



DATE: April 12, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Dave Perrault, City Administrator

FROM: David Swearingen, Interim Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Old Snelling Avenue and County Road E Improvements – Accept Feasibility Report

Budgeted Amount: \$1,120,000 (2021-2025 CIP Area 1)	Actual Amount: \$1,242,560 (Recommendation Area 1)	Funding Source: PIR, Utility Funds, Assessments
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Council Should Consider

Motions to approve, table, or deny the following:

- Adopting Resolution 2021-022 Receiving the Feasibility Report and Ordering the Public Hearing to be held on April 26, 2021, for the Old Snelling Avenue and County Road E Improvements.

All items need a simple majority for action unless otherwise noted.

Background/Discussion

On August 26, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution 2019-026 ordering the preparation of a feasibility report for the 2020 pavement management program. The proposed improvements included Old Snelling Avenue from approximately Arden Oaks Drive to Trunk Highway 51 and County Road E from Ridgewood Road to Pascal Avenue.

The feasibility report describes proposed street and utility improvements organized into two separate areas. **Area 1** involves improvements to the 4,300-ft long segment of Snelling Avenue North located south of County Road E as well as street improvements to Cummings Lane and the intersection at Bussard Court. **Area 2** involves improvements to the intersection of Snelling Avenue North at County Road E. Given Ramsey County has rescheduled these intersection improvements to 2023 in their Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), it is recommended further traffic studies and analysis be conducted in the interim.

In accordance with Council direction, a Feasibility Report has been prepared that details the proposed improvements, neighborhood impacts, estimated costs and financing for the proposed project. A copy of the Feasibility Report is attached (Attachment A).

A significant portion of the report is focused on an analysis of two design alternatives for Snelling Avenue North extending to the south of County Road E (Area 1). Alternative 1 consisting of road improvements that include the addition of a pedestrian trail along the west side of the roadway. Alternative 2 consists of roadway improvements that exclude the trail construction, but maintains 8-ft wide paved shoulders along the length of the road.

Based on the December 21, 2020 Work Session discussions, the City Council requested staff to consider additional measures that could be incorporated into the design for Alternative 2 to provide additional safety measures for pedestrians using the west shoulder area. Six additional strategies were added to page 13 and page 14 of the feasibility report and it states that these strategies should be further developed during the design process. Since the last Work Session, additional Public comments have been added to Appendix J. The recommendations are outlined in section 7 of the feasibility report.

Attached is Resolution 2021-022 which receives the feasibility report and orders the public hearing be held on April 26, 2021. Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution in order to have this project proceed to a public hearing. If adopted, staff would mail notices to each property owner in the proposed assessment area stating the time of the hearing, the general nature of the improvements, the estimated project cost, the proposed assessment area, and an estimate of the assessment amount.

Budget Impact

Proposed project funding sources are a combination of the City’s Permanent Improvement Revolving (PIR) fund, utility funds, Ramsey County, Municipal State Aid, and special assessments for street improvements described in section 5 of the feasibility report and summarized in the following table.

Table 5 - Summary of Project Funding Sources				
Funding Source	AREA 1		AREA 2	Cummings Lane
	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Roundabout Funding Amount	Funding Amount
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PIR Fund	\$1,716,530	\$768,350	\$0	\$32,565
Special Assessments	\$122,150	\$122,150	\$18,860	\$32,565
Municipal State Aid Funds	\$0	\$0	\$330,530	\$0
Ramsey County	\$0	\$0	\$1,048,170	\$0
Sanitary Sewer Improvements	\$58,420	\$60,480	\$125,740	\$0
Water Main Improvements	\$440,260	\$161,970	\$158,230	\$0
Storm Drainage Improvements	\$947,590	\$44,200	\$0	\$20,280
TOTAL	\$3,284,950	\$1,157,150	\$1,681,530	\$85,410

Area 1: Snelling Avenue North from CR E to Highway 51, including Bussard Ct. intersection
 Area 2: Roundabout Intersection Improvements at Snelling Ave and County Road E
 Alternative 1: Reconstruction with addition of pedestrian trail
 Alternative 2: Full depth reclamation with no trail construction

Attachments

- Attachment A: Feasibility Report
- Attachment B: Resolution 2021-022