



May 1, 2015

## 2016 Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction Tracy Avenue (TH-62 to Benton Avenue)

Dear Resident:

Tracy Avenue is on a list of roadway reconstruction and utility improvement projects being considered by the City of Edina for the summer of 2016. See the attached map identifying your project area.

We 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 May 15, 2015.

### How the City will use your input:

- Your responses will 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 is incorporating elements of the City's Living Streets Policy. The draft plan guides the City in designing safe streets that balance 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 preliminary engineering report is completed in early September. You will not be billed for the special assessment until fall 2017. The special assessment is payable over 15 years.
- The special assessment is for a portion of the cost of the new roadway. Tracy Avenue is a Municipal State Aid Street and State Aid funds cover 80% of the roadway cost while the other 20% is covered by special assessment. Sidewalks are funded through the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Fund and thus are not assessed to property owners. 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 preliminary engineering report at the public hearing in December. If approved by City Council, construction would begin in spring/early summer and end in late fall of 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 952-826-0318 or [cmillner@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:cmillner@EdinaMN.gov), or WSB Project Manager Andrew Plowman at 763-287-7149 or [aplowman@wsbeng.com](mailto:aplowman@wsbeng.com).

Sincerely,

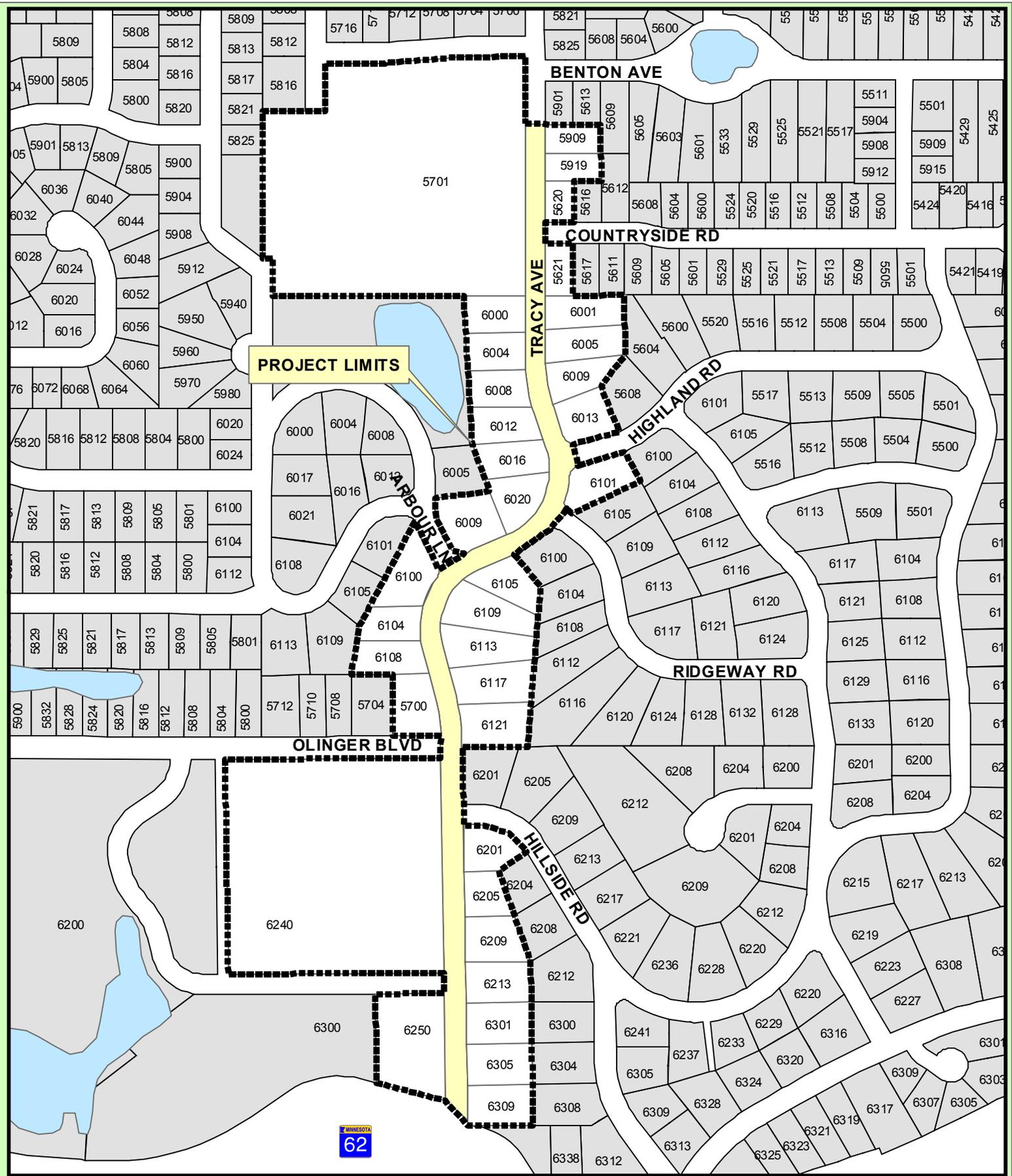
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Director of Engineering

