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**Cornelia Drive Sidewalk  
(W. 66<sup>th</sup> Street to W. 70<sup>th</sup> Street)**

June 15, 2015

Dear Resident:

The Cornelia Drive sidewalk that was scheduled for construction this year has been postponed until 2016 because staff was successful in securing grant funding towards the project.

Attached is staff's update that the City Council will receive at the next meeting on Jun. 17. This topic is not open for comment at the council meeting; it is only an update to council. If you would like to comment on this project to the council you can do so by submitting comments via letter or e-mail.

Staff anticipates completing the design and conducting the bid process this winter in anticipation of an early 2016 construction season.

You will be kept informed as we continue the design process. If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback, please contact me at 952-826-0322 or [mnolan@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:mnolan@EdinaMN.gov).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark K. Nolan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark K. Nolan, AICP  
Transportation Planner

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# REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



**To:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**Agenda Item #:** IV. L.

**From:** Chad A. Millner, Director of Engineering

**Action**

**Discussion**

**Information**

**Date:** June 17, 2015

**Subject:** Sidewalk Project Update - Cornelia Drive between W. 66<sup>th</sup> and W. 70<sup>th</sup> Streets

## Action Requested:

None.

## Information / Background:

On Dec. 2, 2014, the City Council unanimously approved the Sidewalk Facilities Map Comprehensive Plan Amendment, which includes a sidewalk on Cornelia Drive between W. 66<sup>th</sup> Street and W. 70<sup>th</sup> Street. This sidewalk was also included on the previous (2008) Comprehensive Plan, and is highlighted on Edina's Comprehensive Active Routes to School (ARTS) Plan as a recommended sidewalk.

At the Jan. 6, 2015 City Council meeting, staff asked for a resolution supporting the application for Safe Routes to School Program Infrastructure Grant funding for the Cornelia Drive sidewalk. Our initial application was denied, but on May 26, we received good news that our application was approved for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds for construction costs up to 80% or up to \$209,307. Engineering/design work and the balance of construction costs would come from the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund. Because we must meet federal aid project requirements this funding will not be available until the 2016 construction season; therefore, we need to shift construction of this sidewalk to 2016.

The project will include the construction of approximately 3,000 feet of 5-foot concrete sidewalk with various width boulevards to connect to existing sidewalks at W. 66<sup>th</sup> Street (and Rosland Park) and W. 70<sup>th</sup> Street (and Cornelia Elementary School). The alignment of the sidewalk is along the west side of Cornelia from 70<sup>th</sup> Street to 68<sup>th</sup> Street and along the east side of Cornelia from 68<sup>th</sup> Street to 66<sup>th</sup> Street.

Since our last discussion, staff has refined the design and continued to meet with residents. Continued discussions with residents will occur as we finalize the design. This funding does not change any of the design parameters. Staff anticipates completing the design and conducting the bid process this winter in anticipation of an early season construction.

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