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2015 Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction
Countryside H Neighborhood
Project Update - Sidewalks

Dear Resident:

At the July 28 neighborhood informational meeting, residents were introduced to the plan for sidewalk installations to be incorporated with the neighborhood project improvements.

Sidewalks are planned for the following streets:

1. Arbour Avenue from Grove Street to 61st Street West
2. Sun Road from Olinger Boulevard to Arbour Avenue
3. Benton from Tracy Avenue to Stuart Avenue

The sidewalks were included in the project to coordinate implementation of the Edina Active Routes to School (ARTS) Plan. The ARTS Plan was approved by the Edina City Council on June 17, 2014. The goal of the ARTS Plan is to increase walking and bicycling to school and improve safety conditions for those walking and biking to school. The ARTS Plan includes sidewalk and bicycle route improvements throughout the City that will be implemented in coordination with neighborhood street reconstruction projects.

Attached is Figure 11 from the ARTS plan that shows the walking and biking improvements planned for the area adjacent to the Countryside Elementary School. Details of the sidewalk construction including the side of the road for installation and distance from the roadway's edge have not yet been determined but will be developed as staff prepares the Feasibility Study for the project.

The Countryside H Neighborhood Reconstruction Project will be presented to the City Council in December 2014. At this meeting a public hearing will be held to solicit input on the project. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council will vote separately on the street reconstruction portion of the project and on the sidewalk portion of the project.

The street reconstruction portion of the project is assessable and therefore must adhere to the requirements of MN State Statute Chapter 429. Chapter 429 require a 4/5 favorable vote of the Council for approval. The sidewalk component of the project will not be assessed and is therefore not subject to the 4/5 majority vote. The sidewalk project can be approved by a simple majority vote of 3/5 of the Edina City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 952-826-0443 or pwrase@EdinaMN.gov or Engineering Technician Andrew Scipioni at 952-826-0440 or ascipioni@EdinaMN.gov.

Regards,

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