# May 2, 2017

Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee Public Comment Session

## In Support for prioritizing PV139 18th Ave NE (Johnson to Stinson)

The existing 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE between Johnson and Stinson is an unpleasant and unsafe route for accessing shopping, recreational, business and transportation resources. Windom Park is on its north side and residents need to cross this half mile roadway to access:

- Quarry Shopping Center, 21 commercial tenants
- US Post Office
- Metro Transit #30 bus stops, 3
- Stinson Market Place, 6 commercial tenants (interrupted sidewalk on north side)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Trail
- Minneapolis Diagonal Trail
- MPRB Northeast Athletic Fields (35 acres), Jim Lupient Water Park and new (15,000 sf) Recreation Center scheduled to open in early 2018
- Yinghua Academy, 800 student enrollment and 96-person staff

None of this existed in 1969 when 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue was built. Unfortunately, access to these destinations is significantly car-centric. They are unsafe and difficult to access by a pedestrian and far more dangerous for a disabled person or a child. Near the Johnson & 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection is a several block area of dense, multi-unit housing. Minnesota Compass 2011-15 statistics<sup>1.</sup> record Windom Park Neighborhood having 1,252 (44%) renter occupied housing units out of 2,836 total housing units. A significant portion of these rental units exist near Johnson & 18<sup>th</sup>.

There are three primary 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Johnson to Stinson) crossings at the intersections of 18<sup>th</sup>& Johnson, 18<sup>th</sup>& Arthur and 18<sup>th</sup>& Stinson. The midpoint crossing at 18<sup>th</sup>& Arthur has a pedestrian path to the Quarry Shopping Center, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Bike Boulevard connection to the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Trail and a #30 bus stop. The other two routes to the Quarry are roughly ¼ mile east and west of 18<sup>th</sup> & Arthur. They are the east and west borders of the shopping center complex making it a longer walk to the two most essential stores, Cub Foods and Target.

It is anticipated that the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Reconstruction (Monroe to Johnson) will be substantially completed during the 2017 construction season. This will include a protected pedestrian / bike path on its south side. This path is part of the Great Northern Greenway<sup>2</sup>. stretching from Theodore Wirth Park to the Diagonal Trail. The reconstruction will have improved crossings at Buchanan for accessing the Northeast Athletic Field Recreation Center and the Yinghua Academy as well as the Fillmore Bike Boulevard and Athletic Fields at 18<sup>th</sup> & Fillmore. No improvements are planned for the problematic crossing at the 18<sup>th</sup> & Johnson intersection.

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18<sup>th</sup> Avenue is a multi-modal transportation corridor. From 18<sup>th</sup> & Arthur, the MTC 30 bus travels east bound to business destinations like UPS, and several schools in the Mid-Industrial – Como Neighborhoods. It stops near Health Partners Clinic on Como before ending at the Westgate Green Line Station. The Green Line provides direct service to St. Paul and the University of Minnesota. West bound, the MTC 30 travels on Broadway into North Minneapolis. Bicycle commuters riding east bound on the existing undersized 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bike Trail connect to the Diagonal Trail, the Quarry Shopping Center complex, Roseville, Mid Industrial Neighborhood and the University of Minnesota. East bound from Johnson, the new 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Trail will be a direct route into downtown Minneapolis and the river via connecting bike boulevards or south bound bus.

For these reasons I would urge CLIC to recommend and prioritize PV139 18th Ave NE (Johnson to Stinson). This is an opportunity to revitalize a street which has been a pedestrian barrier to destinations for Windom Park, Northeast Park and Holland neighborhood residents. It has the potential to enhance development at Central, Johnson and Stinson as well as the Quarry Shopping Center. Along with PV097 18th Ave NE Trail Gap, approval and implementation will result in substantial completion of the Northeast portion of the Great Northern Greenway. It offers the opportunity to further address the difficult intersections at 18<sup>th</sup> & Johnson and Stinson & CSAH 88.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> http://www.mncompass.org/profiles/neighborhoods/minneapolis/windom-park
 <sup>2</sup> http://www.minneapolisriverfront.org/riverfront-initiatives/great-northern-greenway/

att: Satellite view of possible enhanced pedestrian crossings on 18<sup>th</sup> (Johnson to Stinson) Annotated PV139 18th Ave NE (Johnson to Stinson) Budget Request



# 18th Avenue NE from Johnson St to Stinson Blvd. Pedestrian Crossings to enhance with signing and street markings

- 1. 18th & Johnson
  2. 18th & Hayes
  3. 18th & Arthur pedestrian path to Quarry Shoppping Center
  4. 18th & Benjamin
  5. 18th & Stinson

# Minneapolis Capital Budget Request

# Project Title: PV139 18th Ave NE (Johnson to Stinson)

Project Location: on 18th Ave NE from Johnson St NE to Stinson Blvd City Sector: East Project Start Date: 4/15/20 Submitting Department: Public Works Contact Person: Kelsey Fogt Level of Need: Significant

Affected Wards: 1 Affected Neighborhood(s): Various Estimated Project Completion Date: 11/15/20 Department Priority: 43 of 64 Contact Phone Number: (651) 673-3885

### **Project Description:**

The proposed project will reconstruct approximately 0.5 miles of 18th Avenue Northeast (Municipal State Aid Route 284) between Johnson Street Northeast and Stinson Boulevard. This corridor serves an estimated 340 people walking, 280 people biking, and 6,800 people driving per day. Currently, the existing corridor includes sidewalk on one side of the street, two traffic lanes, and curbside parking on the north side. Some sections have sidewalk on both sides of the street. The area north of the project corridor is residential and abutting properties are a mix of single family and multi-family homes. A Post Office and The Quarry shopping center are located on the south side of the corridor. This will be a reconstruction project involving the entire right-of-way and will include new sidewalks, ADA pedestrian ramps, bicycle accommodations, pavement, curb and gutter, and utility improvements. The project will also include signal improvements, new signage, and new pavement markings, as needed.

### **Purpose and Justification:**

This project is intended to improve the right-of-way for all users and modes of travel. The street was built in 1969 and is currently rated in poor condition by the City's pavement management system with a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating of 57 in 2011. Streets with PCI's in this range often degrade at a rate of 2 – 5 points per year; therefore the year 2019 PCI estimate ranges from 17 - 41. This segment of 18th Avenue has a pavement surface that is beyond its expected useful life. This project provides an opportunity to incorporate ADA compliant curb ramps, maintain boulevards with trees, address sidewalk obstructions and gaps, and implement a bicycle facility.

### **Department Funding Request (in Thousands)**

Prior 5 Years	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Current 5 Year Plan	Future Years
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Describe how operating cost increases or decreases were determined and include details such as personnel costs, materials, contracts, energy savings, etc:

There is no net change in the annual operating budget; Public Works will reallocate those dollars to aging infrastructure elsewhere in the system. In general, the cost to maintain a street/alley in poor condition is estimated at \$10,000 per mile per year for a commercial/MSA type of street. Given the length of this project at 0.5 miles, the estimated annual cost to maintain this roadway is \$5,000.

If new infrastructure, discuss how the department/agency will pay for the increased annual operating costs:

Not Applicable

For new infrastructure, describe the estimated timing and dollar amount of future capital investment required to realize the full expected useful life of the project:

Regular crack sealing and other preventative maintenance treatments will be needed to keep the road surface in good shape. A mill and overlay will also be needed in approximately 30 years to prolong the life of the road.

Describe completion status for ongoing projects and how and when the department/agency plans to use the prior year remaining bond authorizations:

Not Applicable

If this is a new project, describe the major project phases and timing anticipated for completing the project:

Public Works anticipates beginning preliminary design and public involvement in 2018, completing design in 2019 and reconstruction in 2020.

Scalability/Funding Allocation Flexibility – discuss any flexibility to increase or decrease funding among the years in the five-year plan and the most that could be spent in a given year:

This project is anticipated to be a one year construction project. Spreading the construction over two or more years decreases the cost effectiveness of the project.

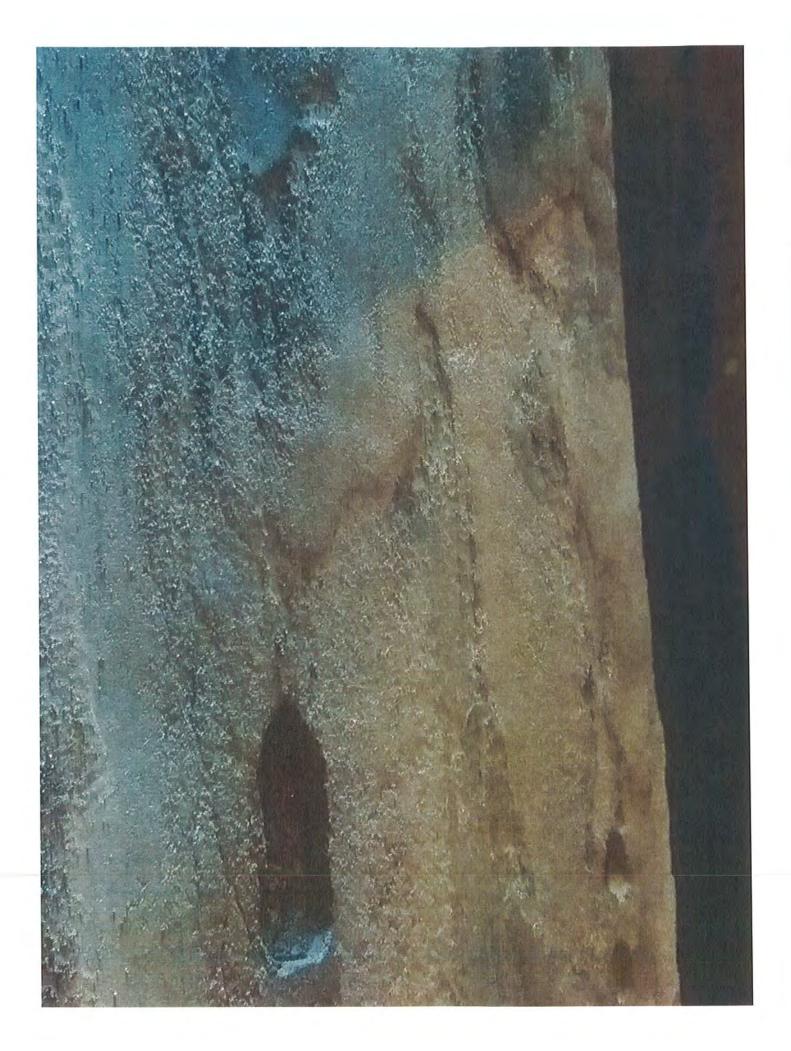
Add any additional information you feel is important for the CLIC committee, Mayor, City Council members or the general public to know about this potential project and why it should be approved:

Capital improvement projects such as this one complete a corridor and enhance the character of the area which helps preserve property values and the city's tax base.

