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Dear Property Owner:

The City of Saint Paul's Department of Public Works will be reconstructing the streets in your neighborhood during the summer of 2013 as part of the Residential Street Vitality Program (RSVP). The project in your neighborhood is called the **Arlington/Rice RSVP**. The streets to be reconstructed are shown on the map on the last page.

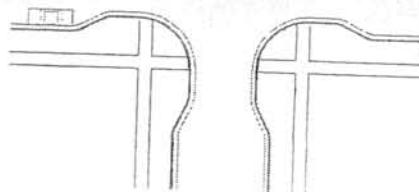
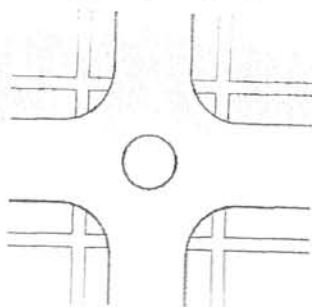
General Street Reconstruction Information:

Street reconstruction includes concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer drains, sewer and water main repair as needed, bituminous pavement, sodded boulevards, boulevard trees, lantern style street lighting, concrete outwalks, concrete driveway aprons and public art. In addition, as part of the City's Emerald Ash Borer Management Program, all ash trees in the boulevards will be removed by the City prior to the start of construction. New trees will be planted as space allows once the project is completed.

We are sending out this advance notice of the project so you can start to think about some options for your neighborhood. Some of those project options are listed below:

Traffic Calming devices such as Bump-outs or Traffic Circles can be added to the project by petition of the neighborhood.

TRAFFIC CIRCLE



CURB BUMP-OUT

A **traffic circle** is a raised curbed island placed in the middle of an intersection requiring approaching traffic to curve around the circle to move through the intersection. This requires removal of some parking and placement of signs to assist traffic movement around the circle in a yield condition. All stop signs are removed from the intersection.

A **bump out** extends the curb line of the street 6 feet farther into the street, about the width of a parked car, such that a pedestrian on the corner has a better visibility of traffic. The result is that the street is narrowed at the intersection so crossing distance is less and the vehicles are moved over within the narrowed street section. The parking near the intersection is removed to allow the traffic to move over.

To find out more information about traffic calming devices and the petition process, please contact **Monica Beeman** from St. Paul Public Works Traffic Division at **651-266-6214**

Existing sidewalk will be reviewed by Public Works and may be replaced dependent on severity of condition. New sidewalks can be added where no sidewalk exists. Additional assessments may apply to new sidewalk locations. Call **Al Czaia** at **266-6108** for more information.

Alley paving may be requested by the abutting property owners. A petition must be submitted by the property owners in September 2012 for the alley to be done in conjunction with the project. This work is 100% assessed to the abutting property owners and typically runs about \$45/ L.F. or a little higher. This work must get City Council approval before we can add it to the project. The contact person is **Scott Brimer** at **266-6225**.

Sewer Services:

The Contractor will be installing or repairing storm or sanitary sewer mains and building catch basins. The City will check the mainline sanitary sewer and the individual house service connections to the sanitary main. If there are indications that your service connection is bad, we will send you a letter suggesting that you have it repaired.

If you have problems with your service, you can save money if you have it repaired during construction versus after. Repairs to the connection or to the sewer service from the property line to the main can be done by the City's contractor. You will need to sign a waiver form if you would like the City's contractor to do the work. Waiver forms can be obtained by calling **Barb Mundahl** at **651-266-6112**.

Any work required on private property should be done by a private contractor. All work on the sanitary service is at the property owner's expense. Please contact the **Sewer Utility Service Desk** for information regarding your sanitary sewer service at **651-266-6234**.

Water Services:

As part of this project, Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) will replace all **lead** water services from the water main to the property line at no additional expense to the homeowner. This is typically done ahead of the Public Works project starting. Not all homes in your area have services that are lead pipe. You will be contacted by letter if your service will be affected by this replacement program. If you wish to replace your portion of the service, which is behind the property line, you must hire a private contractor. **Saint Paul Regional Water Services** will also send out a list of contractors. You can contact the SPRWS service desk at **651-266-6270** if you have any questions.

Boulevard Rain Gardens:

The City of Saint Paul is partnering with the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) to promote the installation of rain gardens as part of this project. Residents may choose to have a rain garden installed within the boulevard in front of their property at no cost. Where feasible, the City will install a curb cut, create a small depression behind the curb, and install rain garden soil and hardwood mulch. CRWD will provide the native plants and coordinate a neighborhood planting day after completion of the street work. Homeowners are responsible to maintain the gardens, which includes watering until the plants are established and regular weeding throughout the growing season. More information about rain gardens can be found at bluethumb.org.

Public Art

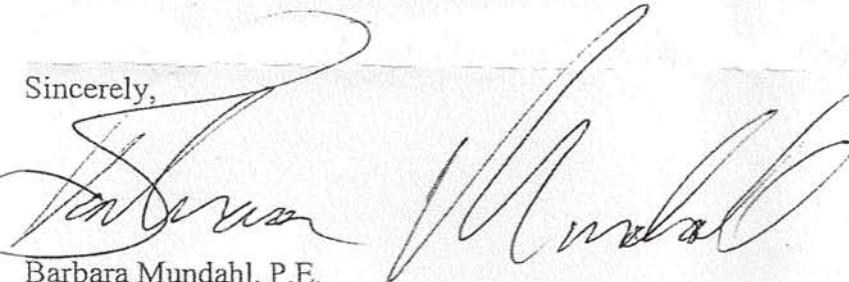
In 2009, the City Council passed an ordinance that 1% of the cost of most public construction projects in Saint Paul be designated for the addition of public art to that project. A team of artists led by Marcus Young, City Artist in Residence, will be working with your neighborhood. If you are interested in being involved in the public art process, please contact **Regina Flanagan at 651-266-9159**.

