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TO: Property Owners and Residents adjacent to the following city streets in the 2013 – Phase 13 Becker Park Street Reconstruction Project Area:

- **54th Avenue – West Broadway to Nevada Avenue**
- **Nevada Avenue – 54th Avenue to Bass Lake Road**

FROM: Aaron Ditzler, SEH Project Manager
Tom Mathisen, Crystal City Engineer

DATE: August 29, 2012

RE: Neighborhood Meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 6:45 p.m. doors open, 7 p.m. meeting time. Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive N.

Major street reconstruction is programmed to occur in your neighborhood during the 2013 construction season. We cordially invite you to meet with the project team including city officials, to review the proposed improvements as they affect your property and street. The project team will be available to answer your questions and obtain your input.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform you of the following:

1. The City of Crystal's 2010 Comprehensive Plan guides 54th and Nevada Avenues to be designated as part of the City's Municipal State Aid (MSA) street network at such time as the streets are reconstructed. This MSA designation is now open for discussion and may or may not happen as part of the Phase 13 Project. The options pertaining to street width, parking on one side only, and sidewalk placement on one side, currently being considered by the City Council, are based on recommendations generated during preparation of the Report on Feasibility for the project.
2. The Municipal State Aid Street System is a program funded by your state gas tax dollars that brings funds back into the community to rebuild local streets. Cities can designate up to 20% of their local mileage as State Aid. When a MSA designated street is reconstructed, funding can be obtained that can be used to assist in the reconstruction of the designated and adjoining local streets. The only requirement is that the street be built to certain specifications relating to width, parking, and durability.
3. The Phase 13 Report on Feasibility recommends the reconstruction of 54th and Nevada Avenues to a 32-foot wide street section, approximately two feet wider than the existing streets. Based on this width, the MSA specifications allow parking on one side only. The north side of 54th and the west side of Nevada Avenue are currently proposed.
4. The Report also recommends the construction of a 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk adjacent to the concrete curb on **one** side of both 54th and Nevada Avenues. The north and west sides respectively, are currently proposed. As part of the City Street Reconstruction Program Policy, sidewalks are being built on one side of MSA streets when the street is reconstructed.

The final decision on street reconstruction and sidewalk on 54th and Nevada Avenues will not be determined until after input from the adjoining residents at the neighborhood meeting, and subsequent approval by the City Council after a public hearing on the proposal.

We invite you to provide input at this special neighborhood meeting on **Wednesday evening, September 12, 2012**. The meeting will include a review and discussion of the proposed improvement recommendations for 54th and Nevada Avenues and the outcome of possible MSA designation.

The meeting will begin with an informal gathering at 6:45 p.m. and the actual meeting starting at 7:00 p.m., continuing until approximately 8:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Aaron by telephone (952.912.2624), e-mail (aditzler@sehinc.com), or Mick Cyert at the Crystal Engineering Department, by telephone (763.531.1161), e-mail (mick.cyert@crystalmn.gov).

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