



November 16, 2010

City of Edina

RE: West 44th Street Reconstruction – Resident Questionnaire

Dear Resident:

The City of Edina and the City of St. Louis Park have initiated the process of roadway and utility improvements for the summer of 2011 for your neighborhood. The first step was to hold an open house on October 28, 2010, for you to become familiar with the street reconstruction process. A second meeting will be held on December 8, 2010, where preliminary design drawings of the roadway and a typical estimated assessment amount will be presented. You will receive a separate notice by mail for this meeting.

The next step is to get feedback from you regarding a number of key components of the project. The information you share with us is essential in determining certain aspects of the project that may be constructed. Please read the information below before you complete the questionnaire.

Things to know and consider:

- Residents in Edina pay a portion of the overall project cost in the form of a special assessment. West 44th Street is a Municipal State Aid route, in which both Cities are eligible to receive funding from Mn/DOT for the street improvements as long as it meets their design standards. The City of Edina's assessment policy identifies that 20% of the street improvement costs for the project are specially assessed to the adjacent benefitting properties. Special assessments are based on a Residential Equivalent Unit (REU) or, per property, and are payable over 10 years.

Residents in St. Louis Park will not be specially assessed unless the project does not meet Mn/DOT design standards and funding is not received from Mn/DOT.

The estimated special assessment for your neighborhood will not be determined until after information has been gathered from the questionnaires and a feasibility report is completed, which is planned to be complete in January 2011. An estimated range of the assessment amount will be provided to you at the December 8 informational meeting. If the project is completed during the summer of 2011, the special assessment for your property will not be levied until fall 2012.

- Special assessments for roadway projects in the City of Edina typically fund roadways, sidewalks, and street lights. Other utility upgrades such as water

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main, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and concrete curb and gutter are funded through the utility fund and are not special assessed.

- Construction typically starts in spring/early summer and end in late fall of the same year.

Questionnaire:

The following information explains the questionnaire that is enclosed. A map showing the boundaries of the area to be reconstructed is attached to this letter. After reading this letter completely, please complete the questionnaire and return by November 30, 2010, in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

I. Drainage Service Connection

Do you use a sump pump or have you considered installing one? Do you currently have a footing drain? The project could include a sump drain system along the roadway to collect groundwater, storm water runoff, and discharges from private sump pumps, roof drains or any other runoff from private property.

A typical sump pump discharges onto a homeowner's lawn. This can cause problems with your lawn, your neighbor's lawn, your basement if your lawn drains back to your home or with the street if the sump pump constantly runs down the gutter line promoting algae growth. Discharging the sump pump into the sanitary sewer system such as floor drains or laundry tubs is against the law, both City Ordinance and State Statute.

If the topography and final street designs favor a City sump drain system, we will need to know if you currently have a sump pump or a footing drain. The line from the home to the City sump drain system would be your responsibility including any plumbing modifications needed to connect your sump pump. The City of Edina's sump drain system is funded through the storm sewer utility fund.

We also would like to know about any local drainage problems. This might be an opportunity for the sump drain system to correct these issues.

II. Local Drainage Problems

Does storm water run-off stand in the street or sidewalk in front of your house? As part of the storm sewer and sump drain design process, we would like to know if this or similar situations are occurring in your area. If so, please describe it in the local drainage problems section of the questionnaire. We will review them for possible corrective action.

III. Residential Streetlights

As part of all reconstruction projects, staff typically asks if residents favor upgrading their streetlight system. In some cases, the streetlight system is at the end of its useful life and requires upgrading. We do not know yet the condition of your specific streetlight system; an evaluation will be done later. For the City of Edina, funding for

streetlights are currently through special assessment. The City of St. Louis Park will also special assess street lighting upgrades as well.

In the residential streetlight option section of the questionnaire, are examples of the different styles of street lighting that could be installed in your neighborhood. Please rank your style preferences. Please note that ranking your style preferences does not mean you are in favor of streetlights.

IV. Private Underground Utilities

Some residents install private underground utilities in the City-owned boulevards, also called the right-of-way (ROW). These utilities are usually lawn irrigation or pet containment systems. Utility and roadway reconstruction can damage these utilities. If they are damaged, they will be restored only if you indicate that you have these systems on your returned questionnaire in the private underground utilities section. Additionally, if the contractor knows the location of these private utilities, they can attempt to avoid damaging them during construction.

V. Pedestrian Issues

If you know of a problem at a pedestrian crossing, missing sidewalk, or other pedestrian issues, please tell us about it in that section of the questionnaire.

VI. Traffic Management

The Edina Transportation Commission typically reviews traffic issues on local streets. We would like to know if you feel that your roadway has any traffic issues. Please tell us about it in the traffic management section of the questionnaire.

