

SUMMARY OF ENGINEERING RECOMMENDATIONS  
**2023 Saint Paul Streets Project**

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Public Hearing – 4/12/2023

**PROGRAM**

The project seeks to improve **Minnesota Street from Kellogg Boulevard to Sixth Street** by reconstructing the pavement, improving pedestrian facilities and implementing the Capital City Bikeway.

Improvements to be made as part of the project include constructing new concrete pavement with concrete curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk, a grade separated bicycle facility and associated traffic signal upgrades. In addition, appropriate water and storm sewer repairs will be made.

**EXISTING CONDITIONS**

Minnesota Street was last paved in the 1970s. The average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is 32 out of 100. The existing street width on Minnesota is 40', accommodating 2 travel lanes and 2 parking lanes. The existing street lighting on Minnesota Street is bent straw overhead lighting. Ten Metro Transit bus routes currently use Minnesota Street.

**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

Improvements to Minnesota Street between Kellogg Boulevard and Sixth Street include new concrete pavement with concrete curb and gutter. The existing bricks in the boulevards will be removed and replaced with concrete.

The project proposes to narrow Minnesota Street from 40 feet to 29 feet. This new street width will accommodate two northbound travel lanes and one parking/loading lane. The narrowing of the street will move the west curb line away from the existing building faces to provide additional for sidewalks and a two-way off-street bikeway, which is part of the Capital City Bikeway. Parking will be removed on the east side of the street and maintained on the west side along the new curb line. Metro Transit will keep their existing routes on Minnesota Street.

The project includes new traffic signal systems at the intersections of Minnesota and Fifth and Sixth Streets. Upgrades to the signal system at Fourth Street will also be included.

**ALTERNATES**

Extensive public engagement regarding the proposed cross section was conducted by Public Works Transportation Planning. Alternatives included bikeway on the east side, no bikeway and converting Minnesota to a two-way street.

**POSITIVE BENEFITS**

General improvement of the public right-of-way will enhance and add quality to the neighborhood. The proposal is in keeping with the City’s Complete Streets Initiative and the Saint Paul Bicycle Plan.

**ADVERSE EFFECTS**

Normal challenges associated with construction such as noise, dust, reduced access to the neighborhood, and general disruption will be present. Existing trees will be removed.

**EFFECTS ON TREES**

Two boulevard trees will be impacted by this construction. New trees will be planted where there is sufficient space free of utility conflicts.

**TIME SCHEDULE**

The project will begin in the summer of 2023 and will be completed by the fall of 2023.

**COST ESTIMATE**

Construction	\$ 4,772,250
Engineering	<u>\$ 1,193,070</u>
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,965,320</b>

**ESTIMATED FINANCING**

Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS)	\$ 38,700
Saint Paul Sewers	\$ 106,620
SRB (Street Reconstruction Bonds)	\$ 5,220,000
MSA (Municipal State Aid) Signals	<u>\$ 600,000</u>
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,965,320</b>

See attached assessment roll for information regarding 2023 assessments rates.

**SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For additional information, contact the Project Engineer, Barb Mundahl, at 266-6112.

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Public Works has ranked this a high priority project and this Engineering Recommendation is for approval of the project and financing.

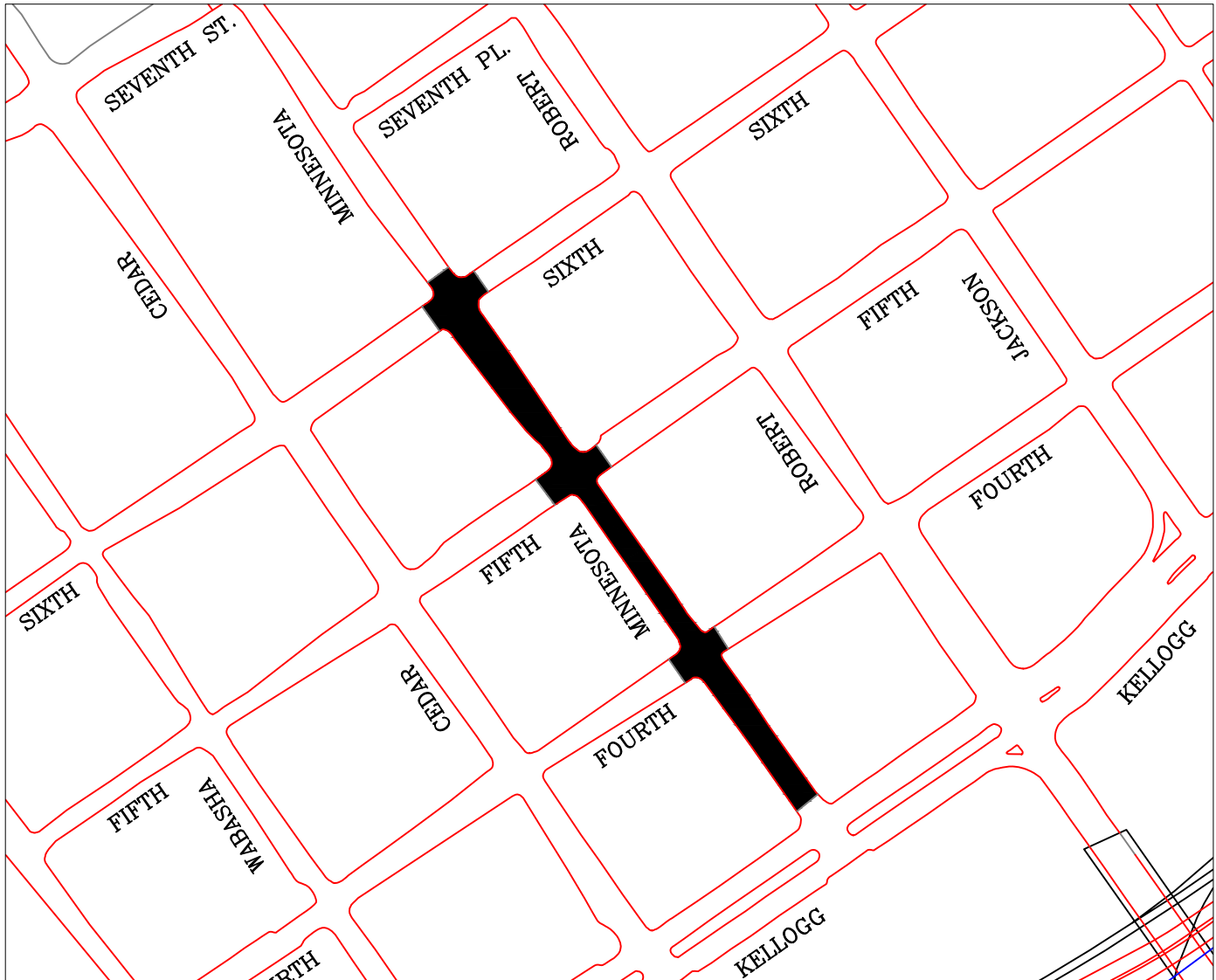
Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara Mundahl  
Public Works



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 Department of Public Works  
 Street Engineering and Construction Division



2023

MINNESOTA STREET RECONSTRUCTION – PHASE 1



CONSTRUCTION IN 2023



MINNESOTA STREET