Pedestrian, Biker, Driver Daily
Dave Altfillisch Driver Daily
Pedestrian, Lucy Marsh Biker, Driver Daily It is scary and dangerous. Broken bottles, trash
I would consider the road nearly dangerous particularly the pot holes are so huge and frequent that I worry I will to avoid going that route all together however then that force traffic. I can't think of a road in NE that could use a make ever time I bike through there I wonder when it will get fixed
When driving through the viaduct, the street is full of pot holes. It's very difficult to see cyclists. For that reason, when I bike under it, I use the pedestrian path. I don't normally ride on the sidewalk, but it's so dark and bumpy on the roadway, I feel it's safer. And even on the pedestrian path, it's so dimly lit that I'm not sure whether t'll run over something. I only use the viaduct as a pedestrian during daylight because it feels      Heidi Wiese    Biker, Driver    Daily    unsafe. It's a pretty rundown viaduct but I use it daily by car or bike.
Everyday there are new empty liquor bottles and beer cans as if it's being used as a place for leisure for peopl who aren't likely part of the neighborhood. I'll avoid the viaduct and take a longer route early in the morning to Pedestrian Daily catch my bus for work. It's the only place I feel unsafe in Beltrami.
I'm a female who walks through the viaduct daily trash bin on end of the sidewalk entering/exiting, etc) would be helpful. There are always shattere uses it daily as well, the pot holes inside the vacie LKacie LBiker, DriverDailyHere are alwaysthey are starting to get big and there are a lot
Abby ReynoldsEveral timesI live on the 600 block of Polk so I utilize the viaduct regularly. It's the quickest way to get to Central Avenue to travel south toward the river, access the closest bus stop on Central, and access the restaurants on HarrisonStreet and near East Hennepin Avenue. The road condition is bad as a driver, but even worse as a biker.And because of the poor lighting, it's hard to avoid the larger holes and bumps that could hurt me or mybike. As a pedestrian, I don't feel safe walking through the viaduct because of the poor lighting. If I'm by myselfAbby ReynoldsBiker, Driverper weekso I don't have to walk through the viaduct alone.
Pavement is in very poor condition for a bike. I often worry about getting flaSeveral timeslighting is very bad so you cannot see the pavement conditions in advance.Chris LindeBikerper yearThis a good route for me to access the quarry and NE athletic fields.
walk/bike/drive through the viaduct Please provide your opinion of or interaction with the viaduct that you want those that maintain the area to know.

Summary: Almost all survey participants up until this point have requested the road be resurfaced (comments that are bolded) and lighting be improved. This survey has been running since May 3rd and is still open for responses. We hope to have more data and more responses over the course of the month.			
I'd like to see the road resurfaced (not just patched again, poorly) and more lighting and/or other improvements (such as cameras) made to the walkways.	Several times per week	Pedestrian, Driver	Becky Phetteplace
As a pedestrian, I've observed that the walkways are in decent shape and there is some lighting, but it's not enough. It can be a scary place to walk through, and I often have no other choice that doesn't take me at least 5-10 minutes out of my way.	- m (1999) 		
The road is in awful shape. The city's assessment of the current condition as "fair" is incorrect. When driving, it is necessary to slow down far beyond normal and reasonable speeds in order to not fear damage to my vehicle. It is by far the bumpiest patch of road that I drive on regularly. I often avoid it even though it is the most convenient route to get to many places within and outside of the Beltrami neighbrohood. I see other cars and bikers slowing down as well.	.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		
It is a blight on our neighborhood - and at one of the few entrances no less. This is a really cool structure that has a lot of potential to be a feature instead of an eyesore, and it wouldn't take too much - <b>resurface</b> , paint it up nice, put in some accent lighting, and you have something that would rival the Lowry Bridge. Let's make it a highlight instead of an avoidance.	Several times per week	Pedestrian, Biker, Driver	Nick Brogren
Not certain how the city can consider the road within the viaduct "fair". Unless in this past week they repayed it the last time I drove through I felt I literally went off roading - directly under the bridge. Just an opinion but this rail bridge and the rail bridge over Broadway via Buchanan St. are in desprate need of help.	Several times per month	Driver	C Schroeder







