Braemar Hills B
Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction

August 17, 2012

Dear Resident:

The Edina City Council recently amended the City's special assessment policy. Under the new policy, property owners will no longer be assessed for sidewalks and street lights.

You were recently asked your opinion of the need for sidewalks and street lights in your neighborhood. Now that you would not be asked to pay for them through a special assessment, your opinion might have changed. Please fill out Resident Questionnaire No. 2 and return it to us in the enclosed envelope by August 24.

If an ordinance is adopted by the Council in October, new utility franchise fees would finance sidewalks, trails and lighting. The proposed franchise fee for a residential utility account is $1.45 per month for both Xcel and CenterPoint customers, for a total of $2.90 per month.

What would be the extent of the street lights funded by utility franchise fees?

If there is strong support for street lights, they would be placed at intersections and potentially mid-block locations. They would replace the existing cobra head lights with decorative lights.

Where would sidewalks be located?

If there is strong support for sidewalks, staff would locate sidewalks along street corridors with the least amount of conflicts with existing features. We would also review how the sidewalks could connect to surrounding amenities of the community.

Other Changes

The special assessment policy was also revised Aug. 6 to:

- Extend repayment period for special assessment from 10 to 15 years.
- Decrease the spread between the interest rate of the City's project financing and what is added to the special assessments that are financed by the City from 2 percent to 1 percent.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 952-826-0318 or cmillner@EdinaMN.gov or Engineering Technician Jamie Cynor at 952-826-0440 or jcynor@EdinaMN.gov.

Sincerely,

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