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RESCHEDULED - Project Neighborhood Meeting Notice

Letting No. 1/Project No. 16-01

2016 Pavement Management Program

Monday, February 8th ♦ 5:30 to 7:00 PM (brief presentation @ 5:30)

Hutchinson Event Center (1025 Hwy 15 South)

RESCHEDULED PROJECT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Due to adverse weather conditions during the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, February 2nd, City staff has rescheduled the previously communicated project neighborhood meeting date to Monday, February 8th, as described above. **Please note that the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 2nd, has been completely cancelled.** Also, the below information is the same content shared within the first neighborhood meeting notice. Thank you!

PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Hutchinson is considering pavement reconstruction/rehabilitation measures on segments of Linden Avenue, Madson Avenue, Milwaukee Avenue, Church Street, West Shore Drive and Grove Street this year to address deficiencies in existing pavement conditions. The street adjacent to your property has been identified as needing repair by the City's Pavement Management Program. Per City staff's review, these roadways are being selected for improvement during the 2016 construction season based on the current pavement condition, proximity of project areas, and the timing of the most cost-effective construction method. At this point, these proposed project areas are only being considered and are subject to not being addressed this coming summer/fall depending on City funding limitations and/or City Council action.

The majority of the existing street surfacing is significantly deteriorated with substantial cracking/movement along some areas of the proposed improvements. Due to these segments of roadway being in poor condition, preventive maintenance measures are not likely to adequately repair the current surface and are becoming less cost-effective.

The proposed improvements to these roadways include administering a partial reconstruction or reclamation method that would primarily include milling/removing the existing pavement, concrete curbing installations/replacements, draitile installations, limited utility work, some sidewalk implementations, street lighting, landscaping/restoration, and new bituminous pavement course surfacing. The proposed improvements have shown to be an efficient and cost-effective construction approach.

ASSESSMENTS

A portion of the total cost of these improvements (50% targeted per City policy) will be assessed to the adjacent private properties on a street-frontage basis. **Estimated assessment amounts will be provided at the Neighborhood Meeting.** Also, please note that certain property owners may be eligible for deferral of an assessment depending on their age, a defined disability situation, and/or military service status as outlined within Minnesota Statutes and City Policy. Additional information regarding assessment deferral opportunities is available at the Finance Department office (City Center – 111 Hassan St. SE).

HEARINGS/PROCESS

This **Neighborhood Meeting** is the first step in the process and, as noted previously, is scheduled to occur Tuesday, February 2nd (**rescheduled for Monday, February 8th, as noted above**). This meeting will be an informal discussion regarding the project with City staff, to review current information regarding what the project is proposed to include and to receive a preliminary estimate of what project special assessments may be. Due to the project being in an early development stage, these estimates are subject to change. This informal discussion will also allow individual questions/comments to be heard and for a general review of the project to occur prior to the first official hearing required by improvement special assessment procedures.

The first official hearing, the **Public Hearing**, is currently scheduled for the City Council meeting on February 9, 2016, at 6:00 PM. This meeting will be televised and is the formal presentation of the proposed project to the City Council. Public input time is included and feedback is welcomed. Approval at this hearing does not mean that the project will be constructed. This will be the point at which a formal decision will be made by the City Council as to whether or not City staff should move on to the next step of completing the plans and specifications and soliciting construction bids for completing the work.

The second official hearing, the **Assessment Hearing**, would be called after receiving the bids (probably sometime in April). Staff would prepare actual proposed assessments for each property, and send them out in advance of the meeting. Property owners will then be given the opportunity to comment on the merits of both the project and the proposed amount of the assessments. Questions, thoughts and concerns regarding the project or associated assessments would be heard by the City Council, and official action on whether or not to award the work for construction would be taken. To formally contest an assessment, a written/signed objection letter must be provided to the City Administrator prior to or at the Assessment Hearing. This action then allows you, the property owner, to appeal an assessment to District Court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or City Administrator within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment (typically the Assessment Hearing date) and filing such notice with the District Court within ten days after service upon the Mayor or City Administrator.

SCHEDULE & CONSTRUCTION ITEMS

Construction is anticipated to start in late spring/early summer of 2016. The project should be completed within one construction season (weather dependent).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please feel free to contact Kent Exner/City Engineer at 234-4209 or kexner@ci.hutchinson.mn.us if you have any questions or comments you would like addressed. We look forward to discussing the proposed project improvements with you.

Thank you for your time and consideration!