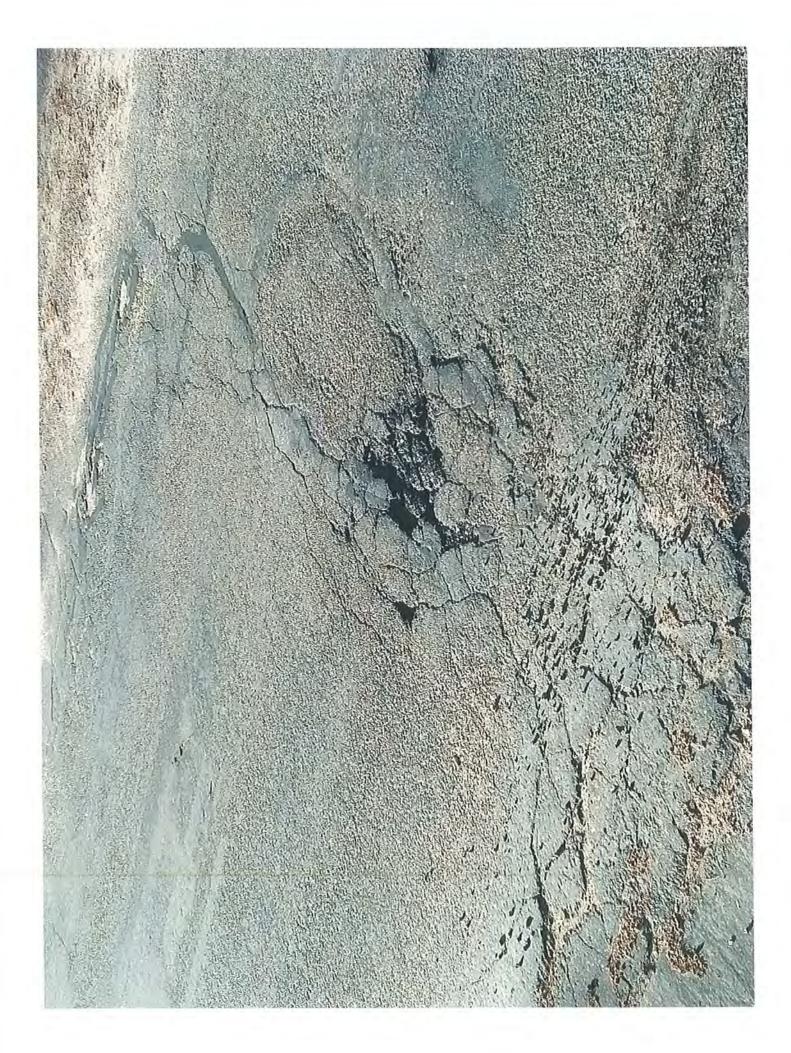




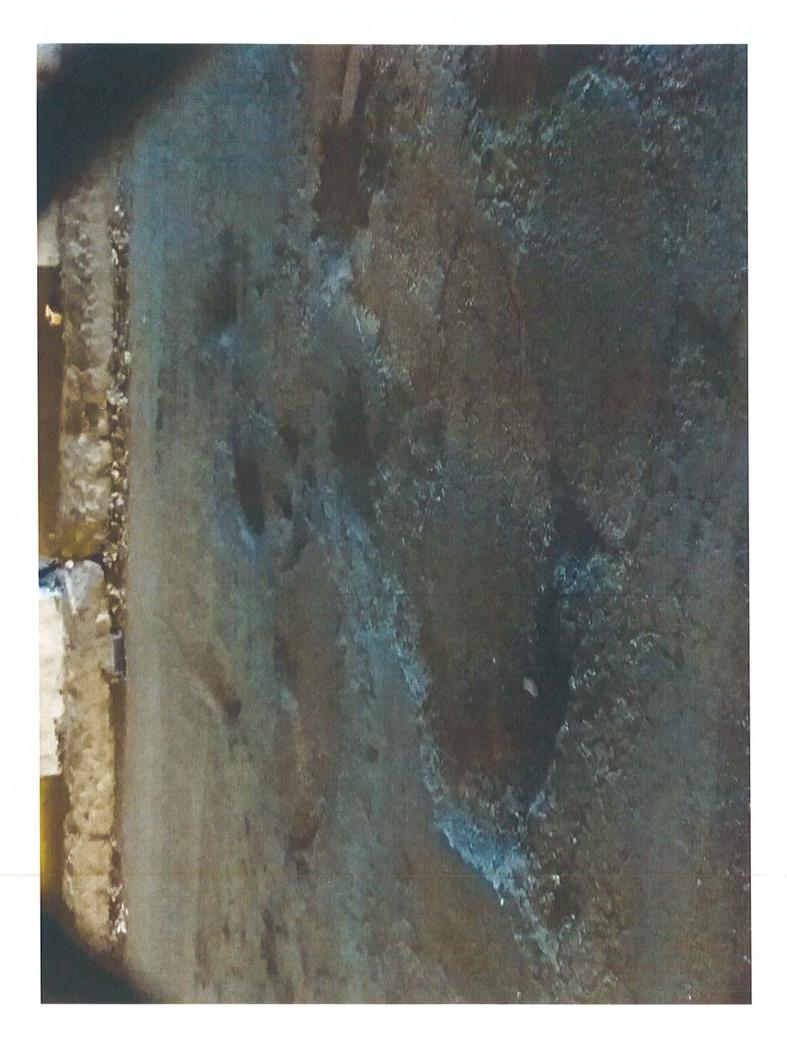




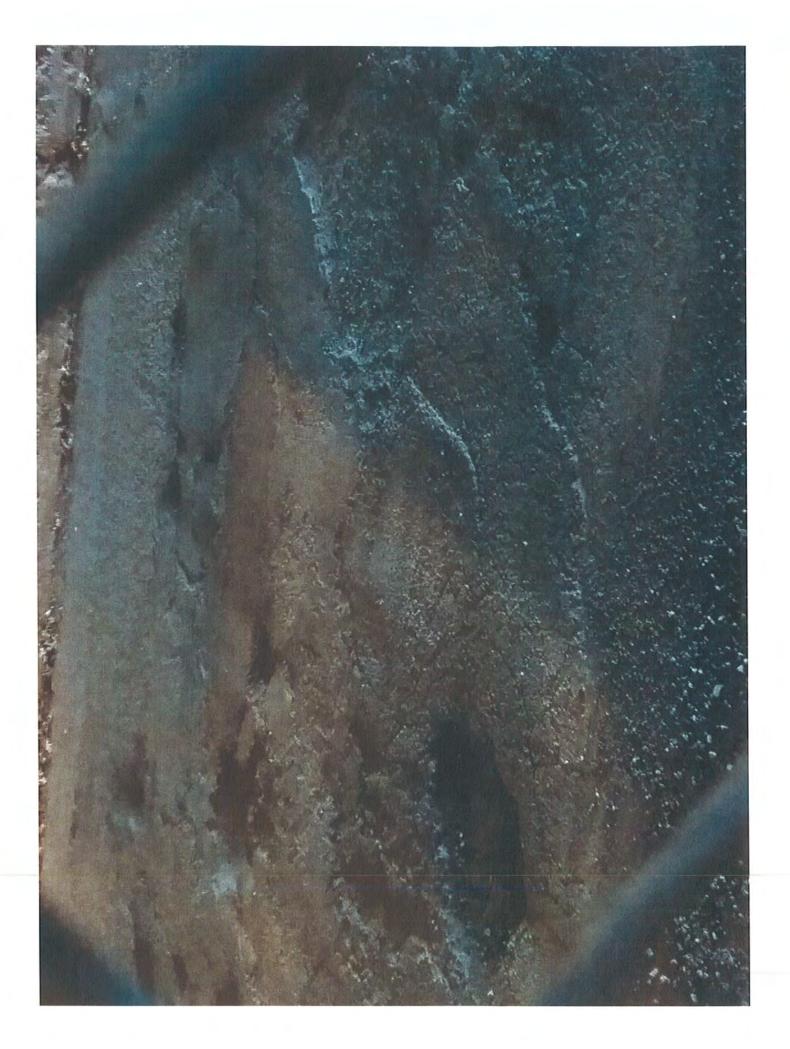


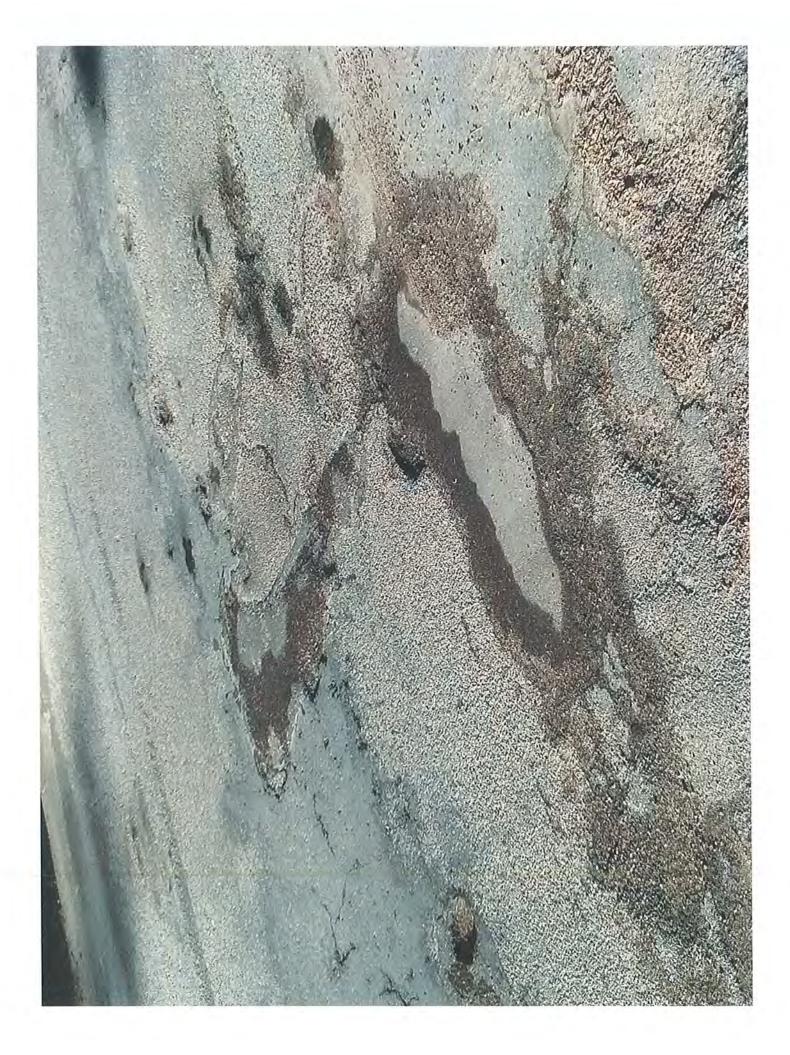






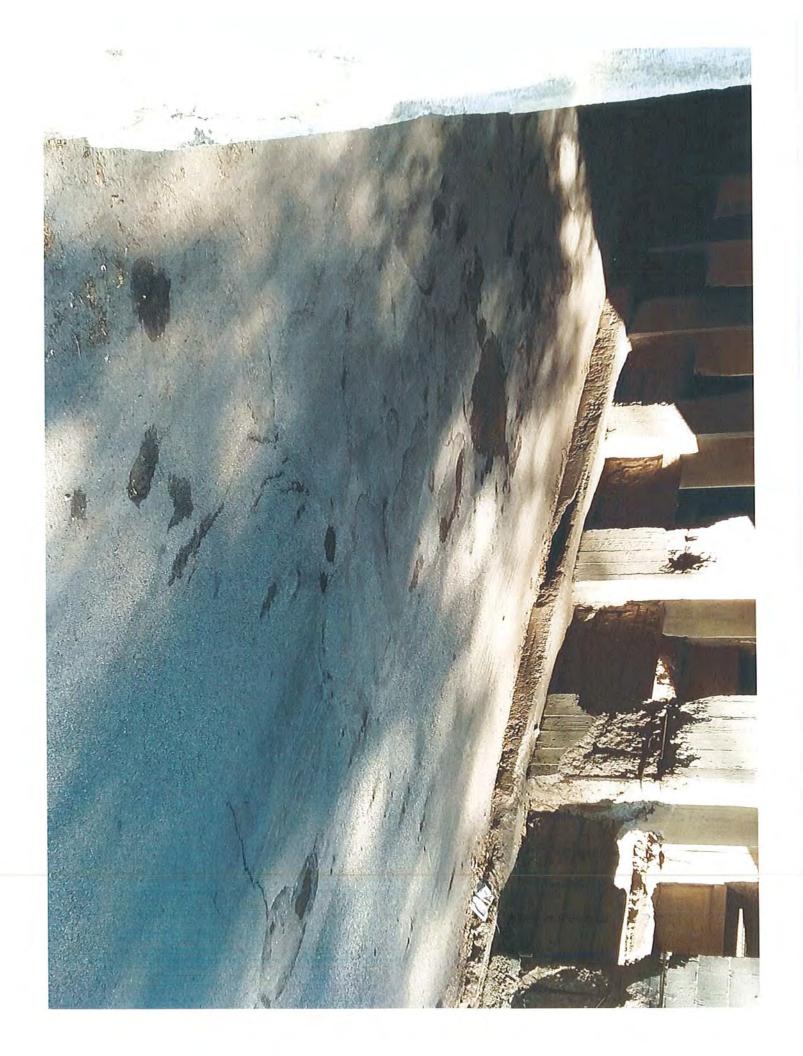


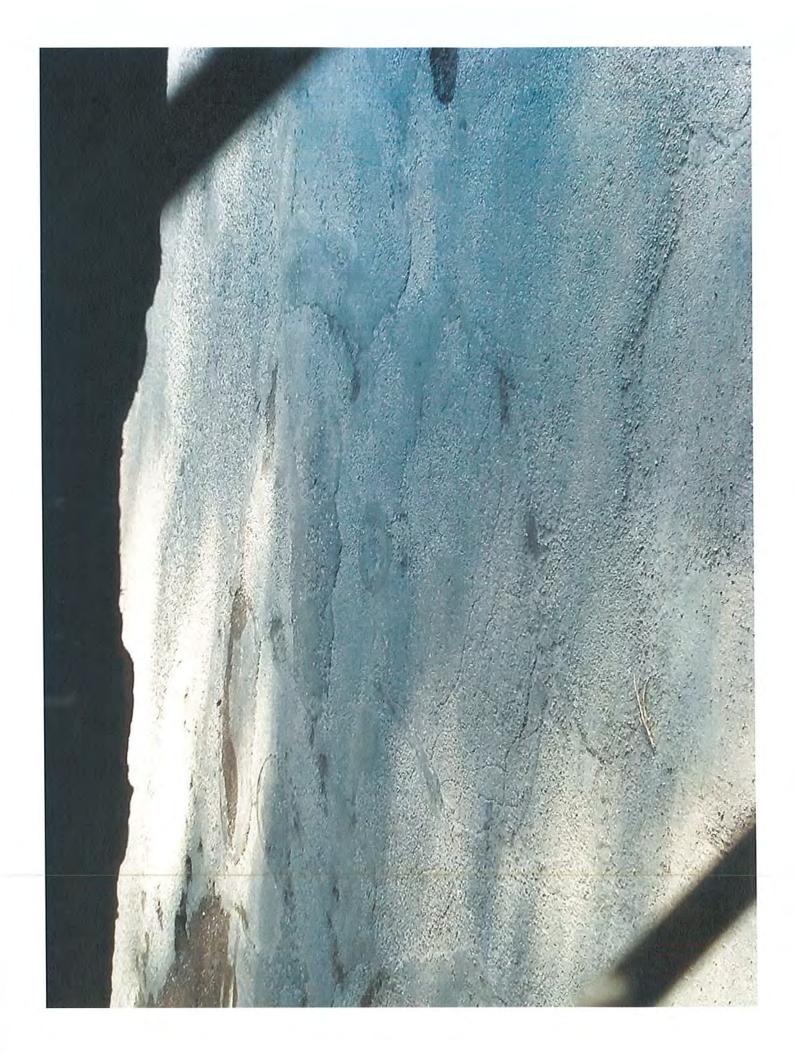


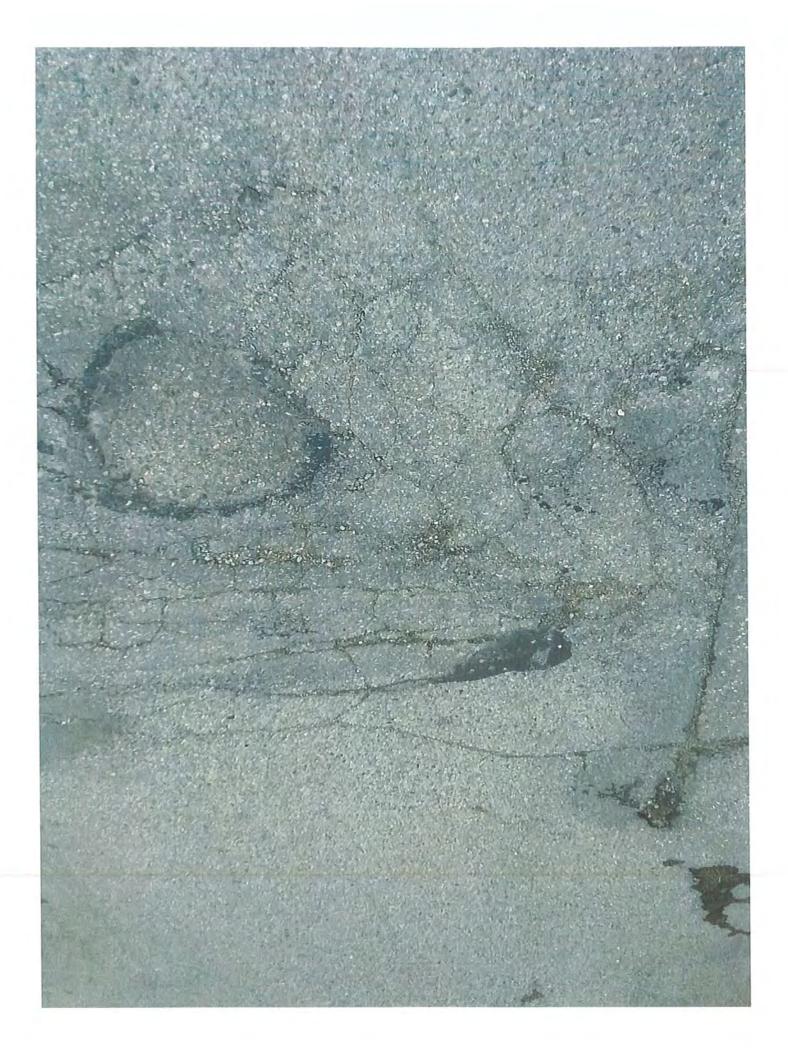




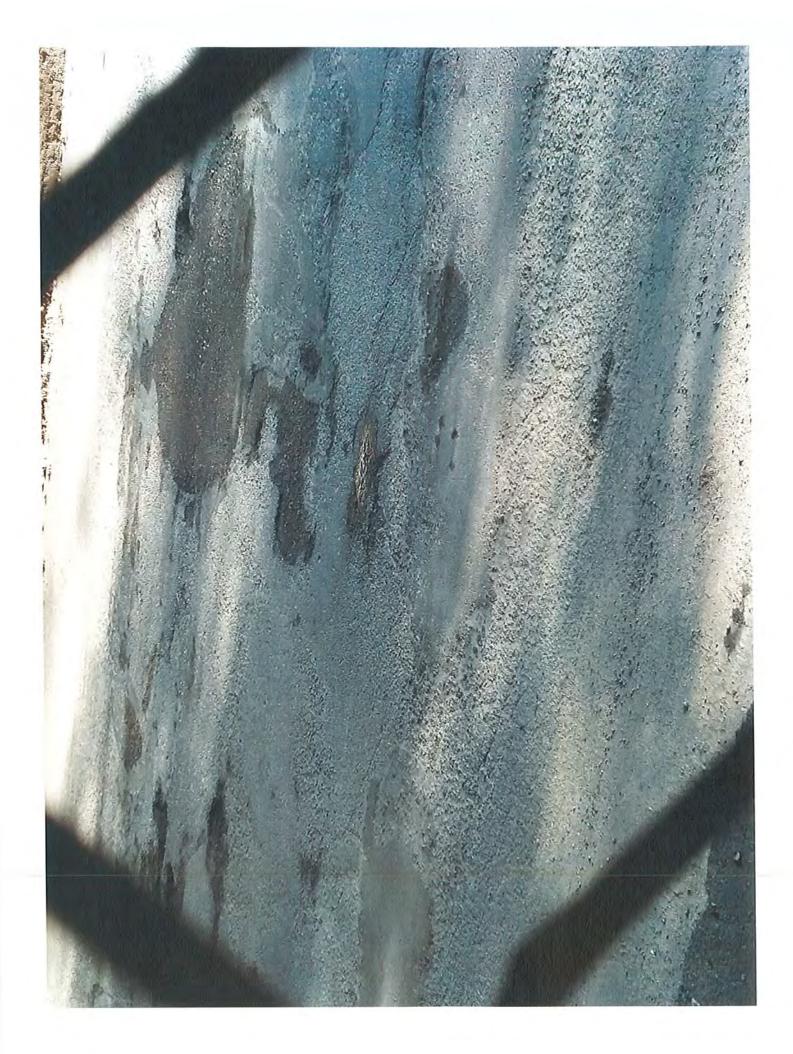




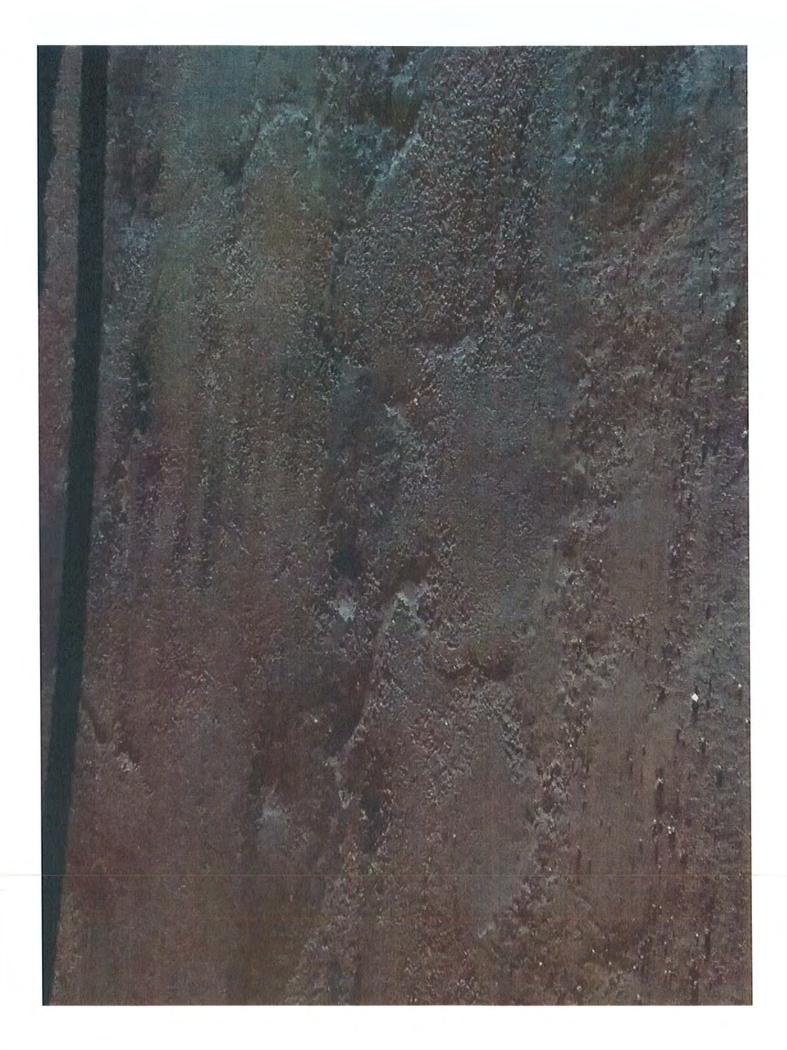










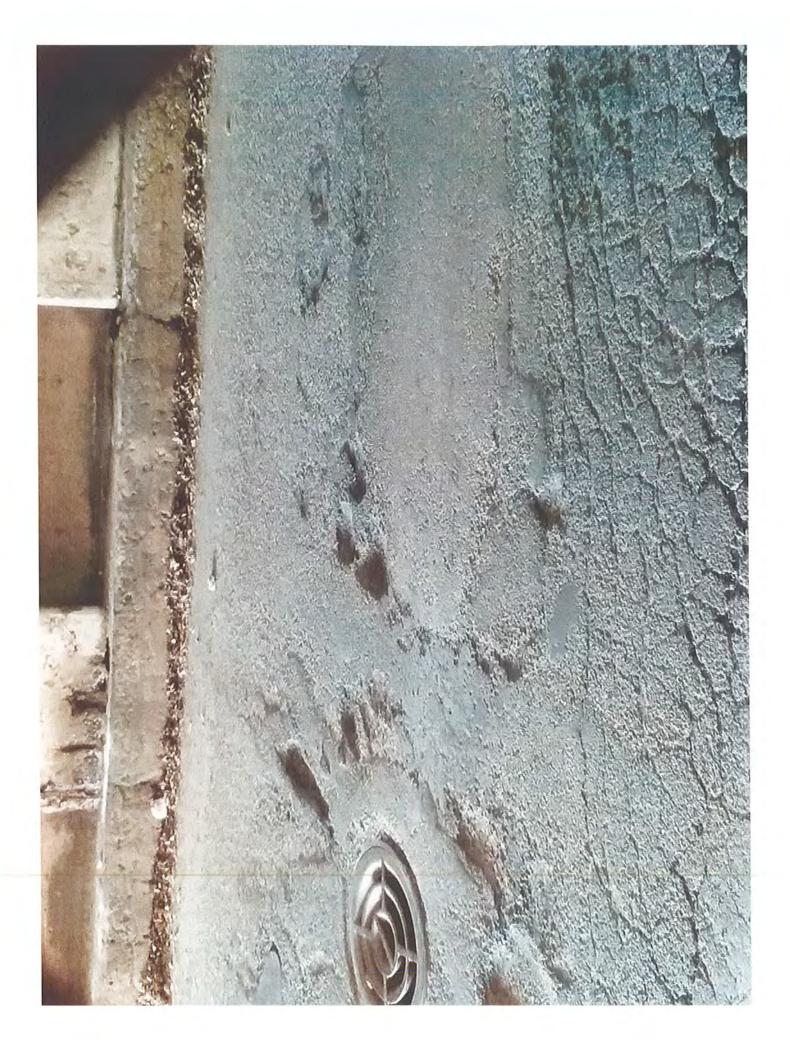


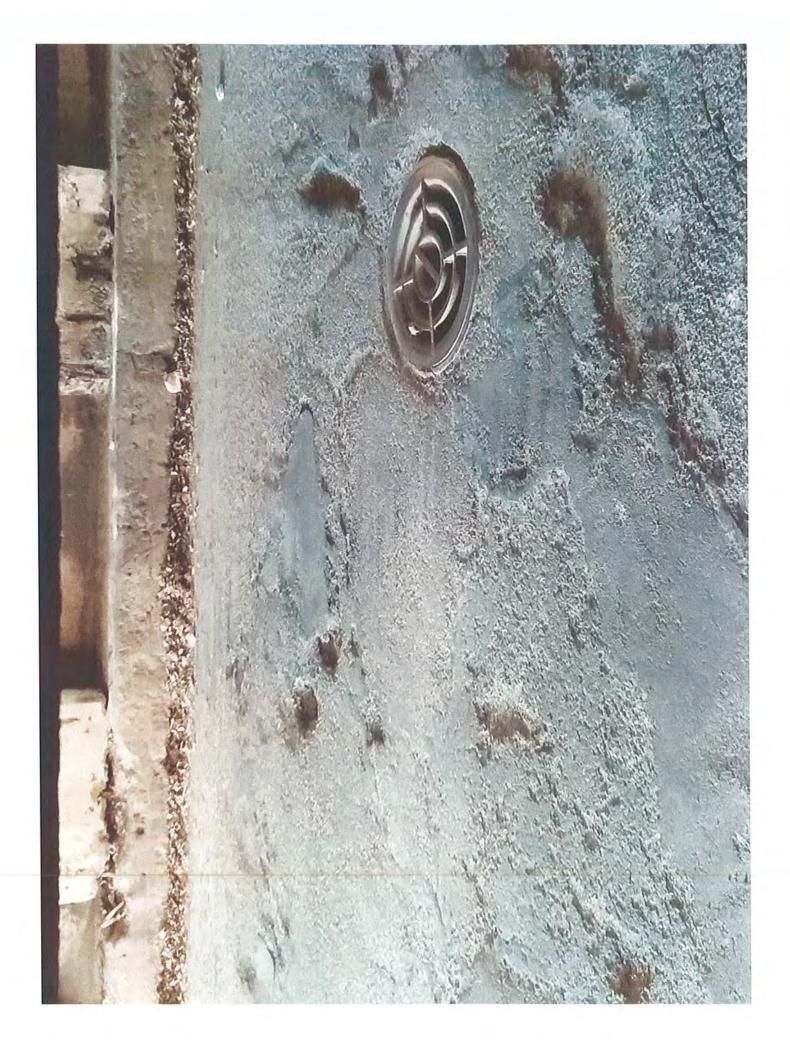






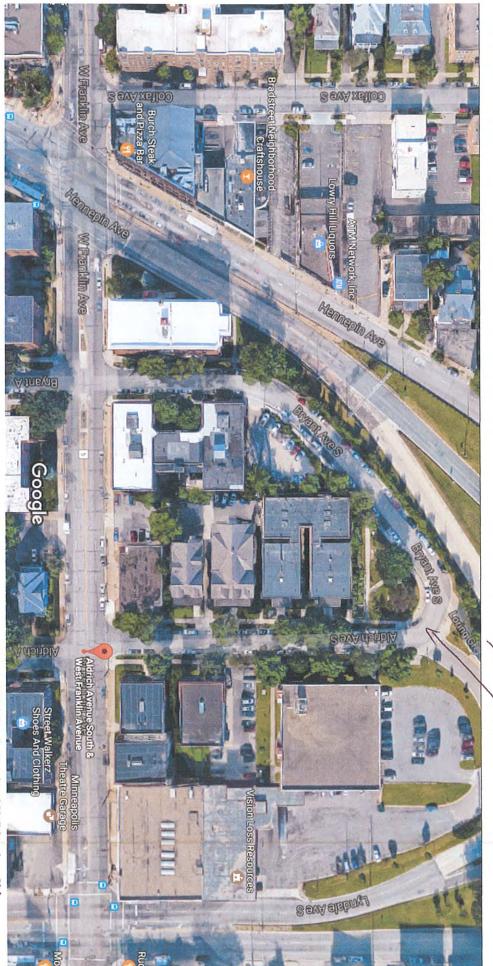


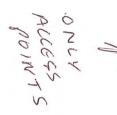




Google Maps Aldrich Ave S & W Franklin Ave







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Public Hearing for the 5 Year Capital Budget PV 154 – Franklin Ave W (Hennepin-Lyndale) 11 May, 2017 Saralyn Romanishan 2111 Aldrich Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55405 sararomanishan@yahoo.com

My name is Saralyn Romanishan and I live in the Wedge Neighborhood, a half block from Franklin Ave.

The budget request lists a street repaving project, PV 154, for Franklin Ave W between Hennepin in Lyndale but lists it for 2022. I am requesting that the project be moved up to 2018 due to the rapid disintegration of Franklin Ave and a complete lack of city maintenance for many years. I have several pictures of the street and curbs showing the bad condition, especially by Vision Loss Resources.

I also have 2 urgent related projects that I request be completed as soon as possible on Franklin Ave W.

