of the cost.

The ETC also acknowledges that sidewalks are:

- Consistent with the vision for our community as stated in the Comprehensive Plan;
- Consistent with the policy directions currently being developed;
- Part of a broader pedestrian network; and
- Context sensitive (within school and park walking zones).

Recommendation: Include sidewalks in the project as proposed by the ETC.

Routing

From	To	Action Requested
Jennifer Janovy, ETC chair	Jack Sullivan	Please distribute to the Council for the Countryside Neighborhood Roadway Improvements public hearing on January 17.

**MINUTES OF
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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

SPECIAL MEETING

PUBLIC WORKS MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

JANUARY 9, 2011

6:00 p.m.

City Council asked ETC to call a special meeting to advise the Council for Public Hearing on January 17, 2012.

ROLL CALL: Answering roll call were members Bass, Braden, Janovy, Nelson, and Schold Davis.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS – None

REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

REVISED FEASIBILITY REVIEW

Richmond Hills Park

Assistant City Engineer, Sullivan, introduced Toby Muse from SEH, the consultant for the project. Mr. Sullivan started by giving an overview of the Feasibility Report.

- This neighborhood has some curb and gutter already. All new curb and gutter will be installed. Roadway will remain in about the same location.
- Selected utility replacement to include water main, sanitary sewer and some storm sewer to account for water drainage and other concerns.
- Warwick and Kent, Windsor and Kent intersections will be redesigned to more traditional "T" intersections to improve definition of roadway and right-of-way.

From meeting on December 17th, prior discussion included radius at these locations, bus operations, and drainage concerns. General consensus of the ETC at that time was not to include sidewalk on 56th Street or on any other roadway within the project.

Discussion among ETC members on January 9, 2012:

- This area is outside the school walking zone and is an "all bus route" to Countryside Elementary. There is a paved pathway along Normandale from Benton Avenue to Eden Avenue.
- Mr. Sullivan was asked what is looked at when evaluating a project for pedestrian improvements. Is it the sidewalk figure in the comprehensive plan and the potential to add sidewalks, or are there other improvements also considered, such as marking crosswalks, improving drainage (to reduce ponding on street), evaluating sight lines. For bike lanes, Mr. Sullivan was asked whether they look at the storm grates and longitudinal joints for example. Mr. Sullivan indicated they do replace storm grates, address ponding, and consider the longitudinal joints. Mr. Sullivan was encouraged to communicate to the Council and public the level of detail that is thought through with regard to pedestrian and bicycling improvements.

- Mr. Sullivan was asked whether street lighting is evaluated and whether current lighting is sufficient, for example for pedestrians. Mr. Sullivan stated that most are traditional lighting at intersections to delineate the intersection.
- Mr. Muse indicated questionnaires have been sent out to residents. He indicated six residents stated the need for sidewalks and even fewer preferred changing street lights.
- Members noted the project cost increased from the cost stated in the original communication to residents. Mr. Sullivan indicated that the original letter was a generic amount and neighborhoods that need more extensive restoration are not accounted for in original letter. Mr. Muse mentioned that the increase is partially due to repair to sanitary service lines, which have extensive root infiltration.
- Mr. Muse addressed the issue of school buses maneuvering in redesigned intersections. There will be a little overlap of the bus into the oncoming traffic lane, but this is typical of buses in any area of town. Cars have a tighter turning radius so will not present a problem.
- Mr. Muse commented that residents have reviewed the changes at the informational meeting and there was minimal comment regarding the reduction in pavement at the intersections with Warwick and Kent and the Windsor and Kent intersections. Mr. Sullivan stated that with the increase in boulevard space, driveways and irrigation systems will be extended accordingly. Snow plowing and snow removal will not be affected. Street lighting will be changed accordingly to illuminate the intersections.
- The ETC commented on the need for a sidewalk on Benton.
- Members discussed the existing sidewalk along Normandale Frontage Road that extends from Eden Avenue down to Benton and then terminates at East View Lane. This trail crosses seven streets of the project. Mr. Sullivan stated that since these streets have low level of traffic staff is not suggesting enhancing the crosswalks to visually continue pathway.
- Members asked what the process is for addressing traffic management concerns that will not be addressed through the project (i.e. additional stop signs, speeding on Richmond). A process should be identified to address these concerns.
- Mr. Sullivan was asked whether residents are informed that whether a sidewalk is installed is up to them. There was some discussion about how residents could get that impression from the wording of the survey. How does the City balance being responsive to resident preferences with an overall policy direction, such as Living Streets. The need for a pedestrian plan was noted.
- Regarding a sidewalk, the question was asked, "Where should our priorities be?" Although the ETC is not recommending a sidewalk in the neighborhood, it is not opposed to a sidewalk, The consensus was to not strongly argue for sidewalks in this neighborhood based on the information we have.

