

AGENDA

JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

6:30 P.M.

MINNETONKA COMMUNITY ROOM

1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. ROLL CALL:
 - A. Minnetonka City Council: Allendorf-Ellingson-Schneider-Thomas-Wagner-Wiersum-Callison
 - B. Hopkins City Council: Halverson-Rowan-Thompson-Youakim-Maxwell
3. PUBLIC HEARING:
 - A. Preliminary layout approval for Shady Oak Road Project, Excelsior Blvd. to just north of Highway 7.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve preliminary layout.
4. ADJOURNMENT.

**Joint City Council Meeting of Hopkins and Minnetonka
Meeting of September 20, 2006**

Brief Description: Preliminary layout approval for the Shady Oak Road Project, Excelsior Boulevard to north of TH 7.

Recommended Action: Adopt the resolutions.

Introduction

The Hopkins and Minnetonka city councils are holding a joint meeting to consider adopting resolutions approving a preliminary layout for the reconstruction of Shady Oak Road, between Excelsior Boulevard to just north of Highway 7, presently scheduled for 2009 and 2010. This joint meeting is a follow-up to the joint study session held by both councils on July 11, 2006. Notice of this meeting has been mailed to area residents in Hopkins and Minnetonka informing them that both city councils would be considering approving the preliminary layout.

Background

In the Spring and Summer of 2005, several public meetings and several joint Hopkins-Minnetonka city council meetings were held to review and discuss concept roadway plan options. These meetings culminated in an August 23, 2005 approval by both city councils for a preferred concept roadway plan. At that meeting both city councils passed resolutions requesting Hennepin County to prepare a preliminary layout based on the preferred concept roadway plan. This approval was also based on the understanding that Hennepin County and city staffs would continue to work out neighborhood concerns during preliminary design development.

At the July 11, 2006 joint city council study session, Hennepin County displayed their new preliminary layout and staff from both cities highlighted the changes between the preferred concept plan, and the new preliminary layout. Staff also reviewed the comments that were received at the informational meetings held in June by Hopkins and Minnetonka staff. A summary of those meetings is attached.

Preliminary Design Layout

Since the August 23, 2005 joint council meeting, Hennepin County and its consulting engineer, WSB, have been refining the roadway plan in an effort to address neighborhood concerns, improve design features and ultimately obtain preliminary layout approvals from both city councils. This preliminary design layout (attached) is identical to the layout displayed at the July 11 joint study session with the main exception being the Main Street extension to Oak Drive Lane. It also illustrates

proposed ponding areas and total take acquisitions. The key aspects of the preliminary design layout include:

- A four lane roadway design with a sidewalk on the west and a trail on the east. Neighborhood trail extensions have been recently added for the north service drive, West Park Road culdesac, Oak Drive Lane culdesac, and First Street North.
- The southern portion of the roadway is shifted very slightly to the west in order to provide better parking and circulation and minimize the partial take acquisitions needed on the east side of Shady Oak Road.
- The Main Street intersection will be signalized, with a westerly street extending to the Oak Drive Lane. First Street North will be disconnected from Shady Oak Road, and the northerly Oak Drive Lane intersection will be right-in, right-out only.
 - The recommended layout incorporates a roundabout design for the westerly leg. The roundabout design will provide safer and smoother movements into the commercial and residential areas than a standard street. The roundabout design also addresses some of the concerns raised by council at the July 11 joint study session as well as some of the concerns raised by residents living on Oak Drive Lane.
 - The two westerly leg options that were considered earlier are shown as inserts on the layout. Insert A illustrates both Oak Drive Lane intersections to be right-in, right-out only with Shady Oak Road. Insert B illustrates a standard street connection to Oak Drive Lane.
 - The Oak Drive Lane neighborhoods continue to be divided on the issue of making an Oak Drive Lane connection at Main Street.
- To the north, Lake Street Extension and 2nd Street North will be aligned by shifting 2nd Street to the north. On the west side of Shady Oak Road, a new cul-de-sac street will provide access to the homes remaining on the west side, north of Lake Street Extension. Shady Oak Road and Highway 7 will have a realigned intersection. North of Highway 7, the north service drive is rerouted to intersect Shady Oak Road further north.
 - The three residents affected by the realignment of the north service drive continue to be strongly opposed to the taking of their property. Minnetonka staff recently received a petition from over 100 residents north and west of this area requesting the frontage road to remain open.

At the August 23, 2005 joint council meeting and at subsequent neighborhood meetings, there were several issues raised by neighbors and businesses regarding access, specific intersection designs, buffering, drainage, and landscaping that would need to be addressed during final roadway design.

