

Grandview Update April 2016

District-Wide Transportation Study

The design team continues to work on this district-wide study. The third and final phase of work will be completed in May. Recommendations will be presented to the Transportation Commission, City Council and the general public. The public open house is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18 at Edina Public Works – 7450 Metro Blvd.

Your ideas and concerns are welcome using this online survey tool:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5YSXSFM>

Public Works site – operational study

The Parks & Recreation Department has been working with HGA Architects to refine layout and costs of a potential community facility on the site. An update was provided to City Council on April 19. The current concept features a 70,000-square-foot public building with 360 covered parking stalls. Community uses include: active adult spaces, art center activities, community gathering and meeting space, multi-purpose community event center, restaurant and general purpose fitness/wellness rooms. Sixty percent of the site is retained for public uses while 40 percent is left available for private, tax-generating uses. The most recent concept drawings can be found here. The consultants will revise the layout and cost studies based on input from City Commissions and City Council members and submit a final study in late May 2016.

School District Transportation Center

The Edina School District was granted approvals to subdivide land to construct a new bus garage and maintenance facility at 7600 Metro Blvd. With this approval secured, the School District will likely purchase the new real estate in the near future. While the existing bus garage site on Eden Avenue is anticipated to be sold. No timeline has been identified.

Tax Increment Financing District

A new Grandview 2 TIF District was approved last month. TIF is a public finance tool that enables new taxes generated by new development to be used to fund public improvements and other eligible costs. The TIF District includes 11 of the 80 acres in the Grandview area. It was established to potentially fund many of the public improvements that have been anticipated in this older commercial/industrial area. At this time, there are no commitments or obligations regarding the specific projects funded with TIF monies. Additional decisions about the use of TIF monies will be made after a formal proposal is made to redevelop properties in this area. More information can be found here:

http://edinamn.gov/edinfiles/files/City_Offices/Community_Development/Planning/Grandview_District_Update/Grandview%20%20TIF%20District%20presentation%203-2-2016.pdf

Hilltop Re-Opens

The Hilltop Restaurant re-opened this month. While owners Ken and Brett Johnson updated the interior with a new modern twist, they still provide classic comfort-food in a family-owned setting. For more information visit: <http://hilltopedina.com/>.

Highway 100 construction

Construction efforts to update Highway 100 are again underway. While the majority of the work takes place north of Edina, the north-central neighborhoods of Edina could be impacted.

The on- and off-ramps at Vernon and Eden Avenue will be closed temporarily so that the construction crews can work safely. The concrete construction barricades that were temporarily stored at 5146 Eden Ave. will be removed. The MnDOT construction trailer will remain at the site until the road construction project is complete in Fall 2016. Additional information can be found HERE: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy100slp/>