

June 2, 2011

**RE: Proposed Sidewalk for Valley View Road –
from McCauley Trail to Braemar Boulevard
City of Edina, Improvement No. S-095**

Dear Resident:

You are invited to attend an informational meeting on June 15, 7-8 p.m. at our new Public Works and Park Maintenance Facility, located at 7450 Metro Boulevard, to learn more about the proposed sidewalk along Valley View Road.

The City of Edina has been studying the feasibility of road reconstruction along Valley View Road from McCauley Trail to Braemar Boulevard for a number of years.

The project was first initiated by residents as a sidewalk petition in 2004. After studying the area in more detail, staff believed a more comprehensive roadway project to correct drainage issues, realign the intersection near Braemar Boulevard and incorporating a sidewalk would be the best long term solution for the area.

These improvements were scheduled for 2010 as part of the City of Edina Municipal State Aid (MSA) Street Reconstruction program; however MnDOT accelerated their schedule for reconstructing the interchange of 169/494 requiring much of the funding allocated to Valley View Road to be used as the City's portion of the 169/494 interchange upgrades.

Additionally, staff does not want to do a full reconstruction of Valley View Road at the same time that the 169/494 interchange is under construction.

Therefore, staff is proposing an interim measure by placing a raised sidewalk on the north and east side of Valley View Road from McCauley Trail to Braemar Boulevard. This sidewalk will be constructed at no cost to the residents. An example of this type of walk can be seen in the following photograph. We expect this walk to be in place for 2-6 years. It is our hope that additional MSA funds will be available for a complete road reconstruction at that time.

The meeting will consist of a 20 minute presentation starting shortly after 7 p.m. followed by a question and answer session. If you cannot attend the meeting the presentation can be made available to you after the meeting. Please contact the Engineering Department at 952-826-0371.

Sincerely,

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Proposed Sidewalk Design along Valley View Road