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**Subject:** Tedesco Street Reconstruction Update -- QUESTIONS from Railroad Island Neighborhood Group (RING)

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Hello, CM Brendmoen & Hwa Jeong:

Below you will find the Community Response to the proposed Tedesco Street Reconstruction project.

We are excited about the prospect of an improved road and improved safety for pedestrians, wheelchair users, bikes, and motorized vehicles. We are excited about how this project could improve the overall livability of our neighborhood.

We understand this project will be funded in part through Federal \$\$\$ and know there are strict timelines around its use. We have no interest in being an obstacle to the project. But we do have some Priorities, Concerns, and Questions below that we would like to be included in the Discussion & Record of tomorrow's City Council Hearing. [Do we need to **submit these separately** to be part of the official Record & Discussion?]

Thank you for continuing to advocate on our behalf.

### **PRIORITIES, COMMENTS & QUESTIONS from the Neighborhood:** **Assessments**

1. Thank you for your leadership & support on delaying the Assessment Hearings to a Future Date.

2. The Amounts (\$1900- \$4600) for homeowners would be a big amount for RRI residents at any time, but especially difficult given the Coronavirus outbreak.
3. Given the current economic times caused by the Coronavirus outbreak, could the City:
  - a. Extend the Payment without Interest Period? AND/OR
  - b. Offer the Delayed Payment of Special Assessments for Seniors and Disabled resident to **ALL** property owners being assessed? Or Both?

### Traffic Signal Burr & Tedesco

4. Given the high pedestrian traffic in RRI, the large % of residents with mobility issues, the large % of children, the presence of 2 bus stops, the presence of a public park & playground, and the lack of visibility of the whole intersection due to the rise in the hill... We want to **ensure safe crossing for pedestrians in a single phase** (especially children, elderly, and those with mobility challenges). We do not think the current proposal of an ALL WAY STOP and refuge median are adequate.
5. The TEDESCO & BURR TRAFFIC CONTROL REVIEW supports our concerns. On the Recommendations & Summary Page, it states: ***“Side-street stop control: While this [All-way Stop] would likely be the best fit given the existing volumes, the hill to the east of the intersection results in poor sightlines resulting in a potential safety concern.”***
6. Our preference would be to have **ped-activated crossing lights**.
7. Alternately, What other traffic mgmt solutions could be implemented to **ensure safe crossing for pedestrians?**
8. Additionally, the Stop Sign on the NE corner is **obscured** by the MetroTransit Bus Shelter. How will that be resolved?

### Removal of Section of Lafayette (from Desoto to Tedesco)

9. We would preferred that the Sidewalk adjacent to the Removed section of Lafayette should remain. The neighborhood has a lot of pedestrians, and we expect they will continue to walk diagonally where the sidewalk currently is located... even if it is removed. For that reason, we suggest leaving the sidewalk in place, as is.
10. With the proposed new sidewalk along the west side of Desoto, we are concerned about how it might interact the existing Street Lantern, RRI Sign, and the Log Bench. Public Art Funding from the City & Port Authority were invested in the Log Bench.
  - a. Where will the Lantern be relocated?
  - b. Will the Log Bench and its pad need to be relocated?
  - c. Will the RRI Sign need to be relocated?

11. The Neighborhood would prefer that the Removed section of street be improved to benefit the environment & neighborhood. We have suggested Storm Water Mediation project, Rain Garden, a Pollinator Garden, and/or Public Art.
12. Both the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and CARP set out goals for the City on Sustainability. The 2040 plan states, "***Efficient, adaptable and sustainable land use and development patterns and processes***". (Page 34, #6).
13. Mitigating the Storm Water flowing down Desoto to Lafayette will not only filter the storm water, it will help prevent the perennial pothole zone to the South where Lafayette, Tedesco, and Otsego all come together. These potholes have to be repaired multiple times Every Year.
14. While we understand these improvements may not be possible within this current project, we ask that no design features of this project would prevent us from undertaking the improvements in the future when Funding and Partners (Capital Region Watershed District, Urban Roots, St Paul Public Art) is secured.

### **Lafayette Plaza Crosswalk**

15. The Neighborhood would prefer a Pedestrian Activated Light at the Lafayette Plaza and the SPPD Training Facility Crosswalk. We again call for greater protection for pedestrians at this crosswalk particularly to assist the residents of Lafayette Plaza with Mobility and Vision Challenges.

### **Tedesco & Payne Intersection**

16. The Reconstruction Proposal shows the removal of the existing central cement median from the middle of the block down toward Payne Ave.
17. While we understand the need to remove this median to make room for the parking bump out and bike lanes, we are concerned about managing the illegal turns IN and OUT of the Morelli's parking lot. This problem currently exist to some extent, but we believe removing the median will only increase this behavior.
18. Could flexible plastic bollards be install to deter this behavior?

### **Public Art & Stone Curbs**

19. The Neighborhood is very interested in being involved in the Public Art Process.
20. Use of Stone Curbs: A significant portion of the existing curbs along Tedesco are the old Stone Curbs. Could some of these be re-purposed in the Public Art OR as Benches in the nearby park land?

