

STREETS AND UTILITIES TASK FORCE MEETING (MARCH 17, 2015)

ACTION ITEMS

* Cleveland Avenue Lighting Improvements

Q: A task force member asked why this project does not have a lighting assessment associated with it.

Action Taken: This is replacement of the lighting fixtures only. We are not installing a new lighting system. Therefore, the policy is that we do not assess.

* Wall Street from 5th to 7th - Street Lighting Improvements

Q: A task force member asked if 165 foot spacing for downtown lighting meets our current specification.

Action Taken: 165 foot spacing is standard for lighting on a local residential neighborhood street. Spacing varies greatly in downtown based on the type of lighting and whether it is included in an above standard lighting District.

Q: A task force member asked if a citywide lighting map could be provided to all task force members that shows where all the lighting in St. Paul is located.

Action Taken: Not available. It is in the City GIS database but not capable of being printed on a citywide map.

* Street Lighting Improvements (East 6th, Eichenwald, Maple & Hope)

Q: A task force member asked why the assessment financing is broken out the way it is shown on the spreadsheet.

Action Taken: The total estimated assessment amount is \$196,000. It is broken out to include some of the assessment amount going to engineering and the remaining amount going to construction – which is similar to other projects that have assessment financing.

Q: A task force member asked why the property owners aren't being assessed more for the lighting.

Action Taken: The assessment revenue was estimated based on our current 2015 SPSVP assessment rate of \$15.04 per assessable foot for a standard street lighting system. City Policy states we assess 25% of cost of installation of a standard lighting system.

*** Vacation of East 6th Street between Mounds and Maria**

Q: A task force member asked what the ADT is along 7th Street between Mounds and Arcade.

Action Taken: See attached portion of 2105 Traffic Flow map which shows most recent counts in the project area.

*** Mounds Promenade**

Q: A task force member asked when the City was planning to reconstruct the Kellogg/3rd Street Bridge.

Action Taken: The City is currently pursuing various funding opportunities in order to replace the Kellogg Boulevard/3rd Street Bridge. The earliest construction activities would begin in 2018.

*** Make It Happen on East 7th Street Safety and Beautification**

Q: A task force member asked how the costs were derived. Why is there MSA and CIB and no assessment financing? What is the ADT along E. 7th Street?

Action Taken: Some of the project elements are not eligible to be funded with MSA (trash containers, benches, planters, etc.). There may be assessments on this project, but they haven't been determined yet. This may reduce the amount of CIB required for the project but at the time of application Public Works was uncertain about eligible assessment costs. The ADT on E. 7th Street west of Arcade is 14,650 and east of Arcade is 12,550.

Q: A task force member asked if there is a long term solution for sidewalk construction and potholes

Action Taken: The Department of Public Works has developed a 5-year plan that includes street reconstruction, rehabilitation and mill and overlays. This has been developed taking into account the poorest condition roadways and the average daily traffic using these roadways. The poorest condition roadways are often those with excessive potholes and deterioration.

Action Taken (cont): The funding for sidewalk reconstruction has held constant over the past several years. It comes directly from the ROW Maintenance Fund. The funding allocated allows us to do about \$750K worth of sidewalk construction each year.

*** Wabasha Street Bike Lane Connection**

Q: A task force member asked why there is not a three lane section on the south end of the bridge.

Action Taken: Public Works is considering the possibility of moving to a three lane section on Wabasha south of the bridge. If this is done then there will be enough room on street to stripe a bike lane.

Q: A task force member asked if there was enough street width to install a bike lane without having to widen the street. Last time project was presented it called for widening the street to accommodate the bike lane.

Action Taken: The only way this project proposal works is if the striping south of the Wabasha Bridge changes from a four lane to a three lane section. This is currently being considered by Public Works. Wabasha between Plato and Fillmore is being proposed for reconstruction in 2016. This may be the time to do some widening in order to accommodate bike lanes.