



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: September 13, 2011
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation and Public Works Committee
Subject: **45th Avenue N (Lake Road to Xerxes Avenue N) Construction Project**

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution approving Hennepin County Transportation Department's layout for County State Aid Highway 9 (CSAH 9), 45th Avenue N between Zenith Ave N and Xerxes Ave N, dated August 15, 2011, titled Preliminary Layout No. 1C.

Previous Directives:

None

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Approved:

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval - NA
Civil Rights	Approval - NA
Policy review Group (PRG)	Approval - NA

Financial Impact

No financial impact

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Discussions with Minneapolis Park Board staff and ongoing stakeholder meetings

City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information:

Project/Scope

The proposed project includes the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 9 from west of Lake Road in Robbinsdale to Xerxes Avenue North in Minneapolis. The 100-foot-long portion of the corridor that is bounded by the east side of Memorial Parkway to Xerxes Avenue North is within the Minneapolis corporate limits. County staff has discussed the project with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board staff and has shared a copy of the layout with them. The proposed improvements include reconstructing CSAH 9 as a three-lane urban roadway with a new pavement structure, improved intersection operations, bicycle lanes, safer pedestrian accommodations, and modified access at various locations along the corridor. Impacts to any of the recent aesthetic material improvements to Victory Memorial Park completed this year will be replaced with in-kind materials and are expected to be limited to the curb, gutter, sidewalk, and pedestrian ramp materials adjacent to CSAH 9.

After discussions with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board staff and public involvement that garnered no significant concerns related to the work within Minneapolis, Hennepin County is requesting Council approval of the layout. City Council approval provides assurance that the City is in agreement with the project concept prior to beginning detailed design and development of the construction documents. The preliminary layout is the “footprint” of what the project will look like. However, not all of the details are known at this time. With Council approval of the preliminary layout, the design will be developed in greater detail.

The proposed 45th Avenue N will continue to carry two-way motorized traffic with 2 driving lanes and one center turn lane, each with a width of 11 feet. Proposed new bike lanes in each direction are 7 feet wide. Please see the attached layout.

Schedule

This project is anticipated to be constructed in 2013 and 2014.

Next Steps

Hennepin County staff will:

