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Re: Proposed 2021 Reconstruction of Riverdale Drive - Feldspar Street to Sunfish Lake Boulevard

City Improvement Project #21-00 proposes to reconstruct Riverdale Drive from Feldspar Street to approximately 200 feet west of Sunfish Lake Boulevard in 2021. Riverdale Drive to the east is currently proposed to be reconstructed in 2024 - 2025 when the new Sunfish Lake Boulevard interchange is constructed as part of the Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 improvements. The City will continue to patch the east end of Riverdale Drive until it is reconstructed with the new interchange. Property owners will not be assessed for these improvements.

Bolton & Menk, Inc. is providing the design services for this project including the required survey work, geotechnical evaluations, preparation of plans and specifications, and project bid services. Riverdale Drive is part of the City's Municipal State Aid Street (MSAS) system and is therefore required to meet 10-ton pavement design strength standards, as well as other applicable MnDOT State Aid standards.

This segment of Riverdale Drive is currently 44-feet wide but is proposed to be reduced to a width of 34-feet. To accomplish this, two existing 6-foot wide on-street bike lanes on the west end of Riverdale Drive are proposed to be removed, along with the on-street parking lane along the north side. An 8-foot wide on-street parking lane is proposed along the south side of Riverdale Drive. Travel lanes are proposed to be 12-feet wide, with an additional 2-feet provided along the curb on the north side to better accommodate truck traffic and to mitigate loss of useable pavement in the winter due to snow and ice accumulations.

A 10-foot wide off-street bituminous trail exists north of Riverdale Drive and west of Sunfish Lake Boulevard. This trail terminates approximately 300 feet east of Dolomite Street, where it connects to Riverdale Drive. This trail is proposed to be extended to Feldspar Street to allow pedestrians and bicyclists to use an off-street trail separated from traffic by a 6 to 8-foot wide boulevard, which will also better accommodate snow storage and reduce the drifting of snow along the corridor as occurs currently due to the narrower (0 to 2-foot wide) boulevards.

Storm sewer improvements proposed with this project include adding a trunk storm sewer under Riverdale Drive to better convey stormwater runoff from the Dolomite Street intersection to the Mississippi River, as well as adding a pollution control structure to remove pollutants from stormwater runoff before it is discharged to the river.

Municipal utilities (water supply and sanitary sewer) exist within the project area. In preparation for this project, the sanitary sewers were cleaned and televised which verified the lines are in good operating condition and that repairs are not anticipated to be needed during the 60-year design life of the improvements. Therefore, no sanitary sewer improvements are proposed with this project. Water supply improvements are also not proposed with this project, except that water service lines extending from the trunk line under the street into each property will be inspected at the property line to confirm that each service line is properly installed. This work will help ensure that service line repairs will not be needed during the design life of the improvements. The water supply system was recently tested for leaks and the results indicate that repairs are not immediately needed or anticipated during the design life of the improvements.

Access to abutting properties will be maintained throughout construction as best as practical. City Staff will work with all property owners during construction to ensure they are informed in advance of any work that will affect and/or interrupt access to their property for any length of time, particularly due to reconstructing driveway aprons. Access for emergency services will be maintained throughout construction.

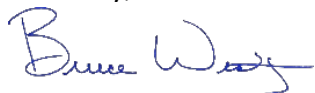
The City Council approved plans and specifications and authorized advertisements for bids on January 26th. Future Council approval is needed to award a contract for construction to the lowest responsible bidder, which is anticipated to occur on March 9th. After that, construction would start in late May or early June with substantial completion occurring by September 3rd. More details on this and other improvement projects are available on the City's website at <http://www.ci.ramsey.mn.us/198/City-Improvement-Projects>.

The engineer's opinion of probable construction costs for the improvements is \$915,000. Estimated project costs include an additional 23-percent to account for administrative, engineering, finance and legal fees, which results in a total estimated project cost of \$1,125,500. A combination of Municipal State Aid (MSA) Funds, Sewer Funds, Water Funds and Stormwater Funds are proposed to fund the improvements. Again, property owners will not be assessed for these improvements.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a public open house will not be held for this project. Instead, project notification letters are being mailed to properties with direct access to Riverdale Drive, and properties on local streets that directly connect to Riverdale Drive. The purpose of this letter is to inform property owners of the proposed project, provide basic information on the project, and direct property owners to a project web page where more details on the project can be found and will be updated regularly during construction.

Please feel free to contact me by phone at 763-433-9825 or email at bwestby@cityoframsey.com with any questions related to this project. If the project moves forward to construction, you will receive another letter containing more information on the project including the schedule and who to contact during construction.

Sincerely,



Bruce Westby
City Engineer