



Valley View Road Reconstruction (BA – 377) Informational Meeting

July 7, 2014



Agenda

- Introductions
- Timeline
- Project Details
- Project Components
- Funding
- What You Can Expect
- Communication
- How to Prepare
- Q&A



Introductions

**WSB Project Managers:
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**Eng. Coordinator
Sharon Allison**



**Environmental
Engineer
Ross Bintner**



**Transportation
Planner
Mark Nolan**



**Director of
Engineering
Chad Millner**





Process





Typical Timeline

June - September	Feasibility report and estimates provided
November/December	Public hearing
January-March	Plan preparation and bidding
April/May	Construction begins
October/November	Construction concludes
Spring	Warranty work
Fall 2016	Final assessment hearing



Why My Street?

- Streets that meet specific standards are subject to reconstruction.
- Priority is given to streets with the highest need.
- Reconstruction is usually more cost-effective in the long-term than patching or seal-coating.
- Streets are grouped together to help prolong pavement life and maximize the economics of scale for construction.



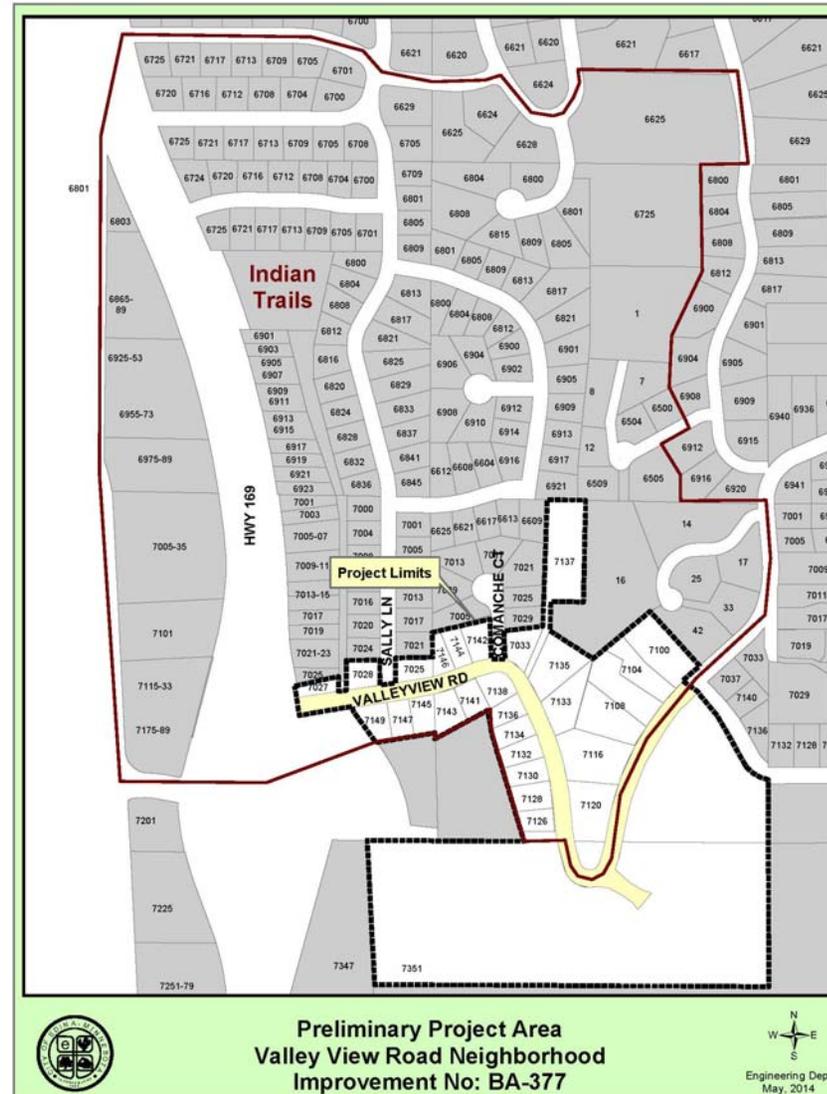
What is Included?

