

Aug. 2, 2024

Re: Feedback summary
2025 Pavement Management Project
City project no. 4025-1000

Dear Community Member:

The City of St. Louis Park requested feedback on what types of improvements the community would like to see made in the 2025 Pavement Management project area via an interactive comment map.

The feedback received will be used to inform the project staff on areas of concern.

Please review the feedback summary and next steps attached. For more information, please visit the project website - bit.ly/2025SLP-PM.

Please call me at 952.924.2673 or email me at awiesen@stlouisparkmn.gov with any questions or concerns you may have regarding these proposed improvements. We look forward to working with you and your neighbors.

Sincerely,

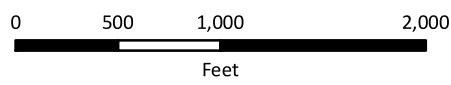
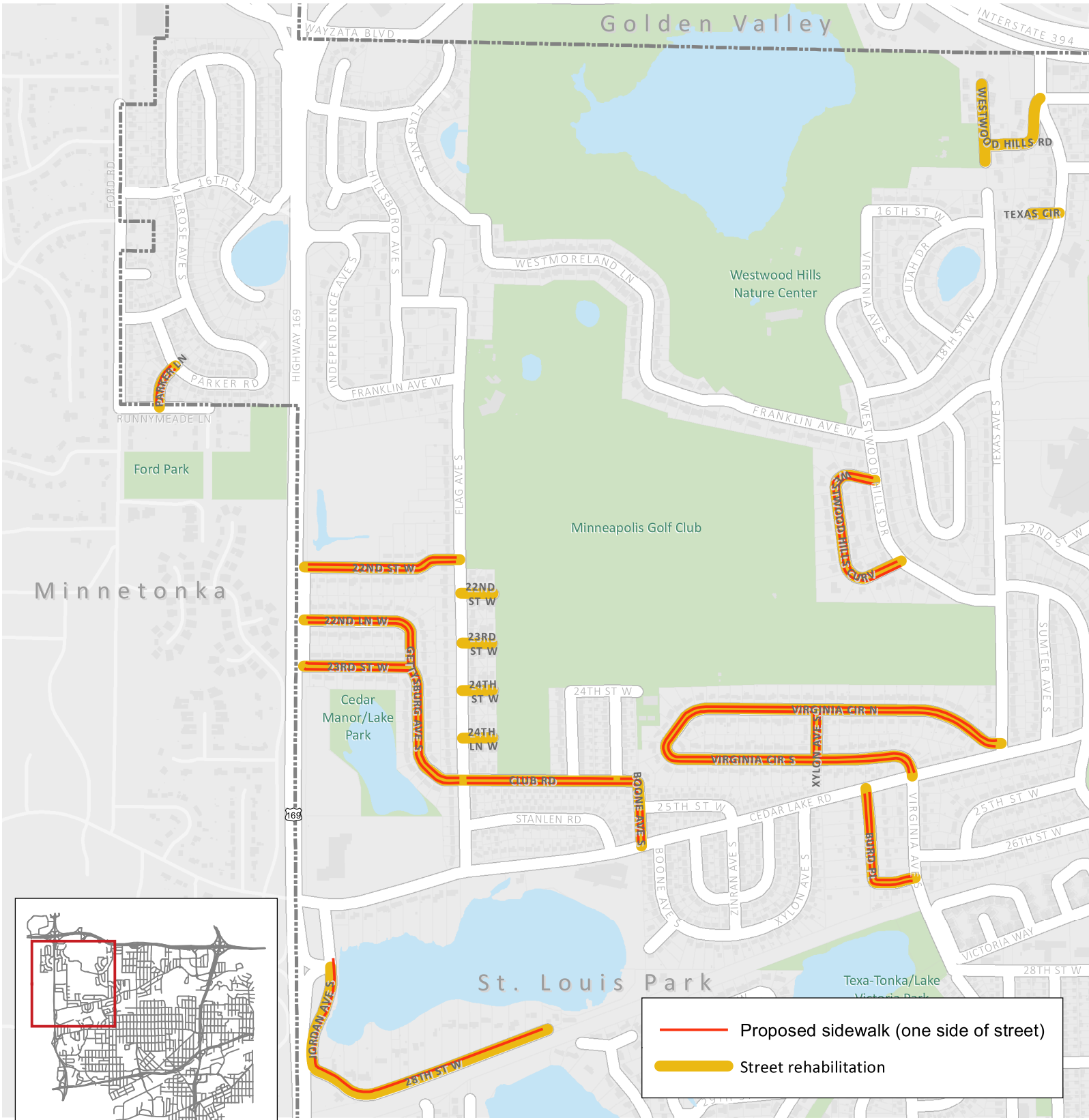


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Attachments - Project map
Feedback summary

