

SUMMARY OF ENGINEERING RECOMMENDATIONS  
**St. Anthony Street Safety Initiative**  
City Project No. T-1344

Report Prepared – 5/15/2012  
Public Hearing – 7/3/2012

**Project**

Improve safety on St. Anthony Avenue and Syndicate Street by improving the lighting levels on those streets.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this project is to provide an improved pedestrian environment on St. Anthony Avenue and Syndicate Street in the area of the Skyline Towers. The project seeks to improve safety and connectivity of the existing nonmotorized facilities located on St. Anthony and Syndicate as well as improve the connection to the Griggs Bikeway project and the LRT. The project will also improve aesthetics of the St. Anthony Avenue and Syndicate Street area. The project will also provide a user environment that lends itself to integrating physical activity with daily activities, thereby improving personal health and decreasing the number of vehicles on the roadway.

**I. INITIATING ACTION**

The project is included in the approved 2012 CIB budget. The project was initiated by the neighborhood and sponsored by Public Works. The neighborhood initiated the project since the current pedestrian/bicycle environment on St. Anthony and Syndicate feels unsafe and as such is not accessed to the extent possible. Improving the lighting will improve the ability of the driver to see the pedestrian or bicyclist and as a result be less likely to be involved in an incident. Also, current physical activity is somewhat discouraged since the user environment is less appealing than it will be with the implementation of new lighting.

**II. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

The limits of the project are on St. Anthony Avenue between Griggs Street and Syndicate Street as well as on Syndicate Street from St. Anthony Avenue to a point approximately 100 feet north of Donohue Avenue. Please see the attached exhibit for a visual representation.

The scope of the project is limited to the installation of lantern light poles with luminaires.

**III. ALTERNATIVES**

The project was identified as viable as part of the CIB review process and as such no other alternatives were examined.

**IV. POSITIVE BENEFITS**

There would be many benefits of implementing the proposed project. The project would provide an improved pedestrian and bicycle environment on St. Anthony and Syndicate. The project will improve access to shopping centers, the Skyline Towers, the LRT and the Griggs Bikeway project. The project will also provide an incentive to those who seldom walk or bike to do so more often, helping to improve the health of the City. The project is in keeping with the Complete Streets initiative, the Bike/Walk Central Corridor Action plan, the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan and the Mayor’s goal of making Saint Paul the Most Livable City in America.

**V. ADVERSE EFFECTS**

Normal issues relative to implementing infrastructure improvement projects will be present. Those issues include, but may not necessarily be limited to, noise, dust and general disruption to vehicle traffic.

**VI. TIME SCHEDULE**

It is anticipated that the project will be let in the summer of 2012 and constructed in the summer/late fall of that same year.

**VII. COST ESTIMATE**

Construction	\$ 76,500.00
Engineering	<u>\$ 14,900.00</u>
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 91,400.00</b>

**VIII. ESTIMATED FINANCING**

MSA	\$ 77,400.00
Assessments	<u>\$ 14,000.00</u>
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 91,400.00</b>

**IX. PROPOSED ASSESSMENT RATES**

Lighting Assessment \$8.74 per assessable foot

**X. SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For additional information please contact David Kuebler at 266-6217.

## **XI. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Department of Public Works believes the project submitted herein to be necessary and feasible. The Department's Engineering Recommendation is for approval of the project.