Redevelopment Study

Hoisington Koepler Group Inc. (HKGi), who conducted the land-use analysis done during the concept layout process in 2005, has been hired by Hennepin County to work on a redevelopment study. As indicated at the July 11 joint study session, HKGi has already begun the study with some information collection. The process is scheduled to continue through the remainder of 2006, with a redevelopment plan to be completed at the end. A series of community meetings and joint study sessions with the city councils will be held as part of the redevelopment study process. Dates, times and locations of these meetings will be announced as they approach.

No action with regards to the redevelopment study is being considered as a part of the preliminary layout approval process. Additional information on the redevelopment study process will be brought back to both councils at a later date.

Schedule and Next Steps

If both councils approve the preliminary layout, the schedule calls for the detail roadway design to be completed by the end of 2007, acquisition of right of way occurring in 2008, and construction taking place in 2009 and 2010.

Hennepin County has provided the attached one page brochure on right of way acquisition.

Recommendation

Adopt the attached resolutions approving the preliminary layout for the Shady Oak Road Project from Excelsior Boulevard to 1200 feet north of TH 7.

Submitted through:

Rick Getschow, Hopkins City Manager
John Gunyou, Minnetonka City Manager

Originated by:

Jim Kerrigan, Hopkins Director of Economic Development & Planning
Steve Stadler, Hopkins Public Works Director
Lee Gustafson, Minnetonka City Engineer
Ron Rankin, Minnetonka Community Development Director

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-

RESOLUTION APPROVING LAYOUT NO. 1 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY NO. 61 (SHADY OAK ROAD) BETWEEN CSAH 3 (EXCELSIOR BOULEVARD) TO 1200 FEET NORTH OF TH 7, AUTHORIZING EASEMENT ACQUISITION, AND IMPOSING A PARKING BAN

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota as follows:

Section 1. Background.

- 1.01. Hennepin County has prepared Layout No. 1, Hennepin County Project No. 9112, for the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway No. 61 (Shady Oak Road) between County State Aid Highway No. 3 (Excelsior Boulevard) to 1200 feet north of TH 7.
- 1.02. Hennepin County has requested that the City of Minnetonka approve Layout No. 1, and prohibit on-street parking within the project area.
- 1.03. Hennepin County has also requested that the City of Minnetonka participate in the right-of-way costs associated with this project and that the city agrees to enter into a Construction Cooperative Agreement.

Section 2. Council Action.

- 2.01. Layout No. 1, Hennepin County Project No. 9112, for the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway No. 61 (Shady Oak Road) between County State Aid Highway No. 3 (Excelsior Boulevard) to 1200 feet north of TH 7 is hereby approved.
- 2.02. Hennepin County is hereby authorized to acquire all rights of way, permits and/or easements required for said improvement in accordance with Layout No. 1.
- 2.03. The City of Minnetonka agrees to participate in the right-of-way costs associated with this project as per Hennepin County's Cost Participation Policy.
- 2.04. The City of Minnetonka agrees to enter into a Construction Cooperative Agreement which will define financial responsibilities for the construction items, right-of-way, city design, county construction management, and other related items associated with said project.
- 2.05. The parking of motor vehicles is prohibited at all times on both sides of County State Aid Highway No. 61 (Shady Oak Road) from County State Aid Highway No. 3 (Excelsior Boulevard) to 1200 feet north of TH 7.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, on September 20, 2006.

Janis A. Callison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura L. Ronbeck, Acting City Clerk

ACTION ON THIS RESOLUTION:

Motion for adoption:

Seconded by:

Voted in favor of:

Voted against:

Abstained:

Absent:

Resolution adopted.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, at a duly authorized meeting held on September 20, 2006.

Laura L. Ronbeck, Acting City Clerk

CITY OF HOPKINS
Hennepin County, Minnesota

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-059

RESOLUTION APPROVING LAYOUT NO. 1 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF
COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY NO. 61 (SHADY OAK ROAD) BETWEEN CSAH
3 (EXCELSIOR BOULEVARD) TO 1200 FEET NORTH OF TH 7, AUTHORIZING
EASEMENT ACQUISITION AND IMPOSING A PARKING BAN

WHEREAS, Hennepin County has prepared Layout No. 1, Hennepin County Project No. 9112, for the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway No. 61 (Shady Oak Road) between County State Aid Highway No. 3 (Excelsior Boulevard) to 1200 feet north of TH 7 and,

WHEREAS, Hennepin County has requested that the City of Hopkins approve Layout No. 1, and prohibit on-street parking within the project area and,

WHEREAS, Hennepin County has also requested that the City of Hopkins participate in the right-of-way costs associated with this project and that the city agree to enter into a Construction Cooperative Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Hopkins, Minnesota that:

1. Layout No. 1, Hennepin County Project No. 9112, for the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway No. 61 (Shady Oak Road) between County State Aid Highway No. 3 (Excelsior Boulevard) to 1200 feet north of TH 7 is hereby approved.
2. Hennepin County is hereby authorized to acquire all rights of way, permits and/or easements required for said improvement in accordance with Layout No. 1.
3. The City of Hopkins agrees to enter into a Construction Cooperative Agreement which will define financial responsibilities for the construction items, right-of-way, city design, county construction management and other related items associated with said project
4. The City of Hopkins agrees to participate in the right-of-way costs associated with this project in accordance with the terms of the aforementioned Construction Cooperative Agreement.
5. The parking of motor vehicles is prohibited at all times on both sides of County State Aid Highway No. 61 (Shady Oak Road) from County State Aid Highway No. 3 (Excelsior Boulevard) to 1200 feet north of TH 7.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Hopkins this 20th day of September 2006.

