

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Tom Wesolowski , City Engineer
DATE: February 21, 2023
SUBJECT: Public hearing and ordering the improvements for the Hodgson Road Reconstruction, city project 23-02
ITEM NUMBER: 10.a
SECTION: PUBLIC HEARINGS

REQUESTED MOTION

Motion #1

To close the public hearing.

Motion #2

To approve Resolution No. 23-11 ordering the improvements for the Hodgson Road Reconstruction, city project 23-02.

INTRODUCTION

At the January 17, 2022 meeting, the city council received the feasibility report and called for a public hearing to be held on February 21, 2023 for the Hodgson Road Reconstruction, city project 23-02. The project includes Hodgson Road from Bridge Street to Rice Street, County Road F from Hodgson Road to Rice Street, Rice Street from County Road F to 700-feet south of Hodgson Road, and Gramsie Road from Hodgson Road to 211-feet west, as shown on the attached map.

The public hearing is scheduled to hear all public comments with regard to the proposed improvements for the Hodgson Road Reconstruction, city project 23-02. All affected property owners have been notified of the public hearing.

Detailed information regarding the proposed improvements for the project is included in the discussion of this report. A public hearing for the proposed project shall be held as described below:

1. The **Mayor** calls the meeting to order and announces the purpose of the hearing "This is a public hearing to consider the proposed improvements for the Hodgson Road Reconstruction, city project 23-02."
2. The **City Attorney** provides comments regarding the adequacy of published and mailed notices.
3. The **City Engineer** will present a summary of the proposed project including existing conditions, proposed improvements, estimated project costs, and estimated assessments.
4. The **Mayor** opens the hearing to the public. Speakers are requested to identify themselves and their street address.
5. The **Mayor** calls for a motion to close the public hearing.

6. The **City Council** takes action on the project.
Action by the city council is required to order the proposed project to proceed.

DISCUSSION

Hodgson Road and County Road F are located in the City of Shoreview and maintained and operated by Ramsey County. Rice Street is located on the boarder between the Cities of Shoreview and Vadnais Heights and maintained and operated by Ramsey County. Gramsie Road is maintained and operated by the City of Shoreview. Ramsey County, in cooperation with the Cities of Shoreview and Vadnais Heights, has programmed the reconstruction of Hodgson Road from Bridge Street to Rice Street, County Road F from Hodgson Road to Rice Street, Rice Street from County Road F to 700-feet south of Hodgson Road, and Gramsie Road from Hodgson Road to 211-west in 2023 and 2024. At the October 3, 2022 meeting, the council approved a cooperative agreement with the county for cost-share associated with right of way acquisition required for the project.

County staff, in cooperation with the city, hosted two separate open house events in Shoreview on August 18, 2021 and June 8, 2022. Proposed preliminary improvements and plan layouts were shared with the public along with information regarding easements, assessments, and project schedule. County and city staff also took the opportunity to gather comments and address concerns at the open houses. The county also created a project webpage to share important information and to inform the public about any significant updates. An interactive map for public feedback is also provided on the county's project webpage, along with contact information for county staff. The city's project webpage includes a link to the county's project webpage.

The existing condition of the project infrastructure is summarized below:

- Rural cross-section two lane bituminous roadway.
- Street signals are located at the Hodgson Road/Snail Lake Road and Hodgson Road/Rice Street/Gramsie Road intersections.
- The project area is served by the city's municipal water system and consists of prestressed concrete on Hodgson Road and Rice Street and cast iron pipe on County Road F installed in the early 1970's.
- The project area is served by the city's sanitary sewer collection system consisting of vitrified clay pipe installed in the mid-1960's. Televised inspections show the pipe is in poor condition due to dips, cracking, and blockage from tree roots. The manholes are also in poor condition.
- Surface water runs overland and along the road edges to ditches located along Hodgson Road, County Road F, and Rice Street and is directed to a wetland located to the southwest. The collection system does not provide any treatment to the runoff prior to discharging to the wetland.
- The project is served by nine city owned and three Xcel owned street lights. The city street lights are less then 10-years old and include LED fixtures with aluminum poles and underground power. The Xcel lights are attached to wooden poles and consist of LED fixtures.

The proposed improvements include:

- Reconstruction of the pavement, addition of a center turn lane and concrete curb and gutter.
- Geometric improvements at the Hodgson Road/Snail Lake Road and Hodgson Road/County Road F intersections.

- Installation of a sidewalk along the east side of Hodgson Road and south side of County Road F.
- Installation of a trail along the west side of Hodgson Road.
- Upgrade signal system at the Hodgson Road/Snail Lake Road intersection.
- Replacement of the signal system at the Hodgson Road/Rice Street/Gramsie Road intersection with a roundabout.
- Replacement of the city's water and sanitary sewer systems.
- Storm water collection and treatment.
- Replacement of the Xcel street lights with city street lights consisting of LED fixtures, aluminum poles, and underground power.

Costs for the project will be shared between Ramsey County and the cities of Shoreview and Vadnais Heights in accordance with Ramsey County's cost-share policy, with the county providing a majority of the funding for the project. Shoreview will provide cost share for improvements related to the sidewalk, trail, concrete curb and gutter, street lighting, replacement of the water and sanitary sewer infrastructure, and stormwater improvements. In addition to the construction costs the city will also participate in cost share for right of way and easement acquisition costs required for the project.

Shoreview's estimated cost share for the project is listed below:

Street	\$685,000
Sidewalk & Trail	\$260,000
Water Main	\$1,920,000
Sanitary Sewer	\$1,050,000
Storm Sewer	\$180,000
Street Lights	\$55,000
Right of Way/Easement Acquisition	\$2,237,940
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$6,387,940

Assessments proposed for the proposed improvements would be administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429, the City of Shoreview Street and Storm Sewer Assessment policies.

Estimated assessments for the proposed improvements are as follows:

Street - Avg Residential Lot	\$1,800/lot - maximum - corner lots 1/2
Storm Sewer - Avg Residential Lot	\$1,120/lot - maximum - depends on lot size
Street & Storm - Multi-unit	\$485.66/unit
Non-residential Street	\$3,600 to \$10,800/lot - depends on land use
Non-residential Storm	\$1,120 to \$3,430.35/lot - depends on land use

Funding sources for the proposed improvements are as follows:

Street	
Municipal State Aid	\$507,700
Assessments	\$177,300
Sidewalk & Trail	
Municipal State Aid	\$110,000
Community Investment Fund	\$150,000

Water - Water Fund	\$1,920,000
Sanitary Sewer - Sewer Fund	\$1,050,000
Storm Sewer	
Surface Water Fund	\$118,242
Assessments	\$61,758
Street Lights - Street Light Fund	\$55,000
Right of Way/Easement Acquisition	
Municipal State Aid	\$2,237,940

Proposed schedule for the project is as follows:

Public improvement hearing	February 21, 2023
Council approves plans & specifications	March 2023
Ramsey County awards bid	May 2023
Phase 01 Construction Start	May/June 2023
Phase 01 Construction Complete	October 2023
Phase 02 Construction Start	May 2024
Phase 02 Construction Complete	October 2024
Assessment Hearing	September 2025

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the city council hold the public hearing and adopt the attached resolution no. 23-11, ordering the improvements for the Hodgson Road Reconstruction, city project 23-02.

ATTACHMENTS

[Project location map](#)

[Resolution 23-11](#)