February 21, 2018

RE: Public Hearing: Louisiana Avenue Bridge/Road Reconstruction Project  
Monday, March 5, 2018, 7:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers

Dear Property Owner:

The City Council will be holding a public hearing for the Louisiana Avenue Bridge/Road Reconstruction Project on:

Monday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
5005 Minnetonka Blvd., St. Louis Park, MN 55416

This project includes bridge and road reconstruction, traffic signals/roundabouts, sidewalk, a bike facility (cycle track), watermain and streetlights. In addition to the city’s work, some of the private utility companies will also be upgrading their facilities along the corridor.

At the public hearing, staff will present to the City Council the preliminary layout for the Louisiana corridor between Excelsior Boulevard and 400 feet north of Oxford Street. A map is attached for your reference. This preliminary layout will be used as a guide in the reconstruction of Louisiana Avenue. The reconstruction proposed in late 2018/2019 will occur between Louisiana Circle and Excelsior Boulevard. It is unknown at this time when Louisiana Avenue will be reconstructed north of Louisiana Circle. The City Council will be providing guidance on the following key items along the corridor.

1. Should the city pursue a roundabout at the intersection of Louisiana Avenue and Oxford Street or should the signal system be upgraded? Staff has recommended a roundabout at this location in the future.
2. Should the city pursue a roundabout at the intersection of Louisiana Avenue and Louisiana Circle, or should the signal system be upgraded? Staff is recommending signal upgrade at this intersection with the 2018/2019 project.
3. Should the bridge be raised to accommodate a pedestrian crossing under Louisiana Avenue along Minnehaha Creek, or should this crossing be constructed at street level across Louisiana Avenue? Staff is recommending the bridge be raised to allow pedestrians to cross under Louisiana Avenue.

Staff will be asking the City Council to approve a preliminary layout so that work can proceed on final plans. The staff recommended layout is available for review at:

https://www.stlouispark.org/government/departments-divisions/engineering/construction-projects/louisiana-avenue-road-bridge-project
After the staff presentation, you will have an opportunity to speak to the City Council regarding this project. The City Council will be asked to decide whether or not to proceed with the project as recommended at this meeting.

We encourage you to attend this public hearing. If you cannot attend but would still like to address the council, please provide me with your comments in a letter or email that will be shared with the City Council. Comments provided at the open houses and by email will be shared with the City Council as long as they are received by noon on February 27.

I can be reached by phone at 952.924.2552 or email at jshamla@stlouispark.org if you have any additional questions or comments.

We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

Joseph Shamla, P.E.
Sr. Engineering Project Manager

Attachment- Project Map

CC: Mayor and City Council
    City Manager
    South Oak Hill, Meadowbrook, Brooklawns, and Creekside neighborhoods via NextDoor and neighborhood committee emails