There will be an assessment for this paving project. The 2012 assessment rate for projects of this type was about \$60 per linear foot of property frontage. The 2013 assessment rate will be set early next year. A notice for a Public Hearing regarding the proposed rate will be sent to you at that time.

Public Works is just beginning the design stage of the project. We plan to start construction in the spring of 2013 and be completed by fall of 2013. Public Works will host a neighborhood meeting in the fall of 2012 to hear neighborhood concerns and to inform the property owners of the construction process.

If you have questions, please contact me at **651-266-6112**.

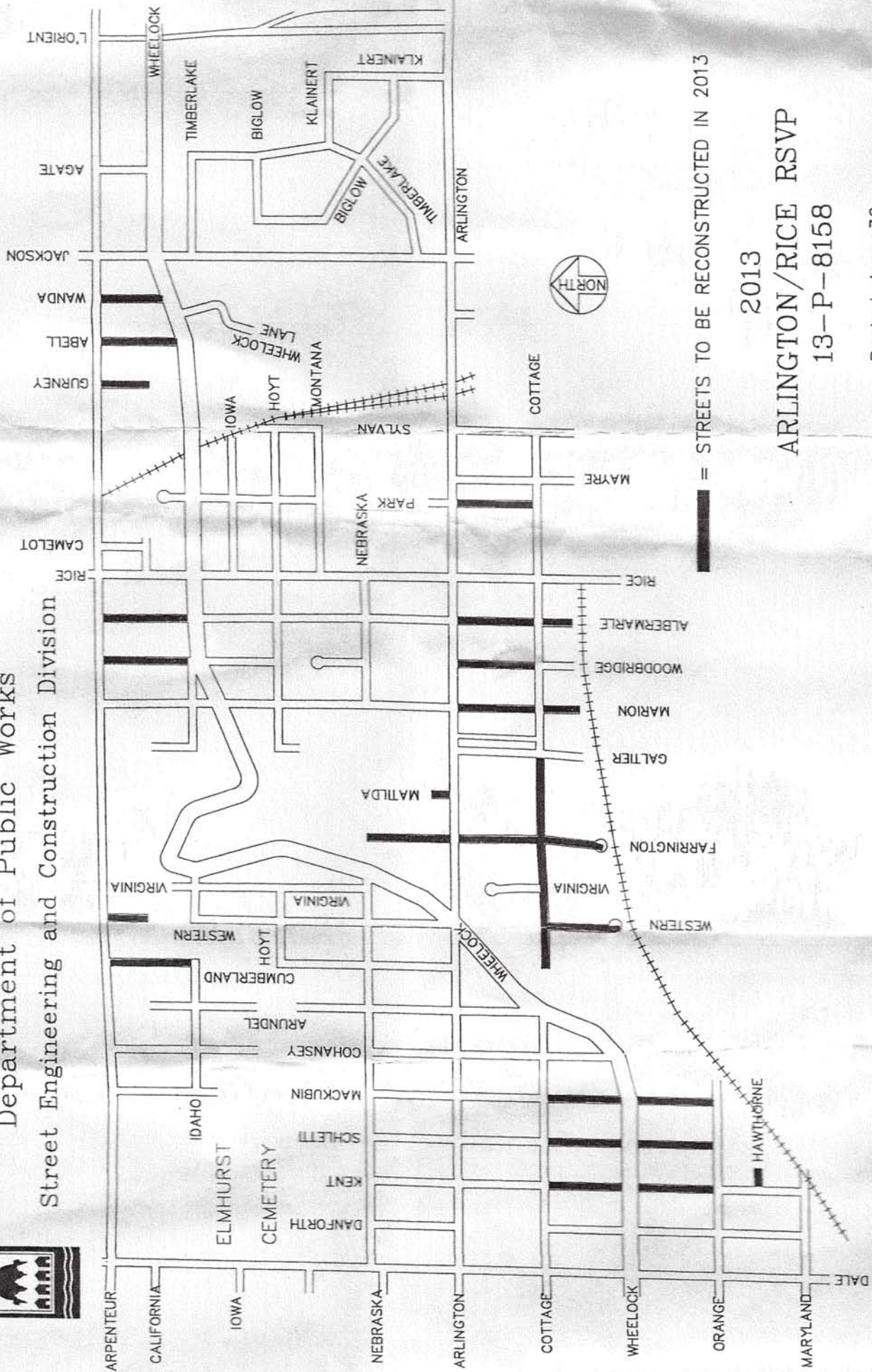
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Barbara Mundahl', written in dark ink.

Barbara Mundahl, P.E.
Project Manager



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Department of Public Works
Street Engineering and Construction Division



== STREETS TO BE RECONSTRUCTED IN 2013

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ARLINGTON/RICE RSVP
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Project Area 32
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