Eugene J. Maxwell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Terry Obermaier, City Clerk

Informational Meeting Summaries

Shady Oak Road Project, Excelsior Boulevard to TH 7

June 21 and 29 with Hopkins Residents
June 28 with Minnetonka Residents
June 29 with Commercial Property Owners

On June 21 and 29, 2006 Hopkins staff and Hennepin County met with residential neighborhoods to present the refined roadway layout. Comments and responses received include:

North segment (West Park Road/21st Avenue neighborhoods):

- Buffering from new roadway: Adjustments to the previous alignment have left room for adequate buffering to include berms, plantings and/or fencing. Illustrated cross sections were presented at the meetings showing the relative elevation and distance from the proposed reconstructed roadway to the remaining homes and the areas where a 4' – 6' high berm could be built. Staff did not commit to fencing but stated the decision on extent of fence, if any, could be made during final design phase.
- Shady Oak Road/2nd Street North intersection function & safety: The consultant completed a detailed traffic/safety analysis of the new 2nd Street North/Lake Street Extension intersection. At the public meetings a traffic simulation was shown depicting projected 2025 traffic levels and the length of Highway 7 approach queues and spacing of vehicles allowing reasonable access to Shady Oak Road from 2nd Street North or Lake Street Extension. The proposed new roadway will eliminate the hill on Shady Oak Road north of 2nd Street. This will be a great improvement from the current situation regarding sight distance from the intersection.
- Drainage improvements: The project will include a new pond outlet structure and new drainage channel and/or pipes from the pond to the existing storm sewers at the Excelsior Boulevard intersection – significant improvements are expected. Work is continuing to better define the level of expected improvement given existing drainage constraints.
- Future land use: Staff and consultants explained the previous City Council decisions dictated the area between West Park Road and Shady Oak Road would be dedicated to a landscaped buffer area only.
- Cut-through traffic from Shady Oak Road to eastbound Highway 7: Staff and consultants stated the improved function of the Shady Oak Road/Highway 7 intersection should cut down on the amount of neighborhood cut-through traffic.
- Noise concern for higher ground properties (218, 226, 238 21st Avenue North): Although these homes are 500+ feet from the realigned roadway, there is line-of-sight visibility and there will also be road noise. Berming

and planting or a fence will reduce, but not eliminate this noise. Currently, these homes are 600' – 650' from the roadway and somewhat buffered by the existing homes along Shady Oak Road.

- Concern regarding school children safety: Staff will have to follow-up with the School District Transportation personnel to ensure that school bus drop-off/pick-up locations preclude children having to cross Shady Oak Road.
- Property acquisition concerns: Residents whose homes are projected as “total-takes” had questions regarding appraisal process (fair market value determination) and flexibility on the timing of the takings. Hennepin County personnel explained the appraisal process and that individual negotiations can allow for some flexibility of when owners must vacate their properties. It was stated that after both City Councils approve the preliminary layout more detailed information would be provided to those property owners whose homes are being taken due to the road project.

South segment (Avenues north of Mainstreet and just east of Shady Oak Road):

- Buffer from roadway: The current roadway alignment improves upon the current situation by providing about 15' of space to buffer the nearby single family homes from the edge of the proposed trail and road.
- Cut-through traffic on 18th – 20th Avenues between Mainstreet and 1st Street North: The consultant used traffic counts to show the impact (expected traffic redistribution) of terminating 1st Street North at 21st Avenue. The expected increases are on the order of an additional 18 vehicles per avenue during the PM peak traffic hour.
- Future land use between Shady Oak Road and 21st Avenue North: Determined by previous City Council action to be landscaped buffer area only. The upcoming redevelopment study (see below) will address resident concerns regarding short-term and long-term land use changes adjacent to residential areas.

On June 28, 2006, Hennepin County and Minnetonka staff met with two neighborhood groups to discuss the preliminary roadway design and the issues they raised during the concept layout approval process.

Oak Drive Lane Neighborhood:

- Access points: Oak Drive Lane has two access points onto Shady Oak Road, but with the reconstruction a new median will be built and both access points will be right-in, right-out only. During the concept layout approval, the neighborhood was divided on if an access to an extended Mainstreet should be provided. The neighborhood continues to remain divided on whether this connection should be made.