Thank you for your patience with my long email and list of questions, but difficult to avoid in our current situation.

Do you have any questions or need any matter clarified?  
Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued advocacy for Railroad Island, its residents, and its businesses !!!

Don Lorr & Damian Schaab and the RING Leadership Team  
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All,

In follow up to the below, I have a few updates:

- SPRWS has developed reduced contact procedure for the water work. They are currently working on a public description for it, but it has been included in the specifications for the Tedesco reconstruction project. Notifications of the shut offs will generally be communicated by door flyers.
- A flyer for the project leading to the project website has been hand distributed to properties on the project last week - it is also posted to the project website at [Neighborhood Project Information Letter](#) under project documents.
- A graphic of the project work has also been posted under project documents as [Exhibit](#).

Chris

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Thank you Chris. Tis is helpful. Jack

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All,

Also, the attached is what was sent to the assessed properties. Please let me know if you have any other questions. Thanks!

Chris

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All,

I did find the assessment roll on the council action for setting the public hearing at Council on March 11. I'm sorry, I missed it the first time I looked.

Chris

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Don, Jack,

Thank you for pulling the list of questions together. Please see my answers below in **bold/green**. Some answer still will be forthcoming as I reach out to other experts. I also have a few action items to do based on your input so look for them on the website in the near future. Please let me know if you have follow up questions. Thanks!

Chris

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Thank you, Chris.

We appreciate the Update & Materials. Such an odd time that we are all living through.

The questions below are for you, your colleagues, and for Council Member Brendmoen. We have grouped them by topic. Please loop in representatives from Forestry, Assessments, Public Art, Sewers, etc.

We may be some overlap with Jack Byers' questions.

## QUESTIONS from the Neighborhood:

### **Materials & Translation**

1. Have these materials (letter, presentation, assessments) been translated into additional languages?

**We provide the following language block for those who need it:**

**Need this translated? Call us at 651-266-6100 ¿Necesita esta traducción? Comuníquese con nosotros al 651-266-6100 Ma u baahan tahay tarjamadaan Nago soo wac 651-266-6100 Xav tau qhov no txhais los? Hu rau peb ntawm 651-266-6100**

**We also have a process in place should we require translation services to assist a caller.**

- a. If yes, please provide link to those materials

- b. If not, please do so. Residents in this area included many folks who do not speak English or for whom English is not their 1<sup>st</sup> language.

### Assessments

2. Can you (or another City representative) provide a list of the addresses that will receive assessments? **The information is posted with the council agenda for the public hearing.**
3. Can you (or another City representative) explain how the City-Owned/Publicly-owned land along the Project Corridor is figured into the overall total assessment? City-Owned or Publicly-owned land makes up a significant portion (50-75%) of the properties front the corridor. **The assessment to properties are based on the estimated benefit from the project. The assessment amount is not based on the project cost or on the assessment from other properties. That is, there is not a requirement to assess for a certain percentage of the project cost. A specific properties assessment is not affected by any other properties on the corridor.**
4. Given the current economic times caused by the Coronavirus outbreak, could the City: **I will pass this question on to the Assessment office.**
  - a. Extend the Payment without Interest Period? AND/OR
  - b. Offer the Delayed Payment of Special Assessments for Seniors and Disabled resident to **ALL** property owners being assessed?

**Traffic Signal Burr & Tedesco I will coordinate with the Traffic Engineer. The below considerations are included during the signal system review and the street design which lead to the inclusion of the median refuge (lengthening to add protection), three-way stop, ladder cross walk, and improvements to the sight lines.**

5. Given the high pedestrian traffic in RRI, the large % of residents with mobility issues, the large % of children, the presence of 2 bus stops, the presence of a public park & playground, and the lack of visibility of the whole intersection due to the rise in the hill... would it be possible to install an additional traffic mgmt solution to **ensure safe crossing for pedestrians** (especially children, elderly, and those with mobility challenges)?
  - a. Could we install **ped-activated crossing lights** (like those on Maryland)?
  - b. OR Could we install a **permanently blinking red light** in addition to the Stop Signs?

**NOTE:** During high traffic times like post-work Rush Hour, Pedestrians will have a difficult time safely crossing at the Burr & Tedesco the intersection with 3-way stop sign configuration.



### ADA Pedestrian Ramps

6. In addition to the ADA-compliant Pedestrian Ramps, will any of the sidewalks just beyond the ramps be graded to reduce the slope?

