July 27, 2018

Re:   2019 Dakota Park bridge and bikeway  
City project 4019-2000

Dear property owner:

A bridge over the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks near Dakota Park, as well as a bikeway from Cedar Lake Road to Lake Street using Dakota Avenue, is scheduled for construction in 2019. The project includes construction of a new pedestrian and bike bridge, bikeway improvements, an enhanced connection to the regional trail and a new multi-use trail. A map showing the location for the improvements is attached. This project is included in the Capital Improvement Program approved by the St. Louis Park City Council.

The first step in project development is data collection. Over the next few months, you may notice survey crews and city staff performing inspections, marking utilities and collecting data. The collected information will help the project team prepare preliminary designs that will establish estimated costs of bridge, street, bikeway and trail improvements. These improvements will be paid for using city funds; there are no proposed assessments to property owners for this project.

Please note: No improvements or construction in the area will occur until there has been opportunity for public input on the project. This fall, you will be invited to neighborhood meetings with city staff to discuss the project scope and to review preliminary plans. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to get involved and to discuss the project with the project team.

This winter, the city council will host a public hearing for the project. City staff will present the recommended preliminary design along with public input received during the neighborhood meetings. After the public hearing, the council will vote on whether or not to move forward with the project. If the project is approved, staff will prepare for construction to begin summer 2019.

Please call or email me with any questions or concerns you have regarding these proposed improvements. We look forward to working with you and your neighbors.

Sincerely,

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Attachment – Project map  
CC: Debra Heiser, engineering director  
               Mayor and city council, city manager  
               Eliot, Eliot View, Bronx Park, Lenox and Sorenson neighborhood associations
Dakota Park Bridge and Bikeway Project

Legend
- Bikeway
- Sidewalk
- Pedestrian and Bike Bridge