Recommendation

The Edina Transportation Commission is recommending the improvements as indicated in the feasibility report.

ETC doesn't have issues with this particular project but it is triggering discussion regarding a pedestrian plan.

Countryside Neighborhood

Mr. Sullivan started by giving an overview of the Feasibility Report and the discussions held at the November 17, 2011 ETC meeting.

- The neighborhood will have all new curb and gutter
- New water services and other selective utility rehabilitations
- Realignment of four intersections along Crescent Drive

- The ETC recommended the addition of sidewalk along Westridge Boulevard and Hillside Road.

Discussion among ETC members on January 9, 2012:

- Recognize that putting sidewalks throughout is expensive. Since there are kids walking to school and nearby parks, the ETC thought it was a reasonable compromise to increase the walk-ability and look at the most natural pathway through the neighborhood to the school and park. The most logical path would be Westridge Boulevard and Hillside Road to access Countryside Park and Countryside Elementary School.
- Mr. Sullivan stated that if the sidewalk was added, the roadway could be shifted slightly to better accommodate the addition of a 5' boulevard and 5' walk. A less than 5' boulevard creates too much heat from street and sidewalk and tends to dry those areas out. Intersections on Crescent will be tightened up.
- Mr. Sullivan stated that very preliminary estimates have the sidewalk costing approximately \$140,000. An assessment amount of \$600—\$800 per home. (After additional design, Staff expects the sidewalk to cost each residential assessment for the sidewalk is \$1700). The cost would be split between the school-25%, residents-50% and the City-25%. This additional assessment would include all residents in the project area. The residents are not aware of the ETC's recommendation to add sidewalks.
- In all projects sidewalks and drainage should be considered to create pedestrian and bicycle safe routes. If Council sees this as the policy, then it is reasonable that they are being considered for any project. For future projects, letters and questionnaire to residents should address this policy to educate residents that Edina has a walk-ability goal and safe paths for all.
- Reiterated that there is Countryside Park, Bredesen Park, and school near to the project area. Recognize we developing a Living Street policy, but how do we implement it, what are the priorities throughout the City? Identify the best places City wide and then look at when reconstructing area? Where does the resident's input come in when making decisions?
- With limited dollars to be spent, would the determination for priority sidewalks be opportunity driven? Mr. Sullivan indicated we have more need than funding sources, but also have time-lines that we have to work within.
- Recommendation from prior meeting was if sidewalks end at Tracy do we need to look at additional crosswalks. Discussion about where crosswalks should be placed.
- Should feasibility study be done for the sidewalk? From staff perspective, felt the sidewalk could be installed, evaluating driveways, existing trees and place sidewalk on most appropriate side.

Recommendation

The ETC reiterated support for sidewalks as shown on page 9 of 12 of the feasibility report. Their recommendation is based on this area being in a school zone, near a City park, consistent with Living Streets principles and would make a good connection for any future sidewalk along Valley View Road.

The ETC will create an Advisory Communication to forward to Council as part of the public hearing. Chair Janovy will complete and Member Nelson will review.

Bass moved to create an Advisory Communication for the Countryside project, seconded by Schold Davis, the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.