



June 10, 2014

## **2015 Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction**

### **Arden Park D Neighborhood**

Dear Resident:

Streets in your neighborhood are on a list of roadway reconstruction and utility improvement projects being considered by the City of Edina for the summer of 2015. See the attached map identifying your project area. On April 16, 2013, the City Council adopted neighborhood names and boundaries as part of the Name Your Neighborhood Project. Please note that your neighborhood name associated with the roadway reconstruction and utility improvements may have changed. Some neighborhood names stayed the same.

In the meantime, we'd like to hear from you. The City would like your input regarding key components of the project via the attached questionnaire. Please read the instructions, fill out the questionnaire and return it to us in the enclosed envelope by June 20.

#### **How the City will use your input:**

- Your responses help us design the project. Components of a project vary and are based on both the condition of the infrastructure and questionnaire responses. One new component that staff is considering for your neighborhood is incorporating elements of the City's Living Streets Policy. The draft plan guides the City in designing safe streets that balances the needs of drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users in ways that promote safety and convenience, enhance community identity, create economic vitality, improve environmental sustainability, and provide meaningful opportunities for active living and better health.
- Residents pay a portion of the overall project cost in the form of a special assessment. The estimated special assessment for your neighborhood will not be determined until information is gathered from the questionnaires and a feasibility report is completed in early September. You will not be billed for the special assessment until fall 2016. The special assessment is payable over 15 years.
- The special assessment is for the cost of the new roadway. If the neighborhood feels the street lighting needs are not being met and improvements are needed, the costs would also be a special assessment. Sidewalks are funded through the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Fund and thus are not assessed to property owners. The questionnaire helps us evaluate the need for these items. 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 assessed to property owners.

After we review questionnaire responses, we will continue the project design process. We will present the feasibility report at the public hearing in December. Construction will begin in spring/early summer and end in late fall of 2015.

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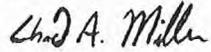
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chad A. Millner". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Chad A. Millner, PE  
Director of Engineering

Enc: Project Map, Questionnaire Instructions, Questionnaire, Return Envelope





## Resident Questionnaire Instructions

### 2015 Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction

Thank you for your time. Your responses to the attached questionnaire will help us design your neighborhood's project. Here is background information that will aid you in filling out the questionnaire. Each numeral relates to the corresponding survey question.

#### **I. Drainage Service Connection**

A typical sump pump discharges onto a homeowner's lawn. There are several sump pump drainage issues to look for. First, if your lawn drains back to your house, sump pump discharges can cause problems with your lawn, your neighbor's lawn or your basement. If the sump pump discharge runs down the gutter line, it can promote algae growth in the street. Finally, 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.

To prevent the issues mentioned above, your street reconstruction project could include a City 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 the topography and final street designs favor a sump drain system, you could connect to it. That is why survey questions I.C. and I.D. ask about your sump pump preferences. Keep in mind that installation of the pipe from your house to the City sump drain system would be your responsibility, including plumbing modifications. However, the City sump drain system is funded through the storm sewer utility fund.

#### **II. Local Drainage Problems**

As part of the storm sewer and sump drain design process, we would like to know if storm water runoff stands in the street or sidewalk in front of your house. If this or similar situations are occurring in your area, please describe it in this section of the questionnaire. We will review for possible corrective action.

#### **III. Private Underground Utilities**

It is very important that you fill out this section. Some residents install private underground utilities in the roadway right-of-way (the area from the edge of the roadway to your property line). The most common private utilities include lawn irrigation and pet containment systems. Utility and roadway reconstruction can damage these utilities. If they are damaged during the street reconstruction project, they will be repaired. However, if the contractor knows the location of these private utilities, crews can attempt to avoid damaging them during construction.

#### **IV. Residential Streetlights**

As part of all reconstruction projects, staff typically asks residents for their input on neighborhood streetlight systems. Staff is trying to understand if the neighborhood favors upgrading the streetlight system or if the existing streetlight system meets the needs of the neighborhood. Please keep in mind