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

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**2016 Project Area**  
**Tracy Ave Roadway Reconstruction**  
**Improvement No: BA-399**



Engineering Dept  
September, 2014



## Resident Questionnaire Instructions

### Tracy Avenue (TH-62 to Benton Avenue)

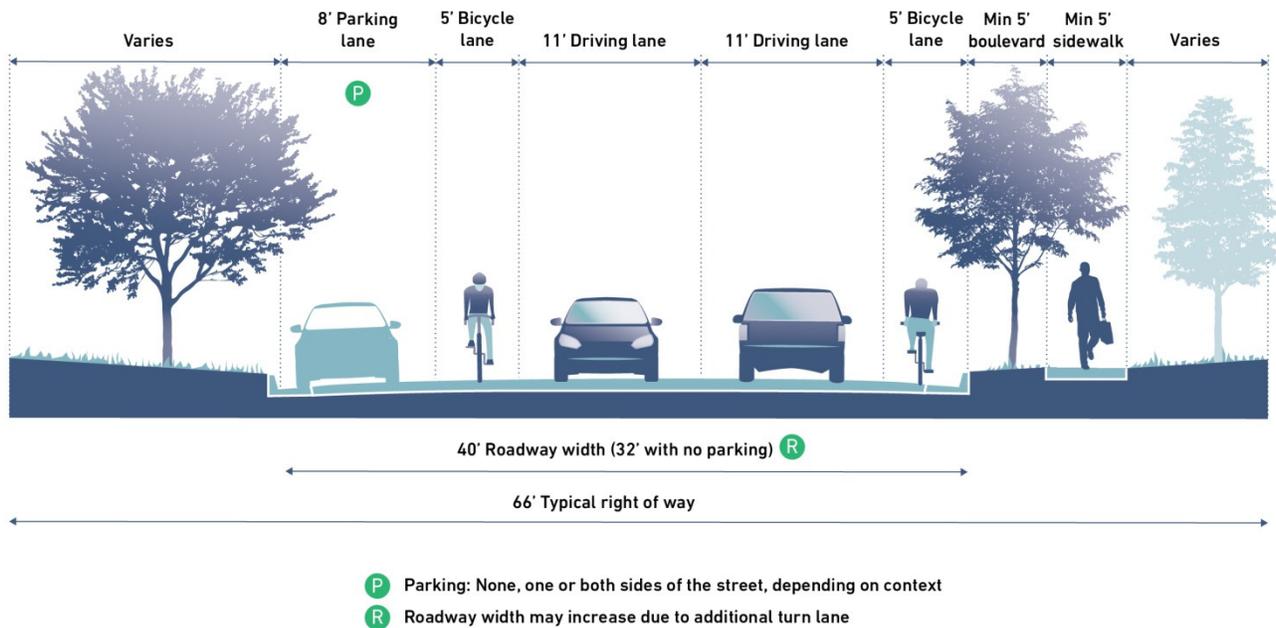
Thank you for your time. Your responses to the attached questionnaire will help us design this project. The background information below will help you in filling out the questionnaire. Each numeral relates to the corresponding survey question.

For all roadway reconstruction projects staff seeks 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.