- Always included:
 - Roadway – replacing the entire roadbed
 - Curb and gutter
 - Sidewalks
 - Utility upgrades
- Sometimes included:
 - Sump pump drainage system
 - Streetlights
 - Traffic management
- Full project scope is based on the condition of the infrastructure and resident questionnaire responses



Project Details

- Valley View Road (MSAS 151)
- McCauley Trail to Mark Terrace Drive
- 0.5 miles of roadway reconstruction





Existing Roadway Details

- No Curb and Gutter
- No Sidewalks or Bike Lanes
- No Parking Lanes
- 28' – 30' Lane Widths
- 2,500 ADT



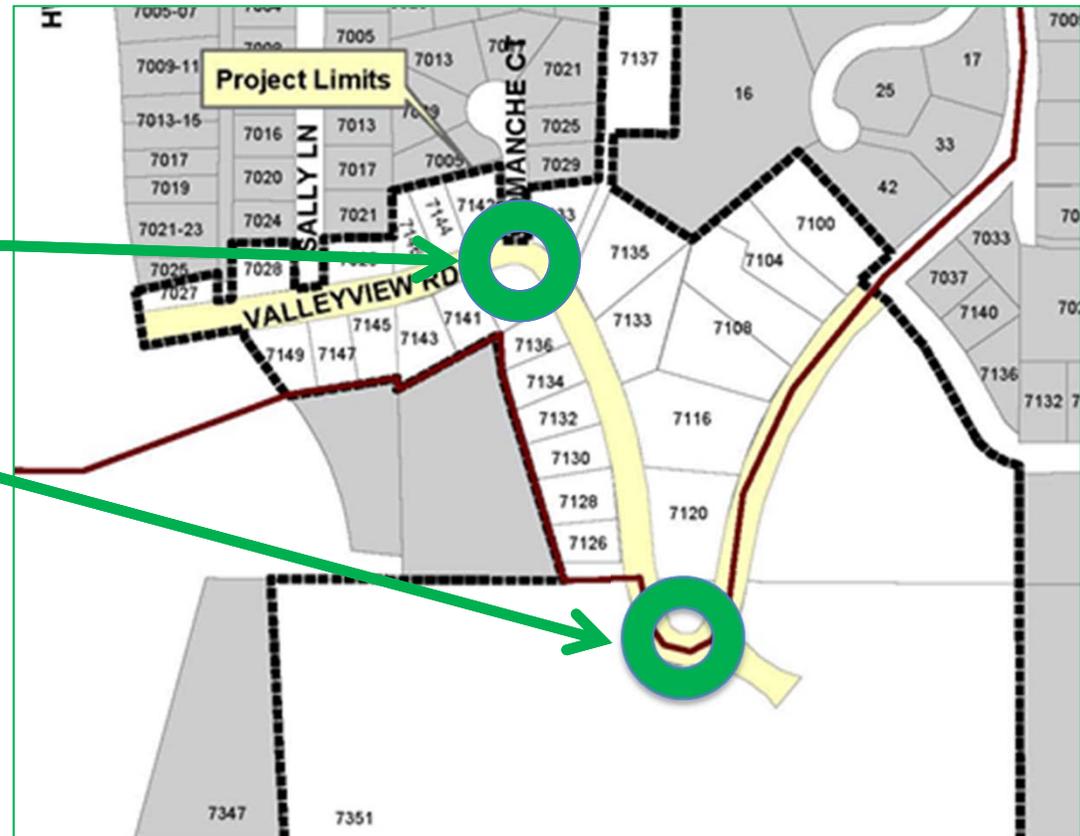


Existing Roadway Details

- State Aid Minimum Design Speed = 30 mph

20 mph Curve

15 mph Curve





Existing Roadway Details

- Braemar Blvd/Valley View Road Intersection





Questionnaire Results

- 13 of 27 (48%) of Questionnaires Returned
- 7 of 13 felt Existing Lighting was inadequate and favored upgrading
- Sidewalks – 5 in Support, 4 Opposed
- Speed – 8 felt that speed was an issue