Last year, several residents became very concerned regarding pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle safety along Franklin Ave W between Lyndale and Hennepin Ave S. 1 have 2 petitions signed by residents and 2 letters from the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association requesting the installation of a Green Left Turn Arrow Signal from eastbound Franklin Ave W to northbound Lyndale Ave S and the installation of a well-lighted Pedestrian Crosswalk with Warning Signs across Franklin Ave W and Aldrich Ave S. I have several pictures of the unsafe conditions at both intersections.

I am showing an aerial photo of Franklin Ave W. On it, one can clearly see the broken street, the location of Wedge Point Park used as a community garden and dog park at the intersection of Bryant and Aldrich, and the Wave Bike Bridge just to the north of the park. The unsafe conditions at Lyndale and Franklin are well-known so I will speak specifically to the need for a crosswalk at Aldrich and Franklin.

The list is basic:

1- Franklin is a steep hill and all eastbound vehicles (including bikes and the Peddlepub) travel at high speeds between Hennepin and Franklin.

2- Bryant is a Bike Boulevard but many of the bicyclists access the Bike Bridge from Aldrich

3- Many of the dogwalkers access the Wedge Point Park via Aldrich

4- The westbound 2 bus stop, which is non-ADA, is west of Lyndale and many riders cross Franklin at Aldrich

5- The Aldrich and Franklin intersection is unsafe year-round

6- The majority of the intersections in the Wedge neighborhood are blind intersections including this one