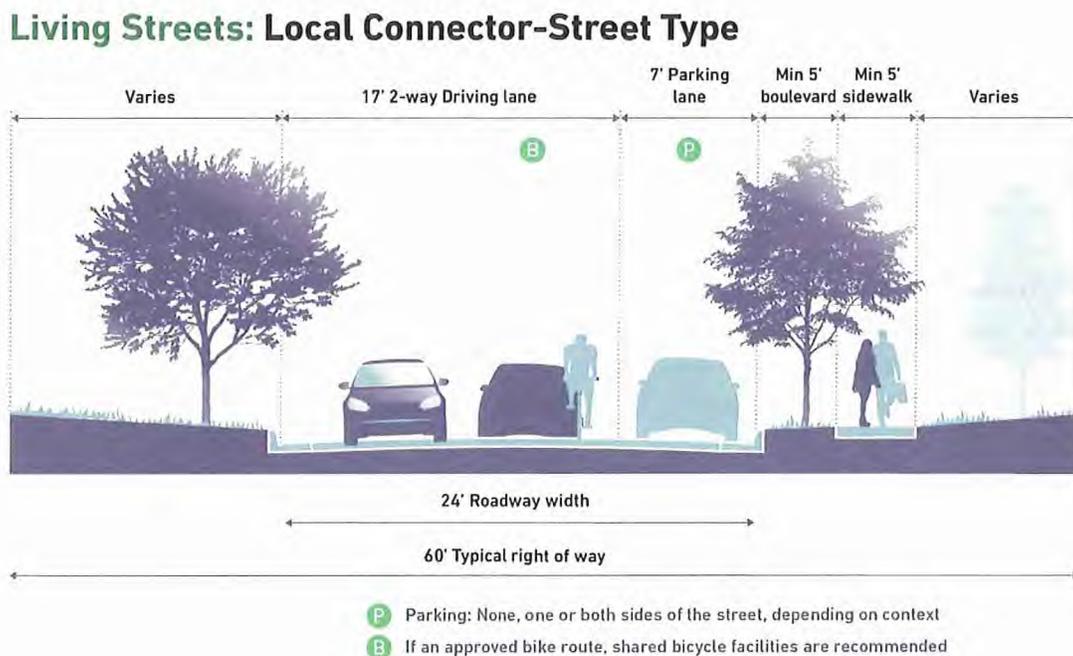
that costs associated with improving the streetlight system would be a special assessment. These costs would be determined after the extent of the improvements is understood.

### V. Living Streets Elements

As part of this neighborhood street reconstruction project, staff will seek to incorporate design elements from the City's Living Streets Policy (<http://edinamn.gov/LivingStreets>) and draft Living Streets Plan. This plan guides the City in how it designs new streets to be safer and more accessible by seeking to balance the needs of motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders in ways that promote safety and convenience, enhance community identity, create economic vitality, improve environmental sustainability, and provide meaningful opportunities for active living and better health.

#### Transportation

According to the draft Living Streets Plan, Arden Ave., Minnehaha Blvd., and Halifax Ave. are considered Local Connector streets. The proposed typical section for these types of streets is shown in Figure 1. Please note that according to the draft Plan sidewalks are required on Local Connectors on at least one side of the street. Additionally, shared bicycle facilities are not proposed for this project.



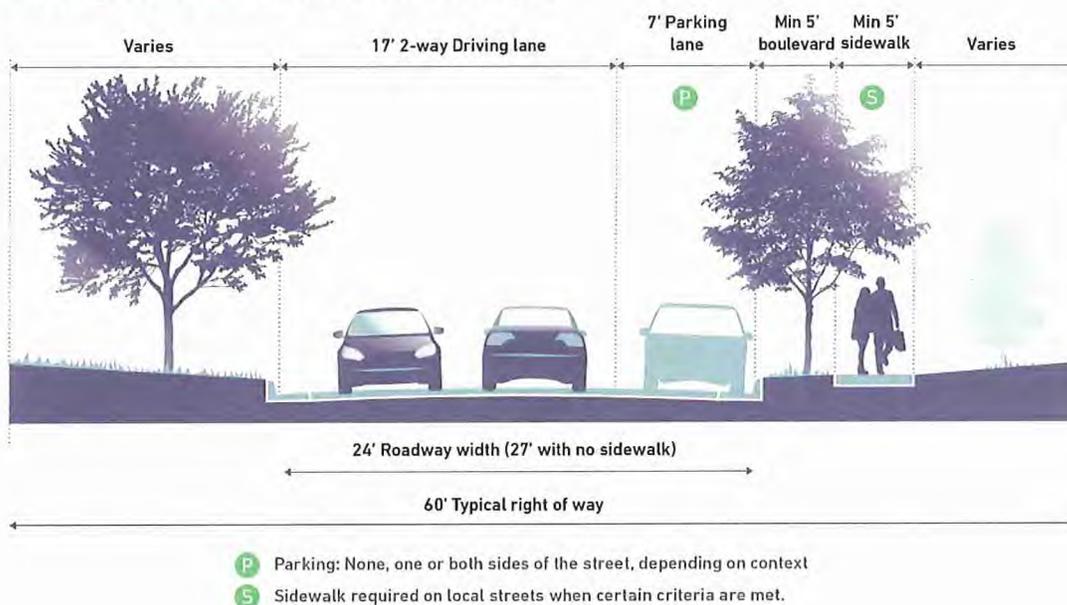
**FIGURE 1 – PROPOSED CONNECTOR STREET TYPICAL SECTION**

All other streets in the neighborhood are considered Local Streets. The proposed typical section for local streets is shown in Figure 2. Note that sidewalks are optional on Local Streets; however, context criteria are applied to these street types to determine if a sidewalk is required. These include the following:

- Average daily traffic is greater than 500 vehicles.