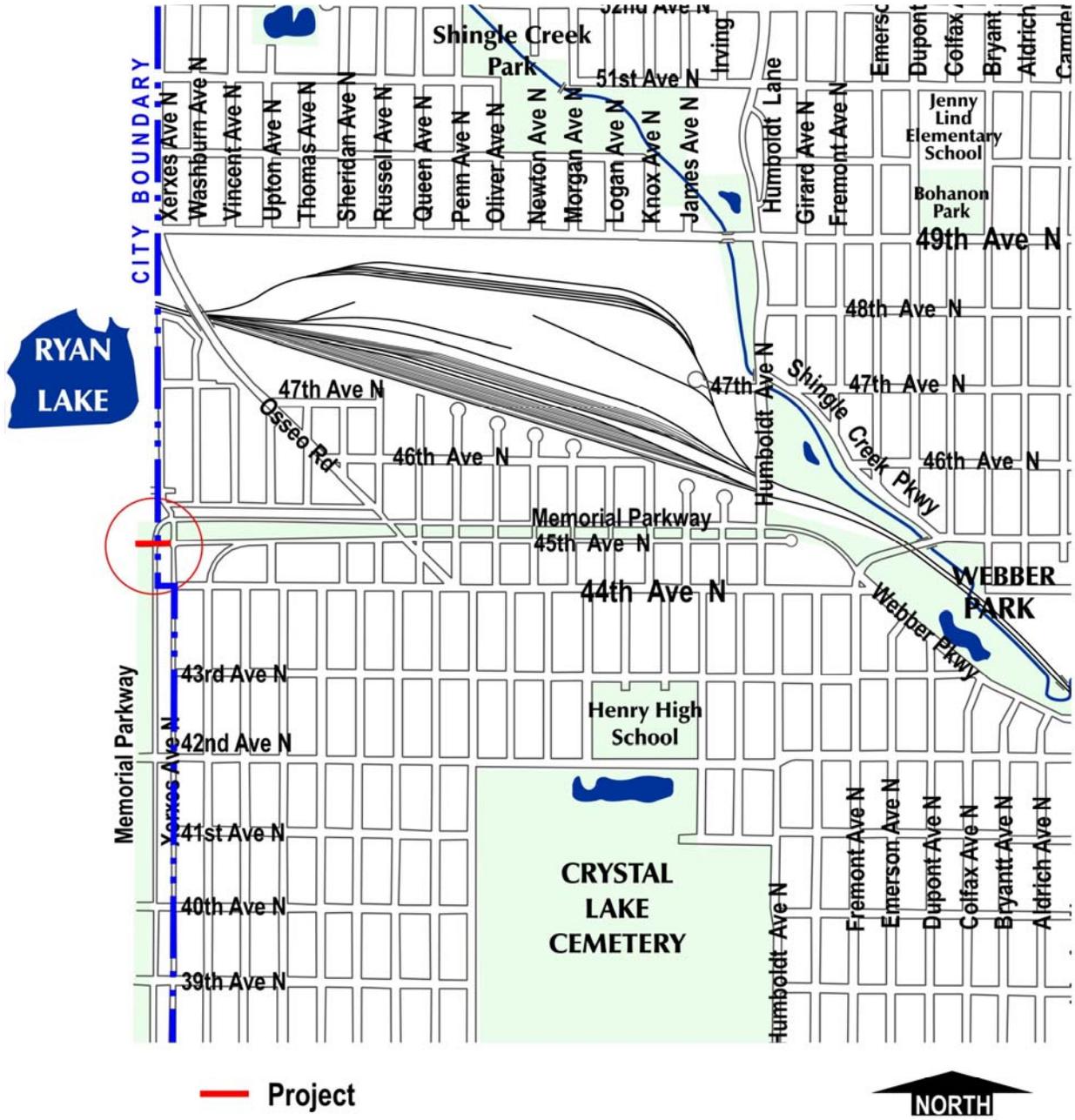
- Design the roadway to be consistent with the approved layout.
- Acquire all rights-of way, permits, and/or easements required for the improvements proposed in the approved layout.
- Return to your committee to designate the project and set parking restrictions.

Attachment 1 – Location Map

Attachment 2 – Proposed Project Layout

Cc: CM Barbara Johnson, Ward 4
Jon Wertjes, Public Works

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T&PW – Your Committee recommends passage of the accompanying Resolution approving Hennepin County Transportation Department’s layout for County State Aid Highway 9 (CSAH 9), 45th Avenue N between Zenith Ave N and Xerxes Ave N, dated August 15, 2011, titled Preliminary Layout No. 1C.

Colvin Roy

Resolution No. _____

Approving the Hennepin County Transportation Department's layout for County State Aid Highway (CSAH 9) 45th Avenue N between Zenith Ave N and Xerxes Ave N, dated August 15, 2011, titled Preliminary Layout No. 1C.

Whereas, the Hennepin County Transportation Department (County) has proposed the reconstruction of 45th Avenue N from west of Lake Road in Robbinsdale to Xerxes Avenue North in Minneapolis; and

Whereas a 100-foot-long portion of the corridor that is bounded by the east side of Memorial Parkway to Xerxes Avenue North is within the Minneapolis corporate limits; and

Whereas, the County held a meeting with the Minneapolis Park Board to assist with providing guidance and recommendations for the project; and

Whereas, the County has held meetings and open houses with the adjacent communities to solicit input for the development of the layout; and

Whereas, the City and County Departments of Public Works concur that the layout provides for the existing and future transportation needs and meets State standards; and

Whereas, staff has made its recommendation to the City Council based on said determination;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City of Minneapolis:

That the City approves the Hennepin County Transportation Department's layout dated August 15, 2011) for County State Aid Highway 9 (CSAH 9), 45th Avenue N between Zenith Ave N and Xerxes Ave N, as submitted.