

January 9, 2007

Re: 2007 5th Street Improvement Project
Additional Streets Added to Project
City of Northfield, MN

Dear Resident:

In early November, a letter was distributed to you notifying you of the public hearing for the 5th Street Reconstruction Project, which also included Union Street (between 5th and 6th Street), Winona Street (between 5th and 6th Street) and Oak Street (between 4th and 5th Street). These blocks were added to the initial project scope because of long sewer and water services that that originated on 4th, 5th or 6th Street and traversed several properties in many cases to reach their ultimate destination at homes along Union, Winona and Oak Street.

As we have moved further into the design phase of the project, it has been recommended to the City Council that these streets be constructed to 32' in width (Union and Winona Street are currently 40' wide and Oak Street is 30' wide). These streets are classified as residential streets according to the City's Transportation Plan and according to City Ordinance they are required and recommended to be constructed at 32' in width. This width will accommodate all of the projected traffic loading and also provides the benefit of reducing impervious area and provides traffic calming.

The City Council recognizes that these streets were added just prior to the public hearing and that residents in this area were not provided the same opportunities as others in the project area (via neighborhood meetings that were held prior to the public hearing) to express their concerns regarding the project. The City of Northfield would like to welcome you to a meeting on **Wednesday, January 24th at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers** to discuss any concerns about the project and to allow City Staff to provide more project information to you.

Please feel free to contact me at (507)-645-3037 or Brian Hilgardner (Bolton & Menk) at (952) 890-0509 with any questions or comments you may have. Thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout this project.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Public Works Director

Cc: Al Roder, City Administrator
Mayor and City Council