7- Throating does not help because parking is scarce in our neighborhood and many take the risk and park in the throating, blocking line of sight and emergency access

We need a crosswalk here and we need it soon.

Please put in the crosswalk and turn arrow to the earliest opportunity, and move the Franklin Ave street re-construction project up to 2018.

Thank you, Saralyn Romanishan



20 July, 2016

Re: Left Turn Arrow

To Whom It May Concern,

The Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA) requests the installation of a Green Left Turn Arrow Signal from eastbound Franklin Ave W to northbound Lyndale Ave S. This intersection has long-term safety issues for all Pedestrians, Bicyclists, and all vehicles. This is the only side of the street without a turn arrow. Vision Loss Resources is also at this intersection. Please contact our Coordinator, Tina Erazmus at wedgecoordinator@gmail.com regarding our request.

Thank you,

Frank Brown

LHENA President



20 July, 2016

Re: Crosswalk

To Whom It May Concern,

The Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA) requests the installation of a well-lighted Pedestrian Crosswalk with Warning Signs across Franklin Ave W at Aldrich Ave S. This section of Franklin Ave W is a neighborhood street with long term safety issues for pedestrians and bicyclists. It is also a much used intersection for dogwalkers. Vehicles travel this street at high speed and block the intersections with traffic backup. This is also near Vision Loss Resources. Please contact our Coordinator, Tina Erazmus at wedgecoordinator@gmail.com regarding our request.

