

Feb. 1, 2024

**Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Avenue Improvements – Section 4(f) De Minimis Public Comment Period for Willow Park Impacts**

PUBLIC NOTICE and OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

The City of St. Louis Park is planning to reconstruct Cedar Lake Road from Highway 169 to Kentucky Avenue and Louisiana Avenue from Wayzata Boulevard to the railroad bridge south of 23rd Street. Improvements include pavement resurfacing, traffic signal replacements, new pedestrian and bicycle routes, and a roundabout at the intersection of Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Avenue.

In accordance with 23 CFR 774.5, the City of St. Louis Park is soliciting comments on the acquisition needs this project would require from Willow Park. As design advanced on the project, there was a need to identify a new location for the stormwater BMP, which is resulting in a new impact at Willow Park. The new underground stormwater BMP is proposed to be installed underneath the baseball field at Willow Park and an outlet pipe is proposed to be installed east of the BMP. The baseball field will be returned to pre-project functionality after construction is complete. Long-term maintenance of the stormwater infrastructure will likely have occasional minor short-term impacts to park activities during the life of the underground structure.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has made a preliminary determination that the proposed action at Willow Park is a Section 4(f) de minimis action in accordance with 23 CFR 774.5, conditioned on public review and comment. A de minimis finding is made when uses of Section 4(f) land will have no adverse effect on the protected park and recreational resources.

Comments must be submitted on or before **Feb. 22, 2024** to Joe Shamla, engineering project manager, by email to [jshamla@stlouisparkmn.gov](mailto:jshamla@stlouisparkmn.gov), by phone at 952.924.2552 or via an online comment form on the project website: <https://bit.ly/RedoCedarLou>. Comments will become part of the official record and will be considered when making future project-related decisions.

Information on this project is available at <https://bit.ly/RedoCedarLou> or St. Louis Park City Hall (5005 Minnetonka Blvd St Louis Park, MN 55416).

If you have any questions or comments about the project, contact me at 952.924.2552 or [jshamla@stlouisparkmn.gov](mailto:jshamla@stlouisparkmn.gov).

Sincerely,



Joe Shamla, engineering project manager