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To: Edina Transportation Commission

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Subject: Recommended 2016-2017 Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Fund Projects

Information / Background:

As part of the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund budgeting and management process, staff tracks available funds from year to year, and projects these funds into future years. The utility franchise fees generate approximately \$1.1 million per year for PACS Fund-eligible projects, and staff budgets for 95% of this amount each year. When PACS Funds go unused, at the end of the year those funds are rolled over into the next year's PACS Fund budget.

Staff is estimating that approximately \$660,000 will roll over from 2015 to 2016 funds (approximately \$1.2 million will be spent from the PACS Fund in 2015). Based on the anticipated 2016 budget amount of approximately \$1.8 million and estimated construction/ installation costs, staff is recommending the attached list of projects be implemented and funded by the PACS Fund in 2016. Additionally, staff estimates that approximately \$300,000 will roll over from 2016 to 2017 funds (based on the 2016 projects listed below), resulting in an anticipated 2017 PACS Fund budget amount of approximately \$1.4 million.

In recommending sidewalk construction projects, staff considers a number of criteria. Several factors can affect if and how each criterion is applied and the relative weight given to each. Often, opportunities such as planned road construction projects and outside funding present themselves, and the sometimes fluid nature of these opportunities can affect if and when sidewalk projects are recommended and constructed. Below are some of the key criteria staff considers, generally listed in descending order of relative weight.

- Part of neighborhood street reconstruction project (up to 50 percent cost savings)
- Part of state-aid reconstruction project (state-aid funds pay up to 80 percent of construction)
- Active Routes to School Sidewalk (recommended in the ARTS Plan)
- Included in the Comprehensive Plan (on the sidewalk facilities map)
- Estimated cost of project relative to remaining PACS Fund budget
- Additional funding/grant opportunities
- Surveys and/or design documents completed
- Petition for a sidewalk submitted by residents

Recommended 2016 Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Fund Projects

Project Type	Street/Location	Sidewalk Length	Notes
Sidewalk	Concord Ave	850' (Southview Ln to Lakeview Dr)	Golf Terrace B Neighborhood Street Reconstruction
Sidewalk	Beard Ave S	1,790' (W 60 th St to service road)	Strachauer Park A Neighborhood Street Reconstruction
Sidewalk	Interlachen Blvd	1,220' (Mirror Lakes Rd, Summit)	ARTS recommendation, completion of 2015 project
Sidewalk	Cornelia Dr	2,600' (W 66 th St to W 70 th St)	ARTS recommendation, 80% federal SRTS funding
Sidewalk	Xerxes Ave S	2,500' (W 56 th St to W 60 th St)	25% cost participation by Hennepin County
Sidewalk	Vernon Ave	1,740' (Gleason Rd to Blake Rd)	Applying for Hennepin County cost participation
Sidewalk	Edina Industrial Blvd	470' (Metro Blvd to Normandale Blvd)	Arterial roadway, ease of design/construction
Sidewalk	Tracy Ave	750' (Valley Ln to Hwy 62)	ARTS recommendation, coincident with roundabout construction
Sidewalk/ Bike Facility	Tracy Ave	640' (Benton Ave to Hwy 62)	State-aid road reconstruction (PACS Fund pays 20%)
Sidewalk/ Bike Facility	Valley View Rd/Valley Ln Intersection	Associated with roundabout	State-aid road reconstruction (PACS Fund pays 20%)
Ped Safety	W 77 th St & Parklawn new crosswalk	N/A	North leg of intersection, approved traffic safety item
Ped Safety	Railroad crossing at Valley Ln	N/A	CP Rail replacement of railroad crossing (PACS Fund pays for sidewalk only)

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Project Type	Street/Location	Sidewalk Length	Notes
Sidewalk	Hansen Rd	2,000' (Darcy Ln to W 60 th St)	Birchcrest A Neighborhood Street Reconstruction
Sidewalk	Maddox Ln	1,075' (Hansen Rd to Mildred Ave)	Birchcrest A Neighborhood Street Reconstruction
Sidewalk	Valley View Rd	205' (Mildred Ave to Code Ave)	Birchcrest A Neighborhood Street Reconstruction
Sidewalk	Valley View Rd	2,165' (Tracy Ave to Hansen Rd)	Countryside G Neighborhood Street Reconstruction
Sidewalk	Olinger Rd	1,615' (Vernon Ave to Olinger Blvd)	Countryside G Neighborhood Street Reconstruction
Sidewalk	Oaklawn Ave	1,500' (W 72 nd St to south of Gilford Rd)	ARTS recommendation, connect to Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail (via easement)
Sidewalk	W 58th St	2,400' (Wooddale Ave to France Ave)	ARTS recommendation, collector road
Sidewalk	Highway 169 Frontage Road	2,750' (Braemar Blvd to Valley View Rd)	Connect to Braemar Arena, arterial road
Consulting	Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan Update	N/A	Amend to 2018 Comprehensive Plan update