#### **I – VII. Multi-Modal Transportation**

Multi-modal transportation describes a roadway system that is designed to safely accommodate all users. According to the draft Living Streets Plan, Tracy Avenue is considered a Collector street. The proposed typical section for these types of streets is shown in Figure I. Please note that according to the draft Plan sidewalks are required on Collector streets on at least one side. Additionally, bicycle lanes are required on all Primary Bike Routes, and Tracy is a Primary Bike Route. The need and number of parking areas is under consideration.

#### **Living Streets: Collector-Street Type**



**FIGURE I – EXAMPLE COLLECTOR STREET TYPICAL SECTION**

### **VIII. 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.

### **IX. Local Drainage Problems**

As part of the storm sewer and sump drain design process, we would like to know if storm water run-off 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.

### **X. 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.

### **XI. 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. Most street light improvements are funded at least partially by special assessments.

### **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.

### **Need Help?**

If you have any questions about how to fill out the questionnaire, please contact me at 952-826-0318 or [cmillner@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:cmillner@EdinaMN.gov) or the WSB Project Manager, Andrew Plowman at 763-287-7149 or [aplowman@wsbeng.com](mailto:aplowman@wsbeng.com).



## Resident Questionnaire

### Tracy Avenue (TH-62 to Benton Avenue)

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

**I. How satisfied are you with the speed of traffic on Tracy Avenue?**

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

If dissatisfied or very dissatisfied, please enter the location(s) and describe why you feel that way:

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**II. How satisfied are you with the motorist behavior of traffic on Tracy Avenue?**

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

If dissatisfied or very dissatisfied, please enter the location(s) and describe why you feel that way:

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**III. Do you feel any intersection along Tracy Avenue is unsafe?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, which intersection(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Which, if any, of the following factors contribute to your feeling that the intersection(s) is unsafe (select all that apply)?

- Lack of Traffic Control (traffic signal, roundabout, stop sign, yield sign, etc.)
- Issue with Sight Line
- Drivers Failing to Stop at Stop Sign
- Lack of Marked Crosswalk
- Drivers turning corner too fast

Insufficient lighting

**IV. How frequently do you or a member of your household park on Tracy Avenue?**

- Very Frequently (daily or nearly daily)
- Frequently (2-3x per week)
- Occasionally (1-4x per month)
- Rarely (less than once per month)
- Never

**V. How frequently do visitors to your household park on Tracy Avenue?**

- Very Frequently (daily or nearly daily)
- Frequently (2-3x per week)
- Occasionally (1-4x per month)
- Rarely (less than once per month)
- Never

**VI. How frequently do you or a member of your household walk, jog or run along Tracy Avenue?**

- Very Frequently (daily or nearly daily)
- Frequently (2-3x per week)
- Occasionally (1-4x per month)
- Rarely (less than once per month)
- Never

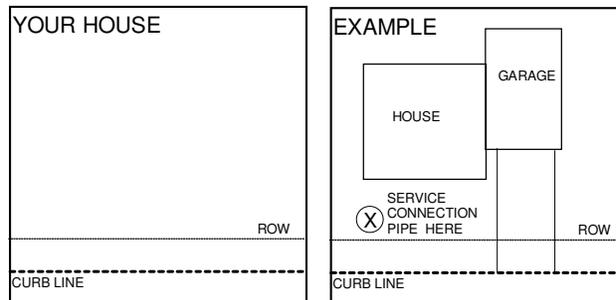
**VII. How frequently do you or a member of your household ride a bicycle along Tracy Avenue?**

- Very Frequently (daily or nearly daily)
- Frequently (2-3x per week)
- Occasionally (1-4x per month)
- Rarely (less than once per month)
- Never

**VIII. Drainage Service Connection:**

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

Please sketch in the space to the right: your house, garage, driveway, and sump pump discharge location.



**IX. Local Drainage Problems**

Please describe specific surface water drainage problems in your neighborhood:

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**X. 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

**XI. Residential Streetlights:**

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

- Yes                       No

**Please describe why you feel that way:**

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Do you favor improving your streetlights with either a different style street light or more lights?

- Yes                       No

**Please describe why you feel that way:**

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**VI. Other Comments or Concerns Related to Street Reconstruction**

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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 May 15.**