Thank you, Frank Brown

**LHENA** President

DOGWALKER ON ALDRICH AVES. AFTERCROSSING FRANKLIN AVEW

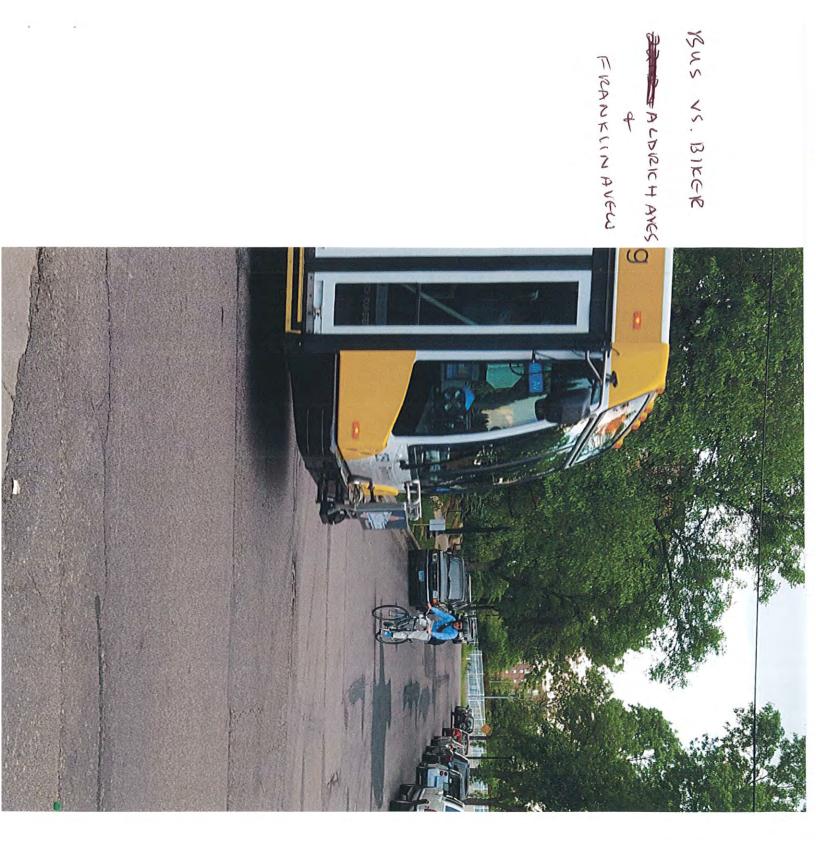


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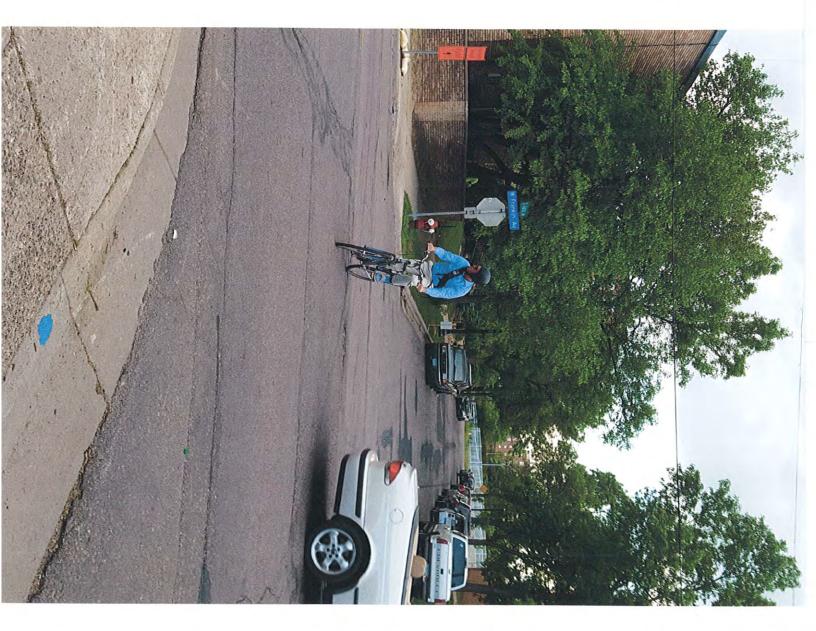
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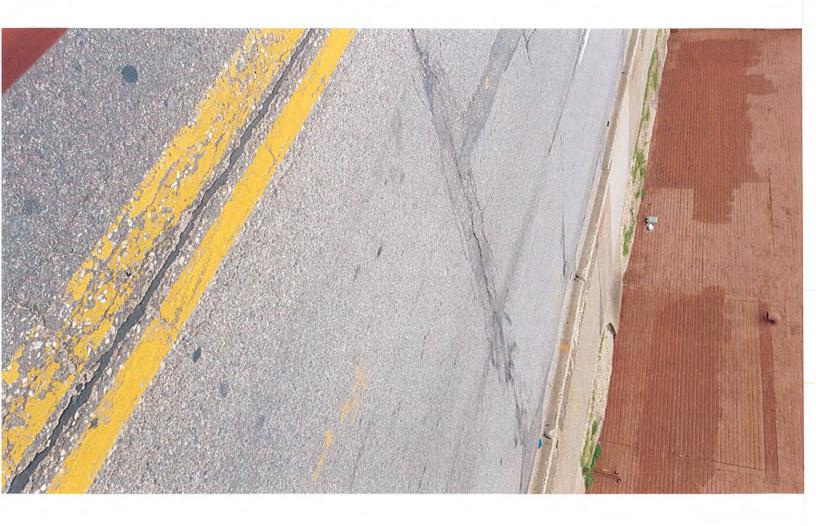


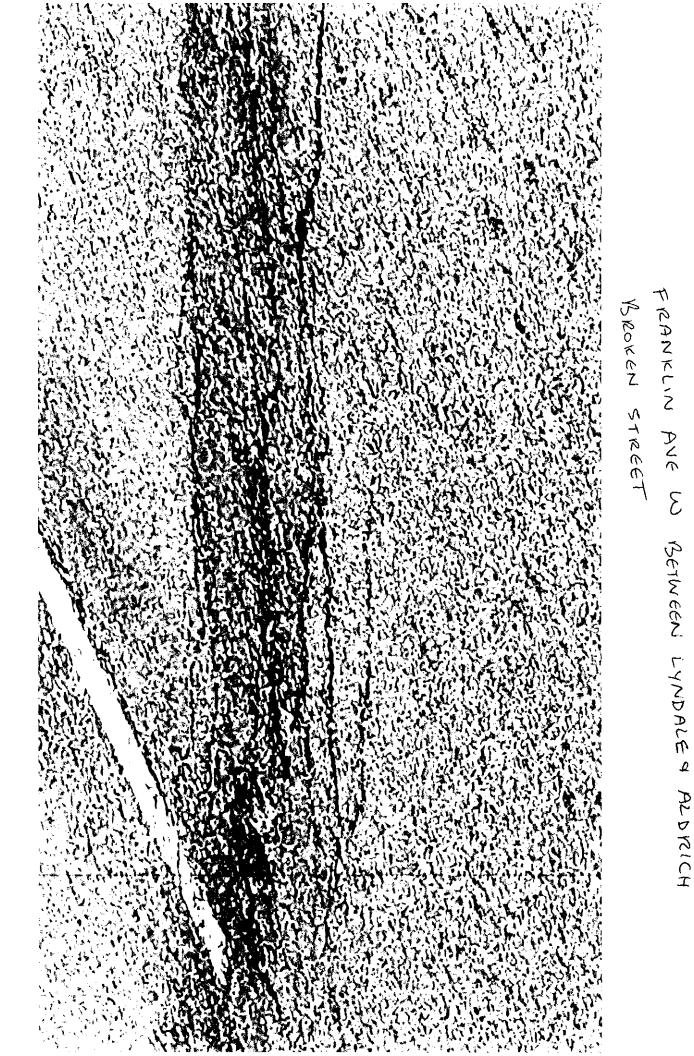
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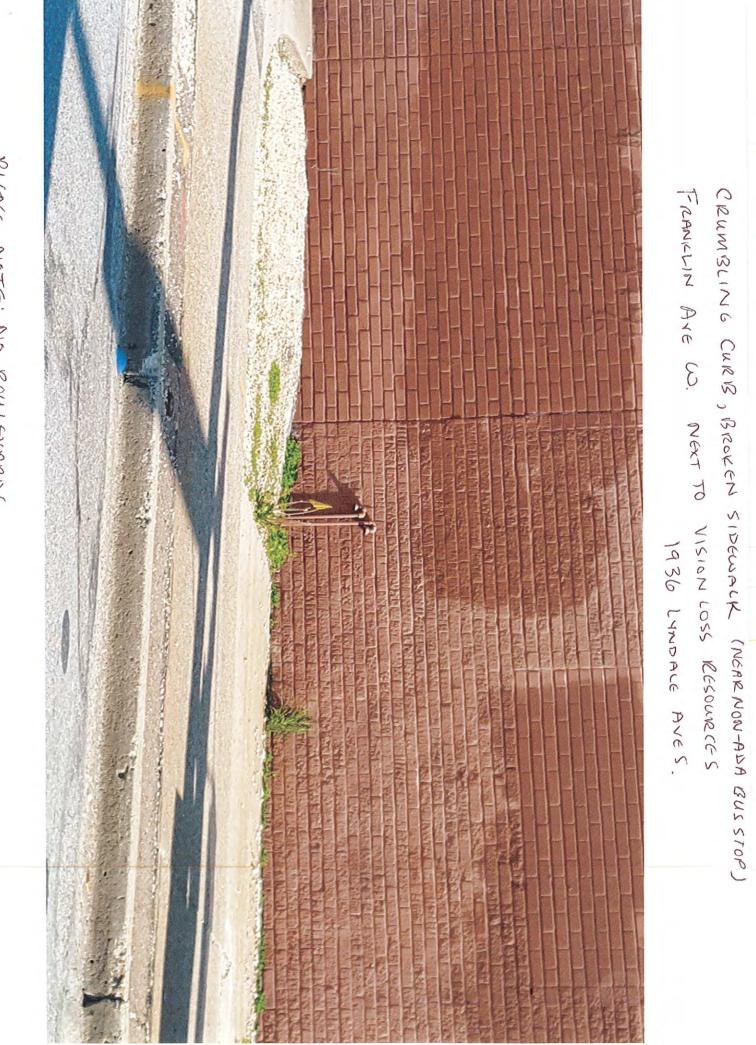




FRANKLAN AVE W BROKEN STREET BETWEEN LYNDALE & ALDRICH







PLEASE NOTE: NO BOULEVARDS

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## PETITION

Left Turn Signal from Eastbound Franklin Ave W to Northbound Lyndale Ave S in the "Wedge" Neighborhood Minneapolis, MN To: City of Minneapolis Public Works, Hennepin County Public Works, Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene, and Ward 10 Council Member Lisa Bender

Green Left Turn Arrow Signal from Eastbound Franklin Ave W to Northbound Lyndale Ave S in the "Wedge" Neighborhood Minneapolis, MN. There is currently a Right Turn Arrow on Westbound Franklin Ave W (this part of Franklin is a County Road – nbr 5) but there is no Green Left Turn Arrow Signal on Eastbound Franklin Ave W (this part of Franklin is a City of Minneapolis road).