- 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is greater than 30 mph.
- There is a history of crashes involving pedestrians walking along the roadway.
- Transit stop(s) are present.
- The street is identified as an active (safe) route to school, park, or commercial destination.
- A sidewalk would create a logical connection between destinations.
- Site lines, roadway geometry, or insufficient lighting makes it difficult for motorists to see pedestrians walking along the roadway.
- The street width is less than 27 feet.

### Living Streets: Local Street Type



**FIGURE 2 – PROPOSED LOCAL STREET TYPICAL SECTION**

Figure 3 attached shows streets with existing sidewalks and other streets where new sidewalk will be considered. The design team will present impacts associated with new sidewalks at neighborhood meetings later this summer and ask you for your input. You will be notified approximately two weeks prior.

Specific Living Street elements that will lessen impacts from sidewalk construction are narrowing the width of the pavement by limiting parking to one side of the street. As part of the questionnaire, staff would like to know which side of the street a proposed sidewalk would be best served along a particular street. Sidewalks are funded through the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund.

In the questionnaire, please note if you know of any pedestrian issues such as a missing segment of sidewalk or an inadequate pedestrian crossing.

#### Storm Water Management

One of the primary components of Edina's Living Streets vision is the active pursuit of environmental stewardship, including setting goals for the reduction of storm water volume and unfiltered street water flows into our local waterways. Living Street applies techniques such as impervious surface reduction, bio-retention, filtration, sediment capture, and infiltration and reuse of stormwater. These stormwater treatments should be applied in a cost effective and strategic way to best integrate with various transportation modes and the neighborhood aesthetic.

In the questionnaire, please describe the quality of nearby natural resources and surface waters.

#### **VI. Traffic Management**

We would like to know if you feel that your roadway has any traffic issues.

#### **VII. Email Updates**

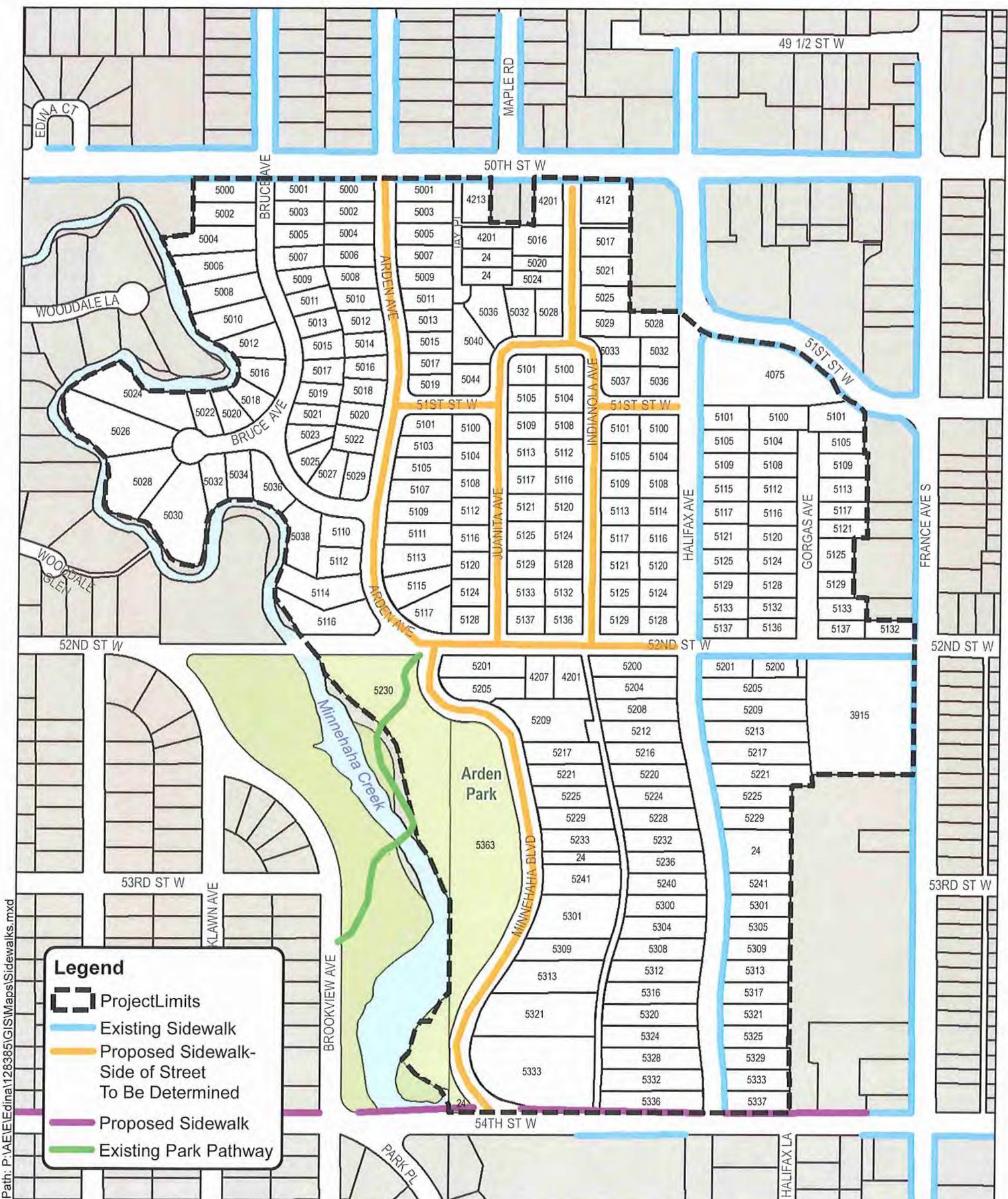
One of the primary tools for communicating with you during construction is the City Extra email notification service. The City Extra service is free and allows you to sign up to receive email messages from the City regarding this project.