Proposed Utility Improvements

- New fire hydrants and gate valves
- Sanitary sewer spot repairs and replacement
- Storm sewer upgrades



Proposed Roadway Improvements

- New Curb & Gutter, Including Bike Lanes





Proposed Roadway Improvements

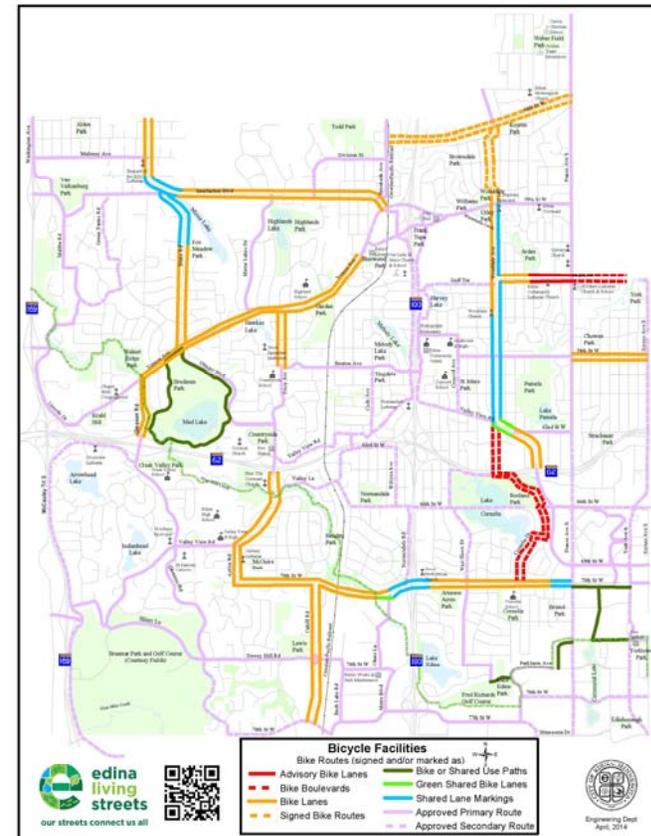
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Proposed Roadway Improvements

