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DATE: June 5, 2015
TO: City Council Members
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SUBJECT: 8-80 Vitality Fund: Raymond Avenue Streetscape Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project seeks to improve **Raymond Avenue from Hampden Avenue to Energy Park Drive** by installing bump-outs as traffic calming devices and improving the existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities to result in a safer environment for all users.

It is proposed to use up to \$1,453,270 of the 8-80 Vitality Fund as part of the \$9.5 million line item allocated for Streets and Public Spaces projects toward this Raymond Avenue Streetscape Project.

PROJECT GOALS

The project will improve the pedestrian environment with sidewalk improvements and ADA compliant pedestrian ramps. Bike lanes will also be improved, and as Raymond Avenue is part of the Grand Round route, this will improve that segment of the route.

The use of 8-80 Vitality funds is a fit with the overall vision of enlivening the public realm by promoting walking and bicycling and creating great public spaces. In addition, Grand Round is a significant project of the 8-80 Vitality fund, and this funding helps implement an additional segment of Grand Round.

ESTIMATED FINANCING

The project has a cost estimate of \$4,698,270, with the following funding sources:

MSA (Municipal State Aid)	\$	495,000
8 to 80	\$	1,453,270
CSAH (Ramsey County)	\$	1,300,000
Assessments	\$	350,000
ISTEA (Federal Transportation Funding)	\$	1,100,000
PROJECT TOTAL	\$	4,698,270

TIME SCHEDULE

The project will begin in the spring of 2015 and will be completed by the fall of 2015.

OUTCOMES

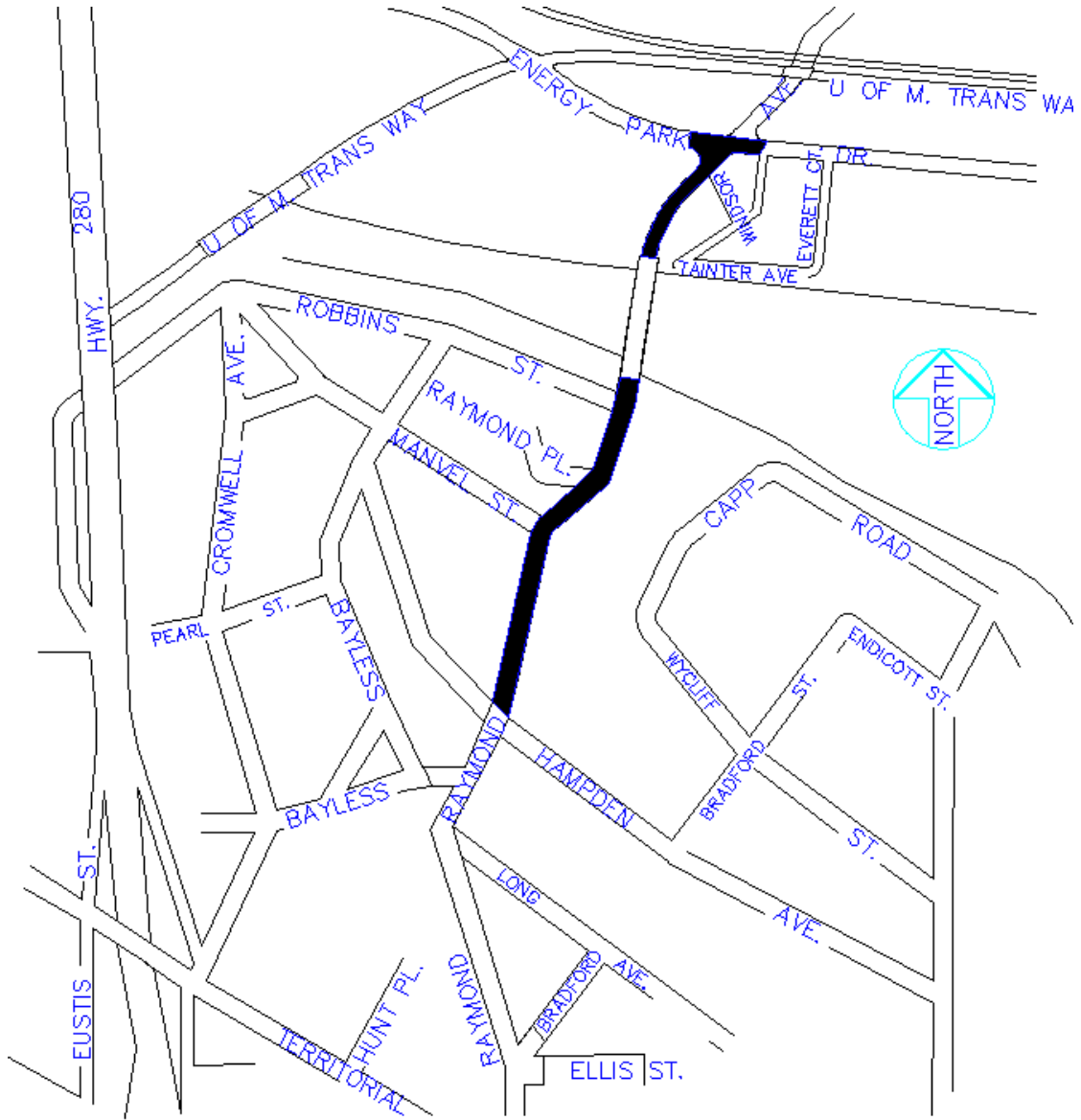
Below are before and after pictures from Raymond Avenue Phase I project, at the corner of Raymond and Hampden, demonstrating the improvements to be made by and general design of Raymond Avenue Phase II.



Before Raymond Ave Phase I project, looking south at Raymond Avenue at Hampden Ave



After Raymond Ave Phase I project



Project map for Raymond Ave Phase II