

January 2, 2007

Dear West 70th Street Area Resident:

As part of the West 70th Street Study, the Edina Transportation Commission (ETC) will hold public meetings in January and February to hear from area residents and gather additional comments about the study area.

The first component of the study is to determine the issues and needs of the West 70th Street corridor, including adjacent side streets. Issues may consider safety, speed, access and volume for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles as well as other "quality of life" issues. The issues will be defined through collection and analysis of data as well as through citizen input. To gather that input, the Commission will hold the following Public Hearings:

January 18: for residents living on West 70th Street

January 23: for residents living on side streets north of West 70th Street

February 22: for residents living on side streets south of West 70th Street

All meetings are from 7 to 9 p.m. and will be held in the Council Chambers of Edina City Hall, 4801 West 50th Street. Only those residents within each geographical area should attend the meeting specific to them. Breaking the meetings down into three groups will allow the Transportation Commission to listen to resident's comments. Residents will receive up to 3 minutes to present their comments. The meetings will be broadcasted via tape delay on Edina Community Channel 16 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Fridays and 3 p.m. on Saturdays for two weeks following the Transportation Commission meeting. The meetings will also be available through the City of Edina web site, which can be accessed at: <http://www.ci.edina.mn.us/departments/WatchaMeeting.htm>.

Residents who are not able to attend their public meeting or have additional comments can submit feedback in writing. To submit comments by e-mail, visit www.CityofEdina.com/70thStreetStudy. Written comments can also be mailed to: *Engineering Department: West 70th Street Study*
City of Edina
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

The ETC would like all initial comments by March 30, 2007. All written comments received regarding this study and recorded at the Public Hearings will be available for viewing online, in the Engineering Department, at the Edina Senior Center, Edina Community Library and Southdale Hennepin Area Library. City officials plan to establish an e-mail subscription service early this year that will allow a person to sign up to receive e-mail notices about the study.

This is the only letter informing you of the three upcoming public meetings. All other notices will be via the Edina Sun Current, public message boards, City of Edina web site and City of Edina press releases. For more information about the Commission or the study, contact the City's Engineering Department, 952-826-0371 or http://www.ci.edina.mn.us/Traffic/L4-19a_TrafficInfo.htm.

Sincerely,

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