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**Oaklawn Avenue Sidewalk  
(W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street to Cul-De-Sac South of Gilford Drive)**

January 4, 2016

Dear Resident:

You are invited to attend an informal open house meeting to discuss a sidewalk along Oaklawn Avenue from W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street to the cul-de-sac south of Gilford Drive for construction in 2017. The meeting is on Thursday, January 28, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., at the Public Works & Park Maintenance Facility located at 7450 Metro Blvd.

The proposed sidewalk is on the Sidewalk Facilities Map in the City's Comprehensive Plan and the Active (Safe) Routes to School Comprehensive Plan. The sidewalk would provide a safe and comfortable walking route to and from the south to connect students, their families and other residents to Cornelia Elementary School and the surrounding neighborhood. Also proposed is a trail connection from the Oaklawn Avenue cul-de-sac south to Parklawn Avenue to connect to the future Nine-Mile Creek Regional Trail. The trail connection is a separate project and would be built over an existing drainage and utility easement; staff is currently discussing this with adjacent property owners at the trail location.

At the open house, staff will solicit your feedback on the preliminary layout that will illustrate potential location and property impacts.

Please note that sidewalks are not special assessed and are funded by the Pedestrian Cyclist and Safety Fund. Staff is also pursuing a Safe Routes to School grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The trail connection would be funded by the Three Rivers Park District.

If you have any questions or are unable to attend the meeting and would like to provide feedback, please contact me at 952-826-0322 or [mnolan@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:mnolan@EdinaMN.gov).

Regards,

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