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7th Street & 57th Avenue Trail Project Project Summary

The 7th Street & 57th Avenue Trail Project has been proposed to meet the goals of the City of Fridley Active Transportation Plan. Designated bicycle and pedestrian facilities are proposed to improve safety on 7th Street (from 53rd Avenue to 61st Avenue) and on 57th Avenue (from 7th Street to University Avenue). An off-street trail is proposed on the east side of 7th Street (from 53rd Avenue to 61st Avenue) and on the north side of 57th Avenue (from 7th Street to University Avenue).

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is this project needed? Creating a designated bike lane or trail promotes separation of cyclists from vehicles, which provides improved safety. The proposed project was identified as an important component of the approved Fridley Middle School Safe Routes to School Plan, the trail will provides connections to homes, businesses, and parks.

What is the proposed schedule for the project? Construction may begin as early as 2021.

Will I be assessed for the project? There are no assessments related to the bicycle and pedestrian trail, or other associated improvements. In accordance with the City's policy on assessments, roadway resurfacing *is* subject to special assessment. At this time, we do not believe a major reconstruction will be necessary. This could change depending on pavement surveys and other analyses.

Will on-street parking be eliminated? No, but on-street parking is proposed to be limited to the west side of 7th Street from 53rd Avenue to 61st Avenue, and on the north side of 57th Avenue from 7th Street to University Avenue.

Will there be additional signage? No Parking signage will be placed approximately every 300' on one side of the street. The City uses small 6" x 6" No Parking signs, and combines them with other sign posts or utility pole locations where available to minimize sign clutter.

Will there be pedestrian crossings? The project will include multiple pedestrian crossings along 7th Street and 57th Avenue, indicated with crossing striping and signage.

Will I lose any of my yard with the new trail on 7th Street & 57th Avenue? The entire proposed shared use path is proposed to be within the City's right-of-way. The proposed design has been developed to minimize impacts to existing properties, and new trail pavement would be within the area with current roadway pavement and curbing. During construction there may be a few feet of temporary disturbance in existing yards within the right-of-way, but will all be restored at completion of the project.

How will the new trail affect my driveway? The trail will be installed to match the grade of your existing driveway to extent possible. Depending on the grade/slope of your driveway, there may have to be a few feet of re-grading to your driveway to make a smooth transition from your driveway to the proposed trail to the street.

Will the trail have markings on it like a white line with bike lane/pedestrian lane? A single shoulder stripe would be installed on the trail near the curb.

With the new proposed trail, where will my refuse, yard waste, and recycling cans be placed on pick-up days? The Fridley City Code says that containers used for storage of mixed municipal solid waste, recyclables, and compostables may be placed at the curb. Trash and recycling containers will be allowed to be placed at the end of your driveway, as is currently done, or on the trail shoulder directly on the curb if there is not sufficient room.

How will existing home sprinkler systems/pet fences be affected? Before the project starts, we will send out a questionnaire asking about sprinkler systems and pet fences. We will make a list for our contractor so that they know which properties that they have to be cautious of when dealing with sprinkler systems and pet fences. This will be in the budget for the contractor, so it will be their responsibility to restore anything that they may have affected.

Will there still be parking along 7th Street near the baseball field? Yes, the proposed trail will shift on 7th Street north of 59th Avenue to 61st Avenue to the boulevard, where the 5' sidewalk exists. The project will expand the existing 5' concrete walk to a 10' concrete trail, leaving the roadway unchanged from 59th Avenue to 61st Avenue.

Who will be responsible for snow removal? The City of Fridley would plow snow from the path. Typically, we plow a single five foot width of pathways so that they can be used by pedestrians in the winter months. In some cases, we do run a second pass, depending on need and routing of our trail plows. In the unfortunate and uncommon event of turf damage due to plowing, the City would make turf repairs in the spring.

Who is liable if someone falls and gets hurt on the trail? That would depend on the cause of the fall. The City is responsible for maintenance of the trail pavement in good condition, and for snow removal in accordance with its policy. Adjacent property owners are responsible to ensure that boulevards, including walks and trails, are free of hazard. Typically, an adjacent property owner's liability is covered under their homeowners insurance.

What is the estimated additional cost to the city to maintain the trail in the winter? We estimate that we will add approximately \$885 additional cost for winter maintenance per year for the project. There would be a reduction in cost of winter street maintenance on 7th Street & 57th Avenue since the road won't be as wide.

Will there be other work performed as part of this project? Utility repairs and some replacement may occur in conjunction with this project. Work would be coordinated with the contractor to minimize service interruptions.

What are the next steps for the project? A feasibility report on the project will be presented to the City Council. At a future City Council Meeting a preliminary hearing would take place if a major rehabilitation of the street is needed because of pavement surveys and analyses. Residents subject to special assessment will be mailed notice of the hearing date and time.

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