By signing up for City Extra email notification service, you will receive project updates as they occur. The updates will include information such as when access to your driveway might be limited, when your water may be shut off for water main replacement and when to have your contractor repair your irrigation system if it was damaged during construction.

To receive email updates, sign up online at [www.EdinaMN.gov](http://www.EdinaMN.gov). On the main page, near the upper right corner, place your cursor over the **For Residents** tab and click on **City Extra**. Enter your email address and a password (new user will need to create a password). Click on **E-mail Subscriptions**. Under the Engineering section, place a check mark in the box next to **Arden Park D Reconstruction**. Click the **"update"** button at the bottom left hand corner of the webpage.

#### **Need Help?**

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**Legend**

- Project Limits
- Existing Sidewalk
- Proposed Sidewalk - Side of Street To Be Determined
- Proposed Sidewalk
- Existing Park Pathway



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Project: EDINA 128385  
 Date: 6/3/2014  
 Map by: MSS  
 Projection: Hennepin County Coords  
 Source: Henn. County, City of Edina, Microsoft Virtual Earth

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**Figure  
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# Resident Questionnaire

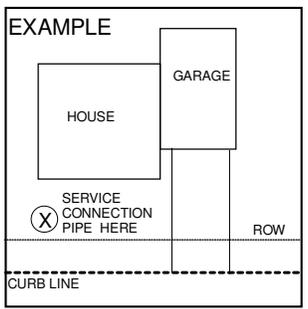
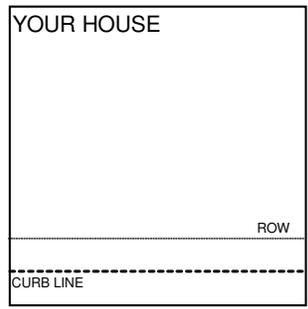
## Arden Park D Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction

Thank you in advance for your time. Your input is important to us. Please read the Questionnaire Instructions before completing this questionnaire.

### 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 describe specific surface water drainage problems in your neighborhood:

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### III. Private Underground Utilities

- A. Do you have an underground lawn irrigation system in the City's right-of-way? (The right-of-way is typically 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:**

Is the existing streetlight system meeting the needs of the neighborhood?

- Yes                       No

Residential streetlights are funded by special assessment. Do you favor improving your streetlights?

- Yes                       No

**V. Living Streets Elements:**

A. Please describe specific neighborhood pedestrian issues below.

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B. Please describe how you perceive the quality of nearby natural resources and surface waters. (Example: good/poor aesthetics, vegetation, wildlife habitat, or recreation use)

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**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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**VII. Email Updates**

A. Do you have access to email to participate in the City Extra email notification service?

- Yes                       No

Thank you for completing the questionnaire. Please return it to the City in the enclosed envelope **by June 20.**