VII. On-street Parking

Currently, there are no restrictions for on-street parking on West 44th Street in the residential areas and vehicles can park on both sides of the street. In order to meet Mn/DOT design standards, the roadway must be minimum 32-feet wide in order to have parking on one side of the street. The existing street widths are generally 27 to 32 feet wide within the residential areas of the roadway corridor. The City plans to apply for a variance from Mn/DOT to reconstruct the roadway to a width less than 32 feet in order to minimize disruption to the trees that exist along the edges of the street and to allow parking on one side of the street. There are several factors that determine what side of the street parking will be allowed on. We are looking for feedback in the questionnaire on your feeling on how important it is to have parking in front of your home or property.

Receive Project Updates via the City Extra

If you sign up for our "City Extra" e-mail notification service, you will receive project updates as they occur. During this stage of the project, such updates are usually notifications of upcoming meetings. Later, if the Council chooses to proceed with construction of this project, the updates will occur weekly. During construction, the updates will include information such as when access to your driveway might be limited or when to have your

contractor repair your private lawn irrigation system if it was damaged by construction activities.

The City Extra service is free and allows you to sign up to receive messages from the City regarding this project, and any other project of interest. To sign up for the service, go to the City Extra website at <http://cityextra.cityofedina.com>. Follow the instructions to sign up and then select "44th Street – Minnesota Highway 100 to France Avenue" from the list of projects under Public Works. Any information you provide will be confidential and only specific information you request will be sent to you. Your subscriptions are protected by your own personal password.

If you do not have access to email or the internet, please call me at 952-826-0371, and I will have hard copy of correspondences sent to you.

Questions

If you have questions after reading this letter, please feel free to call Shibani Bisson with WSB & Associates, Inc. at 763-287-7162 or myself at 952-826-0371.