- Why Bike Lanes?
 - Valley View Road is a Primary Bike Route





Proposed Roadway Improvements

- Driveway Apron replacement

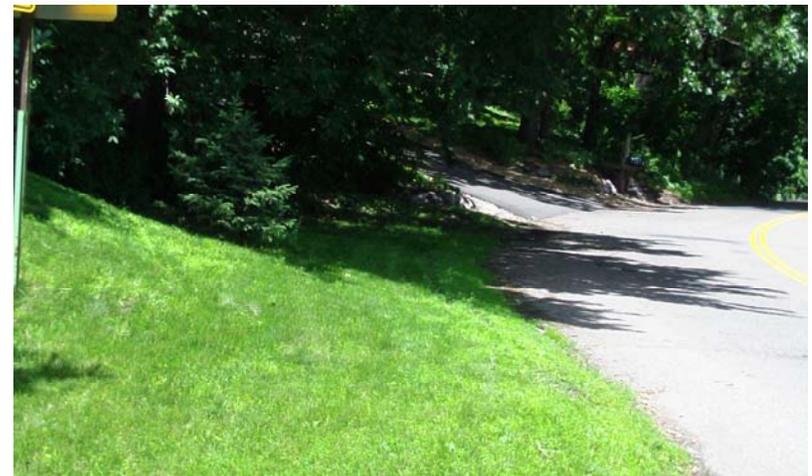




Proposed Roadway Improvements

- Sidewalk On One Side
- South Side versus North Side

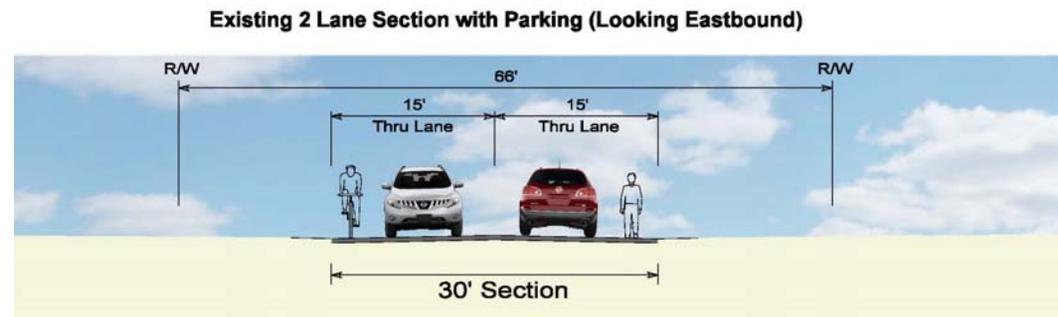
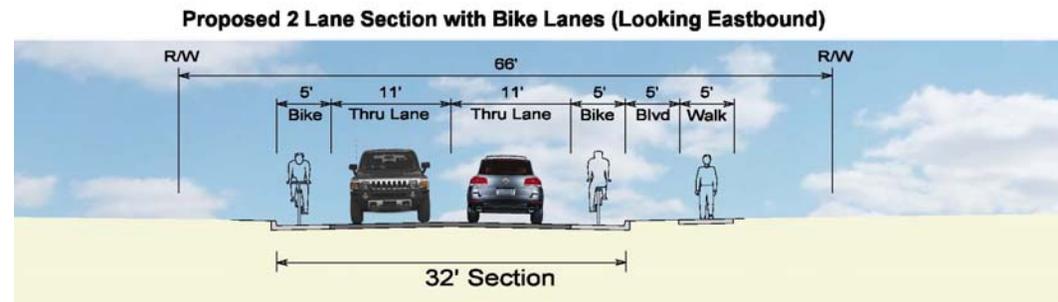
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North Side	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steep Grade• Tree Impacts• Retaining Walls• Stability Issues• Cost
South Side	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More Driveway Crossings• Landscaping Impacts





Proposed Roadway Improvements

- Typical Section (Existing 2: 14' – 15' Lanes) 28' – 30' Total
- State Aid Requirements
 - 2 – 11 ft Thru Lanes
 - 2 – 5 ft Bike Lanes
 - 5' Boulevard
 - 5' Sidewalk (South Side)





Proposed Roadway Improvements

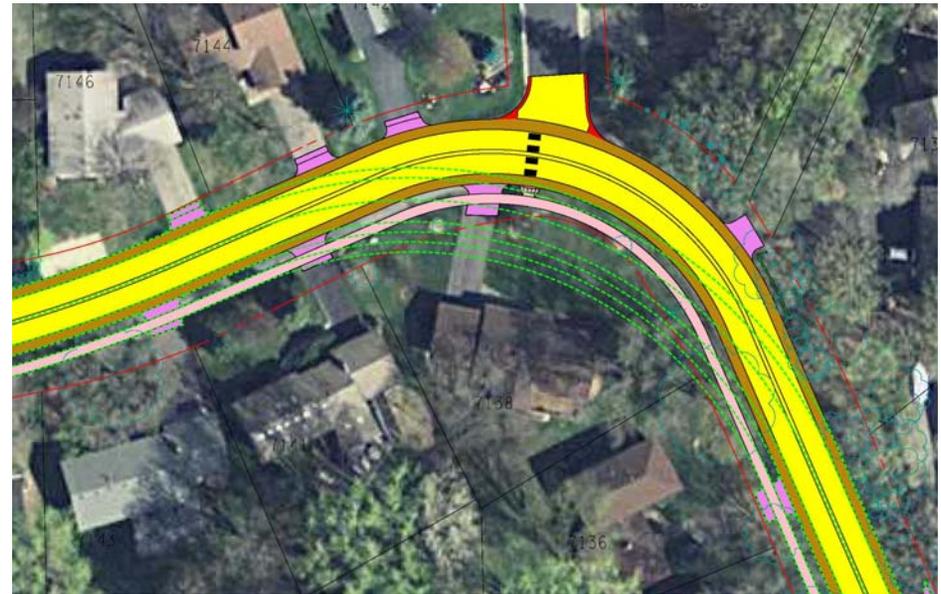
- Valley View Road/Braemar Road Intersection
- Roundabout
 - Reduces Confusion
 - Eliminates large Curve Fix or Variance
 - Safe Sidewalk Crossings
 - Landscaping: Aesthetic Blending of Natural Surrounding while meeting function of State Aid Street