Many of the residents from Lafayette Plaza currently roll in the street (against traffic) because they cannot use the current sidewalks due to the poor ramp design, the severe slope causes their device to get hung up OR they don't have the power to make the climb, and they are not cleared of snow (due to their current design). For example, the slope just east of Desoto on the north side of Tedesco is especially steep and is especially avoided by wheeled residents. **The ramps will be constructed to have a maximum slope of ~8.3% and have an appropriate landing pad. The sidewalk will then generally follow the running slope of the roadway.**

### Removal of Lafayette from Desoto to Tedesco

7. Has a Storm Water Mediation project been researched for the section of Lafayette (between Desoto & Tedesco) that is being vacated and removed? **Yes, it did not meet all the requirements necessary so was not used.**
8. Additionally what happens to the current sidewalk that runs the West side of this section of Lafayette? Will it be removed OR left in place? **Sidewalk will be placed along Lafayette/Tedesco. The sidewalk adjacent to the removed roadway will also be removed.**

We have very little detail about this part of the project and how the neighborhood benefits from this removal AND how it will be transformed into a neighborhood asset. **I do not have any details to share. Any use of the space would be through a separate process which I assume will include a wider range of input. Due to the timelines of the federal funding we have for the roadway reconstruction, the process will occur after this project is completed.**

### Sewer/Private Line Replacement

9. Did all property owners with private sewer lines receive their information packet in November 2019? **Yes**
10. Were these materials translated into additional languages? **See my above answer regarding translation.**
11. Has the City heard back from all affected properties? **If the property owner does not want to proceed, they do not send back the materials.**

### Trees: Removal & Replacement

12. Have all the trees that are going to be removed been removed? **Yes – with the caveat that if new conflicts emerge we may reassess.**

13. Will they be replaced in 2021? Will residents who had trees removed get to select the replacements? **That is the plan. The City forester has a list of trees they use for the urban forest. He is happy to hear from residents, though he is responsible for the urban forest as a whole so some requests may not work with other considerations he is factoring in.**

**Public Art & Stone Curbs Public art is a separate process that typically occurs after construction. I will pass on the questions and your contact information.**

14. Budget for Public Art: What is the total Eligible Project Costs? How much Money is eligible for Public Art?
15. Connect with Public Artist: The Neighborhood would like to have input into the Public Art. Could you please connect us with the artist or manager for the Public Art?
16. Use of Stone Curbs: A significant portion of the curbs along Tedesco are the old Stone Curbs. Could some of these be re-purposed in the Public Art OR as Benches in the nearby park land?

Thank you for your patience with my long email and list of questions, but difficult to avoid in our current situation.

Please **reply to all** when responding to the questions so that all interested/affected parties are kept in the loop.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** RE: Tedesco Street Reconstruction Update

Thanks for the information Chris. I appreciate it. We'll help get the word out.

In the meantime, I have a couple of questions:

- What is the cut-off date for getting questions to you? **Questions are always welcome.**
- I assume that by now the design is already set, right? **The plans are ready for bidding. That said, if there is new information obtained, we make modifications.**
- If so you have a set of drawings you can post or share so that residents of Railroad Island can see exactly what design **decisions** were made so that they know what to expect and what is to be built. Understandably, I think there's a higher level of interest among the residents closest to the actual project – and the drawing you send is much more general. **We will post a graphic to the project website.**
- What's the cut-off date for property owners who decide to replace their lead pipes? **SPRWS will address the lead pipe in the right of way as part of the project. No further action is required of the property owner.**
- What's the procedure for notifying residents of temporary water shut-offs? That will be tough for people when frequent hand washing is so critical. **The procedure is not developed yet.**
- When this goes out to "residents," do you have away to make sure it goes to tenants as well as landlords/property owners? **The project attempts to reach all impacted people, including mailings to the physical address, door flyers, and door knocking.**
- Will driveway and alley access be maintained (somehow) throughout the project or will there be temporary closures? And if so, how will individual residents be notified? **Yes, properties will be contacted directly.**
- You noted that detour maps will be published on the website. That's great, but there's a population in RRI that is older and not online. When a detour or closure is going to affect residents fronting on Tedesco, can you please arrange to have front doors flyer'd? **Yes**

I'm sure that there may be more questions as the word gets out, but I'm sending these now based on my own look at what you sent. I'll talk with Damian and Don to see if they're hearing more from RING.

Thanks again, Chris. Despite the tough circumstances we're all living through, it is nice to see that progress is being made wherever possible. And this project should be a big improvement over the current situation on Tedesco.

Stay well,  
Jack

P.S. Please update my contact e-mail for PW to [jackbyers@paynephlen.org](mailto:jackbyers@paynephlen.org) or [director@paynephlen.org](mailto:director@paynephlen.org) That one you have for visi is so old I've never even heard of it. Thx.

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**Subject:** Tedesco Street Reconstruction Update

All,

We are rapidly approaching our annual construction season. Please visit the project website and see the attached letter for new information regarding the project. Unfortunately with the current situation, we won't have a public meeting to present and answer questions for the project before construction. I have provided the information that would have been provided at the meeting in a "self-guided" presentation on the webpage (under Project Documents). It is not the best situation, but I am available to answer questions, add information to the site as needed, or provide information in alternative formats to meet resident needs.

If you can assist in spreading the word, that would be much appreciated!

We have also added the following message on the project webpage. It will be updated as necessary with any further evolving conditions.

**Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate delivery of projects while maintaining compliance with COVID-19 public and staff safety measures.**

- **Projects are anticipated to move forward.**
- **Construction work will continue to be evaluated and may require adjustments due to the pandemic.**
- **Updates will be posted as they become available.**

Thank you and stay healthy!



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