The intersection of Franklin Ave W and Lyndale Ave S has been **unsafe** for pedestrians, bicycles, and motor vehicles for a very long time.

- Motor vehicles and bicycles must make a left turn against traffic and due to heavy traffic must often wait several red lights to turn (especially now with added construction).
- This also causes impatient drivers (of motor vehicles and bicycles) to risk turns too close to pedestrians crossing Lyndale Ave S.
- Although there is a bicycle bridge at Bryant Ave S to assist turning onto Lyndale, many bicycles still turn at the street instead of using the bridge.

This petition will be submitted to the LHENA Zoning and Planning Committee and then the LHENA Board to request a letter of support. Afterwards, the petition will be forwarded to the appropriate individuals. Please sign for the safety of our neighborhood residents, workers, and visitors.

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## PETITION

Pedestrian Crosswalk with Warning Signs across Franklin Ave W at Aldrich Ave S in the "Wedge" Neighborhood Minneapolis, MN To: City of Minneapolis Public Works, CPED, & Ward 10 Council Member Lisa Bender

This extremely wide intersection of Franklin Ave W and Aldrich Ave S has been unsafe for pedestrians, bicycles, and motor vehicles for a very long time. Due to the hill in winter, it is impractical to request stop signs or traffic signals but a well-defined, well-signed, and well-lit crosswalk would increase safety exponentially and benefit all.

- There are 3 blocks between designated crosswalks on this part of Franklin Ave.
- Pedestrians cross at Aldrich from the Route 2 bus stop on Franklin west of Lyndale to walk south on Aldrich Ave S.
- This is an intersection highly used by dog walkers which slows the amount of time it takes to cross the intersections as it leads to a public area favored by dog walkers.
- Motor Vehicles (buses, cars, motorcycles, and trucks), bicycles, and the Peddle Pub speed eastbound on Franklin Hill to Lyndale Ave S.
- Motor Vehicles (buses, cars, motorcycles, and trucks) block the intersection of Aldrich Ave S and Franklin Ave W while waiting for the traffic light at Franklin Ave W and Lyndale Ave S.
- There are many bars within a couple of blocks of this intersection and many people try to cross this intersection late at night, in the dark, and under the influence of alcohol.
- There is nothing at this intersection to assist drivers to see pedestrians at night or incentive to stop for pedestrians at night or at any time.

This petition will be submitted to the LHENA Zoning and Planning Committee and then the LHENA Board to request a letter of support. Afterwards, the petition will be forwarded to the appropriate individuals. Please sign for the safety of our neighborhood residents, workers, and visitors.

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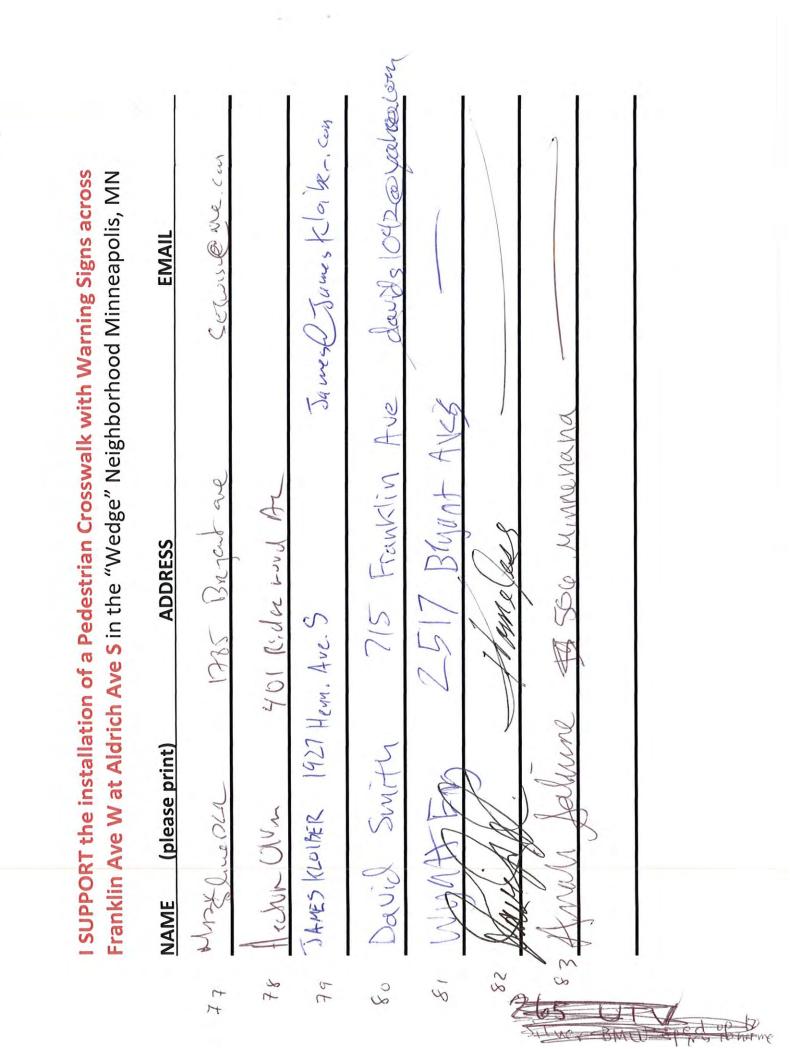
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Public Hearing for the 5 Year Capital Budget PV 113 – 29<sup>th</sup> St W Phase 2 11 May, 2017 Saralyn Romanishan 2111 Aldrich Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55405 sararomanishan@yahoo.com

Regarding PV 113, the 29<sup>th</sup> St Phase 2 plan, please keep all parking. The street is packed with cars and the residents have nowhere else to park them. Phase 1 has proven to be unremarkable and does not live up to the expectations promoted by the city. Let us hope that phase 2 is better planned with another entrance to the greenway and parking.

Thank you, Saralyn Romanishan



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May 1, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Tim Bildsoe, President of the North Loop Neighborhood Association (NLNA), delivered a special presentation to the 2020 Partners on April 19, 2017 regarding potential street improvements being forwarded for consideration in the City's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The North Loop has been growing at an accelerated rate for several years and the NLNA's presentation effectively pointed out that street improvements have not been keeping pace with the residential and commercial growth.

The 2020 Partners is an evolving private and public forum that organizes to facilitate the continuing transformation of the North Loop by knitting together communities and leveraging district assets with a special emphasis on Target Field, Minneapolis Farmers Market, transit and energy. One part of our work is to emphasize improvements for the pedestrian realm, particulately for the streets included in **Project ID: PV135**:

- 2019: 3rd Street (Heritage Street Plan)
- 2019: 5th Avenue (Heritage Street Plan)
- 2019: 7th Avenue
- 2019: 8th Avenue
- 2019: 9th Avenue

The North Loop is a thriving neighborhood that is home to a growing number of residents who have ranked pedestrian safety and viable streets at the top of their priorities. Additionally, hundreds of thousands of people frequent Target Field and North Loop businesses, as well as employees commuting to and from a growing employer base. The streets referenced in **Project ID: PV135** are a critical safety concern and we advocate them to be included in the City of Minneaplis' 5-Year CIP.

Sincerely,

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Nicholas R. Koch Chair 2020 Partners

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# North Loop Street Condition

### 3rd Street North



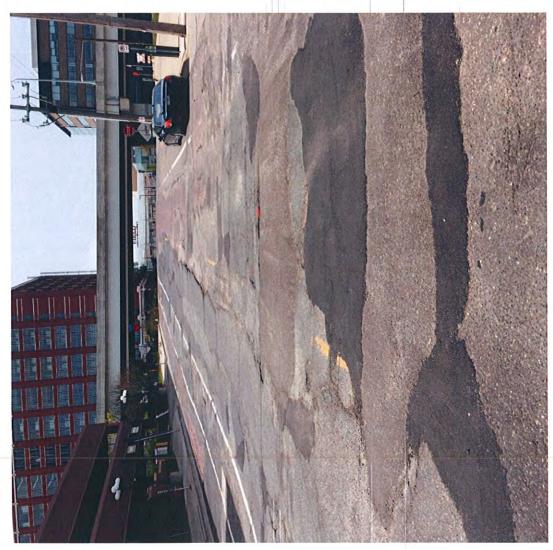
- 100-year-old brick with many layers of uneven patch
  - Original granite curb and gutter severely deteriorated
- Severe buckling and cracking of sidewalk creating safety hazard, water pooling, power pole support failure





# North Loop Street Condition

5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North

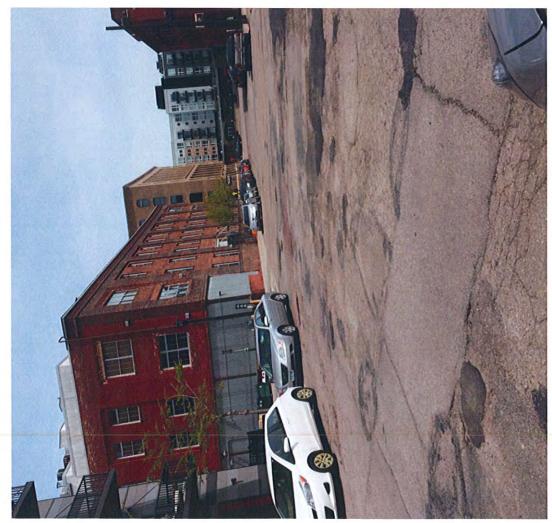


- Multiple layers of deteriorated asphalt over 100-year-old brick which is
  - exposed and in disrepair Main thoroughfare from
- Washington to Target Field Bike lane very dangerous
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# North Loop Street Condition

8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North



- Multiple layers of deteriorated asphalt over 100-year-old brick which is exposed and in disrepair
  - Damaged curb and gutter
    - Buckling concrete



Why are you excluding parkways from the 20 year road plan that was passed with the neighborhood park funding?