Proposed Roadway Improvements

- Curve at Comanche Court
 - 30 mph Can Not be Met without Significant Impacts
 - Can only Meet 25 mph without significant impacts
 - Will Apply for State Aid Variance





Funding

- Projects are funded by a combination of State Aid Funds, special assessments to residents and the City's Utility Fund
- Assessments are assigned to adjacent properties that stand to benefit from construction improvements
- Residential Equivalent Unit (REU) – 1 Single Family Home



Funding

- State Aid Money (Gas Tax) Covers 80 percent of Roadway
- Special assessments to residents cover 20 percent of roadway costs. (City Streets – 100 percent)
- Sidewalks are not included in special assessments.



Funding

- Utility Fund covers 100 percent of:
 - Concrete curb and gutter
 - Sanitary sewer
 - Storm sewer
 - Water main
 - Sump pump pipe
- The Utility Fund is a collection of utility service charges paid to the City



Other Impacts

- Our goal is to streamline projects and minimize neighborhood disturbance.
- The City encourages private utility companies (gas, electric, telephone and cable TV) to upgrade or repair utilities along the project area.



Do Taxes Cover Street Projects?

- Roughly 20 percent of your property taxes go to the City for expenses such as Police, Fire, Parks and Public Works (snowplowing, pothole repairs, sealcoating, and other street maintenance).
- Your taxes do not pay for street reconstruction.



Preliminary Assessments

- Assessments 20% of Roadway Cost
- Divided by Resident Equivalent Units (REU)
- Valley View Road Residences: 1 REU per Property
- Residences bordering Sally Lane or Comanche Court: 1/3REU per property
- Total = 30.32 REU's for the project
- Estimated Assessment Range = \$6,300 - \$7,500/REU
- State Aid Funds or Utility Fund covering the remaining



Payment Options

- You will be billed for the assessment one year after project completion
- Assessments are payable over 15 years
- Payment options:
 1. Pay entire amount upon receiving bill to avoid finance charges
 2. Pay 25 percent; balance rolls to property taxes
 3. Roll entire amount to property taxes
 4. Defer payment if 65 years old or older



What You Can Expect

- We will keep you informed.
- You will have opportunities to provide input.
- Private utility work is to be completed before City work.
- We will do our best to minimize inconveniences, but construction does not come without pain points.



