

December 11, 2008

RE: 2009 Street Reconstruction Projects – Resident Questionnaire Clarification

Dear Resident:

On December 9, you were sent a questionnaire titled “2009 Street Reconstruction Projects – Resident Questionnaire” regarding anticipated roadway and utility improvements in 2009. The first question on the questionnaire asked the following:

- I. After attending the open house on October 9 and reading through ***A Guide to Edina’s Street Reconstruction Process*** brochure, are you in favor of this project?

For individuals who did not attend the open house on October 9, or kept a copy of the brochure, this question lacks the background information that would allow you to make an informed decision.

The following information is helpful in answering the above question:

- Residents pay a portion of the overall project cost in the form of an assessment. Typical assessments range from \$8,000 to \$15,000 per Residential Equivalent Unit (REU) and are payable over 10 years. Estimated assessments for your neighborhood will not be determined until after information has been gathered from the questionnaires and a feasibility report is completed.
- Components of a project vary and are based on questionnaire responses. Assessments typically include cost of new roadway, sidewalk and street lights. Other utility upgrades such as watermain, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and curb and gutter are funded through the utility fund and are not special assessed.
- Construction typically starts in spring/early summer of 2009 and completed in late fall of the same year.

The completed survey should be returned to the City of Edina by December 19.

If after reading this letter you have additional questions, please contact me at 952-826-0445.

Sincerely,

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