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SUBJECT: 8-80 Vitality Fund: North Snelling Avenue

Project Description

During the 2015 construction season, MnDOT is conducting major road work on Snelling Avenue from Selby Avenue to Pierce Butler. Their project includes the mill and overlay of Snelling, the re-decking of the bridge over I-94, ADA improvements at all intersections and pedestrian crossings, ADA improvements to sidewalks where not in compliance, and the construction of Metro Transit "A" Line stations.

The City, in an effort to improve the pedestrian realm throughout this corridor, will be reconstructing all sidewalks not already being rebuilt as part of the MnDOT project, as well as all "hard-scape" boulevards, providing improved tree growing environments, widening the boulevards north of University to accommodate pedestrian scale lantern lighting, and constructing landscaped medians at three locations to improve the overall visual environment.

Costs

The budget for the entire MnDOT project is over \$10 million. The City's share includes: \$525,000 from the 8-80 Vitality Program, \$500,000 from Municipal State Aid (MSA), \$1,248,000 in street lighting assessments, and \$75,000 in STAR grant funds.