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Project ID # 2007-487

Type of Improvement: Sidewalk
Neighborhood: Bitter Lake

Approximate Length: 1450 feet
Street Classification: Collector Arterial

Applicant Description of Problem and/or Project:

Problem: With the completion of the Interurban Trail segment from N 128th St. to N 110th St. there is a need to provide safe access via N 125th St., which is the most visible access. Pedestrians also use N 125th St. to access several Metro bus routes on Greenwood Ave. N and Aurora Ave. N. Currently most of this segment of N 125th St. lacks curbs and sidewalks and is not a safe environment for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders or motorists. There is no place for bicyclists to ride and the sidewalks are incomplete. The areas near this segment of N 125th St. have a large and growing multifamily residential population, including many seniors. It is near the Bitterlake Urban Village. It would make the area safer, more inviting and accessible for present and future residents.

Suggested Project: This project would make safety and access improvements for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders and general-purpose traffic on N 125th St. between Greenwood Ave. N to Aurora Ave. N. The Broadview Community Council board met 5/15 and decided that the three blocks east from Greenwood (to Evanston) are the priority initial work on N 125th. There are no sidewalks on the north side, there is part cement and part asphalt sidewalk on the south side. What would make most sense for pedestrians would be to build a sidewalk on the north side all the way from Greenwood to the Interurban Trail (just east of North Park Ave. N). It is the same linear feet of sidewalk as the three blocks from Greenwood to Evanston on both sides.

Potential Solution and/or Comments:

N 125th Street – From Greenwood Ave N to Phinney Ave N (not included in estimate)

- Widen existing street to the north to accommodate a 12-foot right-turn lane.
- Install curb, gutter and 6-foot concrete sidewalk on the north side of the street.
- Construct catch basins and conveyance system to collect street run off.
- Because more than 5000 SF of impervious area is being constructed, install stormwater detention and water quality facilities.

N 125th Street - From Phinney Ave N to North Park Ave N (estimated per block based on Evanston Ave N to Fremont Ave N)

- Construct concrete curb, gutter, 5-foot planting strip and 6-foot concrete sidewalk on the north side of the street.
- Widen existing street 7 feet north to meet the City's standard street width of 36 feet.
- Construct catch basins and conveyance system to collect street run off.
- Because more than 5000 SF of impervious area is being constructed, install stormwater detention and water quality facilities.

Challenges/Tradeoffs:

- Proposed improvements may prohibit street parking on the north side.
- Future street widening will have to take place on the south side of the street to meet City standards, and these could prohibit street parking.

Preliminary Range of Cost: \$1,460,000 to \$1,800,000 - \$370,000 to \$470,000 (per block if segmented)