

Sept. 3, 2024

**Re: Public Hearing: MnDOT 1-394 and Louisiana Avenue Improvements project  
Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, 6:15 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers**

Dear Community Member:

In 2025, MnDOT has improvements proposed for I-394 and Louisiana Avenue, including:

- I-394 eastbound land extension. To build this project, they require the permanent dedication of city right of way on Wayzata Boulevard to MnDOT.
- Eastbound auxiliary lane construction (between Louisiana Avenue exit ramp and Xenia Avenue/Park Place Boulevard exit).
- Replace I-394 and Louisiana Avenue north and south ramp signal systems.
- Remove channelized right turns at the I-394 and Louisiana Avenue north and south ramp intersections.
- Relocate city watermain on Wayzata Boulevard between 500 feet west of Dakota Avenue and Dakota Avenue.

The city's approval is required for this project because it increases highway traffic capacity on I-394 and requires acquisition of permanent rights in two areas along Wayzata Boulevard, a city-owned street. The city council will hold a public hearing for this project on:

**Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, 6:15 p.m.  
in the City Hall Council Chambers  
5005 Minnetonka Blvd, St. Louis Park, MN 55416**

MnDOT staff will present the project details to the city council. This information is posted on the *MnDOT I-394 and Louisiana Avenue Improvements* project website <https://bit.ly/mndot394andlouisiana>. After MnDOT's presentation, the mayor will open the public hearing, and you will have an opportunity to speak to the city council regarding this project. No action will be taken at the Sept. 9 council meeting.

The city council will vote at the Sept.16 city council meeting to approve the project as recommended or approve a modified project based on resident feedback.

We encourage you to attend this public hearing. If you cannot make it but would still like to address the council, please provide me with your comments in a letter or email. I can be reached by phone at 952.924.2551 or by email at [dheiser@stlouisparkmn.gov](mailto:dheiser@stlouisparkmn.gov) if you have any additional questions or comments.

We look forward to working with you and your neighbors.

Sincerely,



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Engineering director

cc: City manager, ward 4 council member