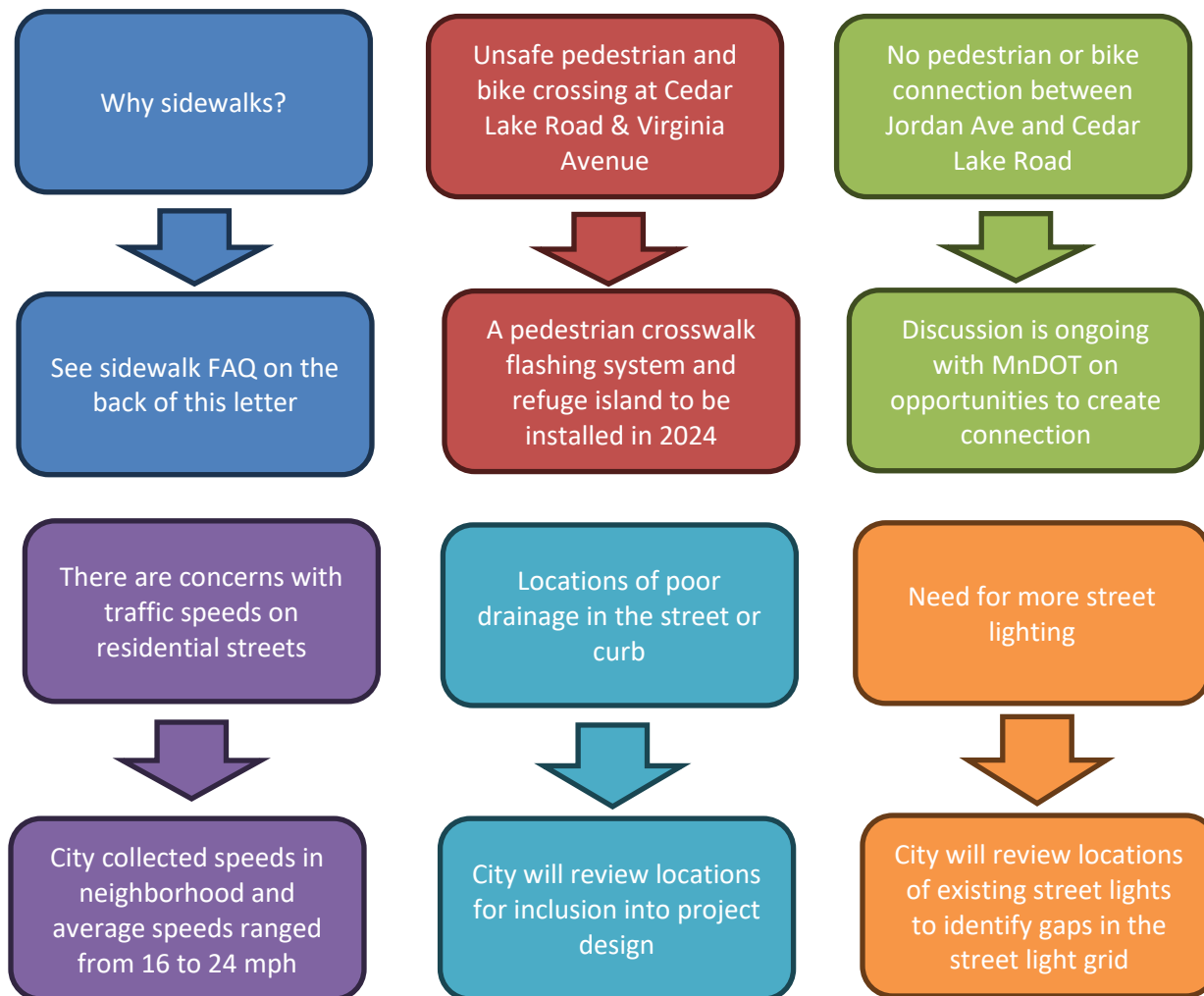
CC: Debra Heiser, engineering director
Kim Keller, city manager
Ward 4 Councilmember
Westwood Hills, Cedar Manor, Crestview and Kilmer Pond neighborhoods

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What we heard and what we're doing about it:



Next steps:

- Open House #1 – October 2024
- Open House #2 – December 2024
- Public Hearing (city council meeting)- January 2025
- Project Approval (city council meeting)- February 2025

2025 Pavement Management sidewalk FAQ

1. Why is the city proposing sidewalks?
 - a. Sidewalks allow pedestrians, including those in a wheelchair or visually impaired, to safely move around the city by means other than a vehicle.
 - b. Sidewalks enhance connectivity and promote walking.
2. How did the city determine where to evaluate sidewalks?
 - a. The city's sidewalk planning framework has a goal of having continuous sidewalks on at least one side of the street on low-volume residential roads.
 - b. As a part of our street projects, the existing sidewalk system is reviewed, and new sidewalks are evaluated to close gaps and create a well-connected and equitably distributed sidewalk network.
3. What are the impacts to boulevard trees, retaining walls, landscaping, etc.?
 - a. The city values our healthy mature boulevard trees. As part of the design of the proposed sidewalks, the city will look at all options to minimize and preserve as many trees as possible.
 - b. This project is currently being designed. Preliminary plans that show the design of the sidewalk and impacts will be shared at Open Houses held later this year.
 - c. The impacts of the proposed sidewalks, along with the cost and resident feedback, will be presented to the city council to assist them with their decision.
4. Why is the city proposing a sidewalk that does not connect to another sidewalk?
 - a. About a third of the city's streets do not have sidewalks adjacent to them.
 - b. Waiting to build a connected network all at the same time is not feasible at our current funding levels. So, a project-by-project approach is used to incrementally build out the system.
 - c. When adjacent streets without sidewalks are under construction in the future, the city will evaluate sidewalks on those streets as well.
 - d. The sidewalks will allow people to move around the neighborhood.
5. Are the sidewalks already approved for construction?
 - a. Inclusion at this stage in the process does not predetermine final recommendations.
 - b. Staff recommendations will ultimately be based on context-sensitive design solutions. This will include factors like traffic volumes, tree impacts, private property impacts, available right of way and cost.
 - c. It is possible that not all sidewalks evaluated on a project will be recommended or approved for construction.
 - d. The decision on whether to construct proposed sidewalk segments will be made by the city council as a part of the project approval process in January- February 2025.