You're six months behind the Park Board in planning. You got the budget increase in January, and you're telling MPRB that the amount of money for parkways stays the same - even though you got \$30 million more a year for roads only because you were able to piggyback your ask on the park referendum avoidance deal.

Parkways are roads too, and their condition should be maintained to the same level as the rest of our city roads. When we supported more investment in our neighborhood parks and the city roads, that came with an expectation that park roads would be included.

At the May 3 CLIC public meeting at Eastside Neighborhood Services, we were informed that those who were unable to attend the May 11 public hearing (the only public input method noted) could send their comments to city staff member Joe Bernard.

I am unable to attend the May 11 hearing due to my work schedule, but as a taxpayer and resident of Minneapolis, I would like to offer the following brief comments for the record:

- 1. Please find a way ASAP to fund rehabilitation of 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE from Central Avenue to Stinson Boulevard. The stretch running from Central to Johnson Street NE is in particularly bad shape and is nearly impassable at this time. We were initially told this road would be included in the Waite Park concrete streets project going on this summer, but the road was recently deemed to be too deteriorated to be included in that project with no timeline for rehab shared with residents. This road has been in awful shape for most of the 21 years I've lived in this area. It is now an embarrassment to the City of Minneapolis and the Poster Child for failing infrastructure in our city. It makes little sense to fix the adjacent roads (and charge residents for that) only to have 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE remain a potholed, cracked, sinking mess reminiscent of a Third World country. What's more, the condition has now deteriorated even more in the past month or so due to the city's water main work and CenterPoint energy's gas main work. I am appalled that the city proceeds with less pressing capital projects while this well-traveled connector street is a discredit to the city. I am told by city staff that this road is not included in any funding stream at this time. This needs to be remedied immediately.
- 2. Project PSD17 Eastside Storage and Maintenance Facility: I was concerned to see that CLIC is recommending/agreeing with funding for a project that brings further environmental injustice to an area of northeast Minneapolis already overly impacted by historical pollution and industrial degradation. Data for this area indicate residents are significantly over-impacted by poverty and economic equity problems, along with a host of polluted sites and serious questions about air pollution (including an ongoing study near the riverfront). Most notably, included near this project site is a 200-acre Superfund site and two 200-acre-plus-each rail yards with multiple and extremely active freight rail tracks side by side with heavily travelled Highway 47 (aka University Avenue NE). Because of the two rail operations and intermodal yards, this area is already overly impacted by diesel-powered trains, hazardous materials freight transport, and diesel-powered semi trucks using the intermodal yards in close proximity to homes – including those that will remain after the city, shamefully, demolishes several buildings of affordable housing for this project. The diesel pollution in this area, as well as air quality in general here, as indicated on the city's own data maps, is substandard and unusually polluted, most likely by diesel fumes and other contaminants from using this area as an unofficial "Industrial Containment Zone." Now, to make matters worse, the city is proposing to consolidate its multiple heavy equipment maintenance and storage operations (more diesel) at a new facility to be built at 27th Avenue NE and University Avenue NE. I find this move to be unsupportable due to the failure to consider environmental justice standards for this part of Minneapolis – once again. I suggest the city -- at a minimum -- put the brakes on this project until a legitimate study is done focusing on existing air issues in this community. I suggest this be done in conjunction with expertise from Dr. William Toscano at the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health, who has noted concerns about any neighborhood situated alongside rail traffic due to diesel contamination in the air. Do not bring more diesel air pollution to this area by continuing to consolidate the city's heavy-impact operations and private waste operations in northeast Minneapolis.

Gayle Bonneville, Minneapolis, MN 55418

To: CLIC Committee, Planning Commission and CLIC Executive Secretary Joe Bernard

From: Bottineau Neighborhood Association 2205 California St NE # 107 Minneapolis, MN 55418

In Re: Community Input for CLIC Budget Requests for 2018 – 2022 recommendations to City Council

Date: May 9, 2017

These community recommendations were passed by the BNA board of directors on May 9, 2017. The most important development item is the traffic calming improvements at 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE and University Ave NE to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety on the bicycle boulevard.

BP001 Safe Routes to Schools Program BP004 Pedestrian Safety Program

We support the traffic calming recommendation suggested by the CLIC committee and ask that at a minimum the bike button or red/green traffic stop light be installed at 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE and University Ave NE. Facts: Bottineau Neighborhood has one bicycle boulevard, 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE. This route is the only bike boulevard that connects all of Northeast Minneapolis from the NE Diagonal Trail to the Marshall St NE near the Mississippi River. We have long sought pedestrian and bicycle overhead flashing light at the intersection of 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE and University AVE NE in the CLIC plan and traffic calming at Marshall ST NE and 22<sup>nd</sup> AVE NE for public access to the Mississippi River. For more than 20 years Bottineau residents have requested a traffic calming devise at University Ave NE and 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE so that residents can cross safely. Pillsbury Elementary School uses this boulevard for their bike to school program and Edison High School front doors open unto 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE. Bottineau Neighborhood Association has created a Neighborhood Priority Plan (NPP) contact and set aside funds to help pay for this bike button in 2012 on 22nd Ave NE and University Ave NE. Public works staff told us the button would cost 65,000.00 dollars. Please put this as a top priority in the 2018 bicycle fund expenditures. Hundreds of residents have signed a petition for this effort. Please add Marshall St NE and 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE to the Pedestrian Safety Plan.

Park Board

**PRKDT Diseased Trees:** 

Please stop cutting down Green Ash trees before they are sick with the ash borer. No quarantine attempt using this preemptive cut down system has been successful in the United States since it began. The Park Board is decimating the tree canopy and planting invasive non-native tree species. We suggest Green Ash trees only be cut as they get sick and then replace them as needed with native species suitable to this growing zone. For example, stop planting Japanese Gingko, ornamental crab apple or any clone trees that do not produce seed. These practices are against the sustainable City initiatives. This approach will be far less costly and the funds recaptured should go to Parks Capital Infrastructure. Alternatively, the re-captured funds could be used to treat the Green Ash trees to prevent infestation. The St. Anthony West Neighborhood effort to preemptively treat their Green Ash boulevard trees to prevent infestation by the ash borers is noteworthy and should be studied and implemented by the MPRB elsewhere.

### PV123 Logan Park Industrial Paving Project:

The streets in Logan Park Industrial area, that are primarily granite paving stones, should not be covered in asphalt. Logan Park is in the Northeast Arts District and as has the most intact historical paved granite streets in the City of Minneapolis. These streets should be maintained as a historical record of our beautiful City. The storm water and infrastructure under the streets is essential but paving over our history is not a good idea. Legacy funds should be sought from the State Legislature to create the City of Minneapolis History Museum in the Logan Park Neighborhood. The neighborhood with the first home to home telephone lines.

Further, the oldest cemetery in the City of Minneapolis is located in Beltrami Park which is kitty corner from already mentioned paved streets in Logan Park. This Cemetery, previously called Maple Hill Cemetery, is home to 46 Civil War Veterans and has been long overlooked and partly destroyed. Local lore says that the cemetery was placed there because it was already a Native American and French Canadian cemetery when the Anglos arrived.

PSD17 Eastside Storage and Maintenance Facility

We support the development as proposed.

AR101 Art in Public Places

We support these initiatives and encourage public art in neighborhoods as well as Nicollet Mall. We remember the Carl Nesjar ice fountain installed in 1991 on Nicollet Mall for a price tag of \$350,000.00. It could never be used as it shot water that froze into ice all over the sidewalks in the winter. The beautiful fountain was sold by the City in 2005 for the cost of moving it to a Lake Minnetonka home. We encourage the CLIC committee to put public art in places that are appropriate to their function.

To: The Minneapolis Planning Commission and the Minneapolis Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee

From: Lisa Bauch

Re: PV123 Logan Park Industrial

Date: May 11, 2017

My name is Lisa Bauch and I am the property owner at 1324 Quincy Street N.E. I am also the owner and operator of Uppercut Boxing Gym, which has been operating at the above-mentioned address for more than 16 years. I purchased the property in 2001 and relocated my business to that location after extensive rehab of the building. My business includes both the boxing gym and a special events center, which both use that space.

While I am pleased that the City is looking to improve the streets in my neighborhood, I am also very concerned about some of the potential negative impact the could occur as a result. Specifically, I have two major concerns:

1) If the City rebuilds both the street and the sidewalk along Quincy St. N.E., I am concerned about being assessed an onerous special assessment that will make it more difficult for my business to operate with enough profit for me to make a living. It seems somewhat unfair to be assessed for both simultaneously.

2) According to the proposal, the City is considering installing sidewalks where there are currently none. Due to the nature of the businesses in the area, there is already pressure on parking. As currently configured, there is space for head in parking on both sides of the street, which maximizes the number of spaces available. If the City installs sidewalks on one, or both sides of the street, I am concerned that we will lose head in parking because there will no longer be enough width to allow for it. This will make it very difficult, if not impossible, for my customers to park. Additionally, it will create added pressure on the surrounding blocks, particularly on the residential blocks to the west, where there are two churches and parking is already difficult. I urge you to request that Public Works allow for head in parking on both sides of the street, as it currently exists, when planning the reconstruction of Quincy St. N.E. between Broadway and 15 Ave.

Would you please shoot me an email back to I know you did receive this. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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