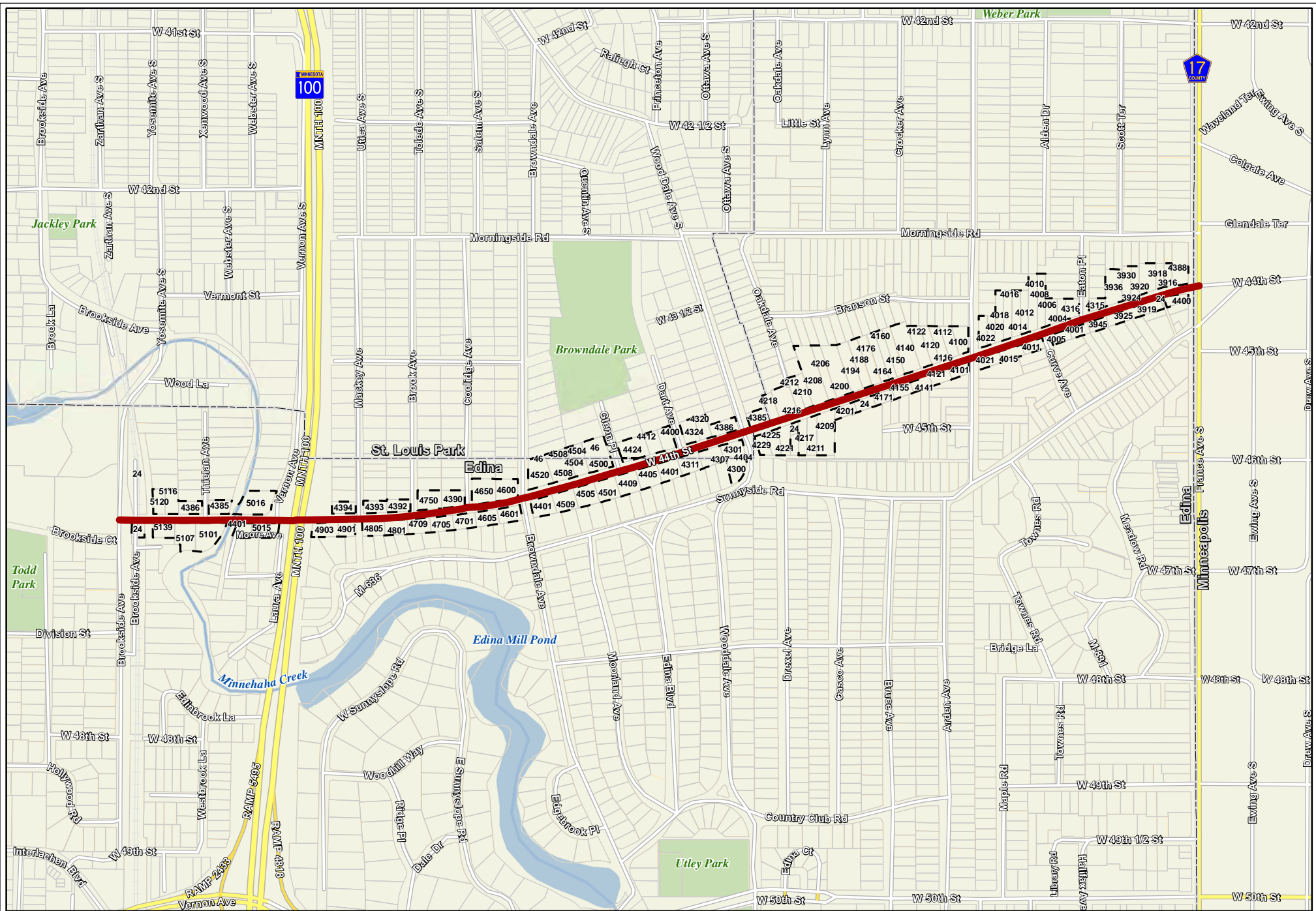
Sincerely,



Wayne D. Houle, P.E.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Enclosures: Map
Questionnaire
Self-Addressed Envelope

cc: City of St. Louis Park – Engineering Department



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Legend

-  Project Location
-  Properties Adjacent to Project

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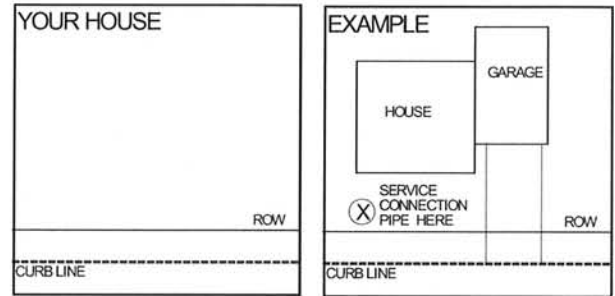

Please read the enclosed cover letter first and then complete the survey. Please return this survey by **November 30, 2010**, using the self-addressed, stamped envelope.

I. Drainage Service Connection:

- A. Does your home have a drain tile/footing drain? Yes No Unknown
- B. Does your home have a sump pump? Yes No Unknown
- C. Would you be willing to connect your sump pump to a City drain, if provided (at your own cost)? Yes No
- D. Would you be willing to connect your roof drains to a City drain, if provided (at your own cost)? Yes No

Please sketch in the space to the right: your house, garage, driveway, sump pump discharge location, and approximately where along the right-of-way (ROW) line you would like the service connection pipe located.





If you do not fill out this information, the City cannot guarantee that a City drain will be provided to your property with the construction project.



II. Local Drainage Problems – please list specific surface water drainage problems in your neighborhood:

III. Residential Streetlights:

- A. Do you favor upgrading your streetlights (there would be a special assessment cost to your property)? Yes No
- B. If the streetlights are upgraded, which style do you prefer? Please rank all the styles from 1 to 5, with 5 being most liked. Please answer, even if you answered "No" in section III. A.

<p>Acorn: Style can be viewed along Concord Ave. from Valley View Rd. to South View Ln, Edina.</p>	<p>Dislike <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Like 1 2 3 4 5</p>	
<p>Arlington Lantern: Style can be viewed in the Country Club neighborhood, just north of West 50th St. along Wooddale Ave., Edina.</p>	<p>Dislike <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Like 1 2 3 4 5</p>	
<p>Coach: Style can be viewed in the Sunnyslope neighborhood, just north of Edina City Hall, Edina.</p>	<p>Dislike <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Like 1 2 3 4 5</p>	
<p>Round Lantern: Style can be viewed at County Road 101 and W 78th St North, Maple Grove.</p>	<p>Dislike <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Like 1 2 3 4 5</p>	



PROPERTY OWNER QUESTIONNAIRE

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IV. Private Underground Utilities:

- A. Do you have an underground lawn irrigation system in the City's right of way? (The right of way varies between 5' to 15' behind the roadway.) Yes No
- B. Do you have an underground electric pet containment system in the City's right of way? Yes No

If you have these systems and do not check Yes, the City cannot guarantee that these systems will be repaired or replaced with the construction project and would therefore be repaired at your cost.

V. Pedestrian Issues:

- A. Please list any specific neighborhood pedestrian issues below.

VI. Traffic Management:

- A. Do you feel your neighborhood or roadway has any traffic issues? Yes No
- B. If yes, what is it and where does it occur?

VII. On-street Parking:

- A. Parking will be allowed on one side of the roadway, and may vary from side to side. How important is it to have parking in front of your home or property?

Not Important	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Important
	1	2	3	4	5	

VIII. Other Comments:

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey. Your feedback is important to us to make this project a success. Please complete all questions and return this questionnaire in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope by **November 30, 2010**.