What You Can Expect

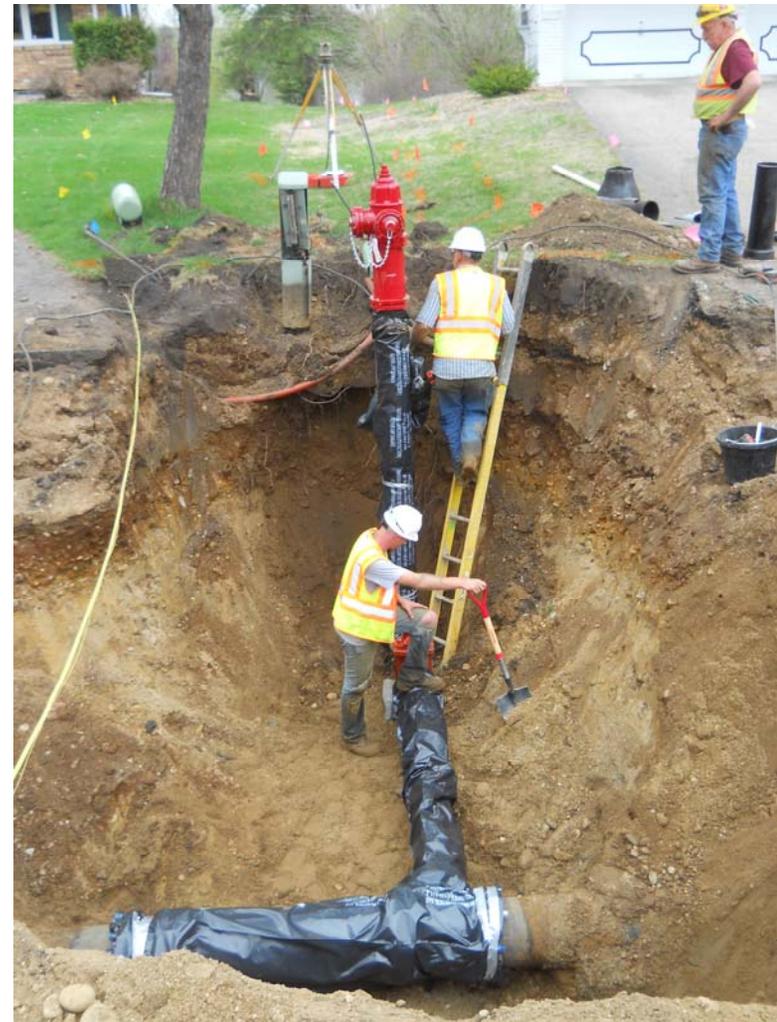
- Dust, noise, vibrations, and mud.
- Localized flooding during rainfall.
- Timelines sometimes delayed due to weather.
- You may be asked to limit water use.
- Your home may be connected to a temporary water line.





What You Can Expect

- Your driveway may be inaccessible for 3-5 days.
- Roadways to your home may be periodically inaccessible.
- The contractor will accommodate special access needs.
- Irrigation and pet containment systems mostly likely will be damaged.





Property Impacts

- Items located within the City's right-of-way may be damaged
 - Irrigation and pet containment systems will be repaired.
 - You can remove plantings and other landscape features before the project.
 - The City will seed in the right-of-way after the project is complete.



Providing Input

- Public hearings and questionnaire mailed to your home
- Weigh in on:
 - Sump pump drainage options
 - Are there traffic or drainage issues in your neighborhood?



Public Hearing Process

- Public has right to speak at Public Hearing
- Two Votes:
 - 1st Vote – Assessment Approval need 4:1 in favor
 - 2nd Vote – PACS* Components need 3:2 in favor\

* PACS = Pedestrian and Cycle Safety



Communication Tools

- Become a neighborhood captain to help facilitate project communication.
 - Let us know of someone in your neighborhood who might fit this role.
- You will be notified of all meetings, hearings, schedules and questionnaires via regular mail.
- Public hearing notices are also published in *Edina Sun-Current*.
- Door hangers are hung when there time-sensitive information.
- Final assessment notices are mailed one year after construction.



City Extra

“City Extra” emails are the best way to receive regular updates once construction begins. These are free weekly email updates about your project.

- Sign up on City of Edina website, www.EdinaMN.gov.
 - Check the box next to your project name.
- If you cannot receive email, we will mail you City Extra updates upon request.
- It’s the best way to stay informed.



How to Prepare

- Sign up for City Extra
- Begin financial planning
- Complete questionnaire
- Coordinate home and yard improvement projects around the street construction timeline
- Ask questions; stay informed



Contact Us

Email: mail@edinamn.gov

Call: 952-826-0371

Visit: Engineering Department
7450 Metro Blvd.



Thanks for your time!

Questions?