North of Highway 7:

- North Service Drive: The north service drive is shown to be rerouted to intersect Shady Oak Road further north. Rerouting the service drive

necessitates taking two houses for the right of way necessary to make the connections. Those in attendance at the meeting, with the exception of a few of the property owners who would be impacted by the rerouting, agreed that if the location of the north service drive could not stay where it is today they would rather have it rerouted than no service drive at all.

On June 29, 2006 affected business and commercial property owners met with city staff and consultants.

- Property acquisition and how tenant business owners are treated:
Hennepin County staff explained that the law includes provisions for government payment of relocation costs of current businesses and that this is figured uniquely for each business. It was also stated the redevelopment study will include a relocation specialist that will be available to consult with every business regarding their particular situation and the relocation law.

Property Acquisition Information

CSAH 61 (Shady Oak Road) between CSAH 3 (Excelsior Boulevard) and TH 7 County Project 9112

The following information is provided to assist residents and businesses that will have right of way impacts as part of this road reconstruction. This information assumes the cities of Hopkins and Minnetonka approve the Preliminary Layout and authorize right of way acquisition on September 20, 2006. It also assumes the cities and county approve a Right of Way Agreement shortly after the Preliminary Layout approval.

Businesses and business property owners west of Shady Oak Road between Excelsior Blvd and Oak Drive Lane (Redevelopment Area – cross hatched on Preliminary Layout):

Anticipate funding approval by the end of December 2006 to cover most of the immediate needs for compensation. These funds are for redevelopment. Negotiations could begin in 2007.

Contact: Larry Blackstad, Hennepin County Community Works, 612-348-5859

All other businesses and business property owners and all residential property

A limited amount of funds are available now. Additional funding for right of way compensation would need to be provided after the approval of the Preliminary Layout. These funds are for total acquisition, relocation and easement compensation as part of the road construction project.

Contact: Brent Lindgren, Hennepin County Design, 612-596-0395

Schedule

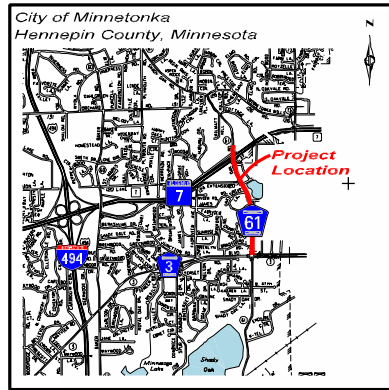
Cities approval of Preliminary Design	September 20, 2006
Detail Design	September 2006 to Spring 2008
Acquire Right of Way (after Design 90% complete)	End of 2007 to Spring 2009
Bidding Process	Spring 2009
Construction	Spring 2009 to Fall 2010

Additional Information

Visit Hennepin County website (below) for the most current information and the link to the handout “Land Acquisition Information For Property Owners”

Go to: www.Hennepin.us then [Environment, Property, & Transportation](#) then [Transportation](#) then [Roads & Bridges](#) then [Design Road 61 North of Excelsior Boulevard to Highway 7 - Hopkins/Minnetonka 9112](#)

Also, visit the cities of Hopkins and Minnetonka’s websites.

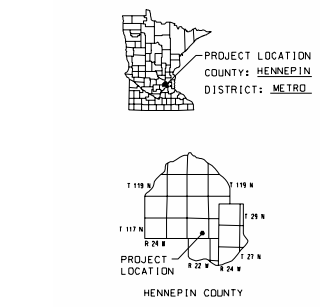
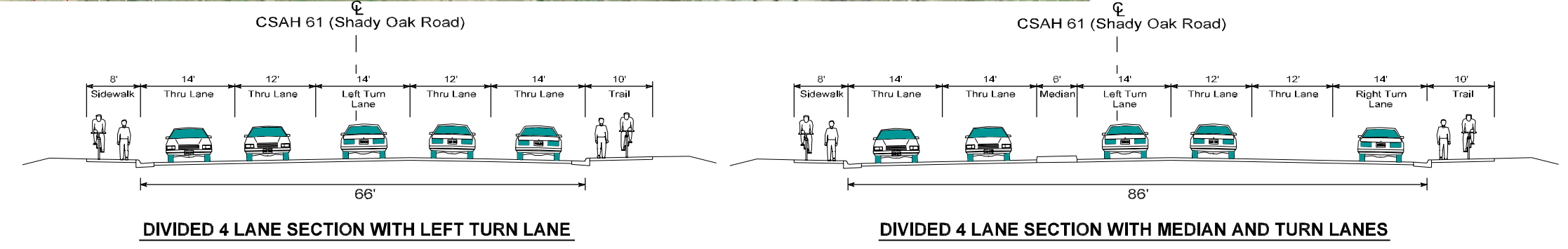
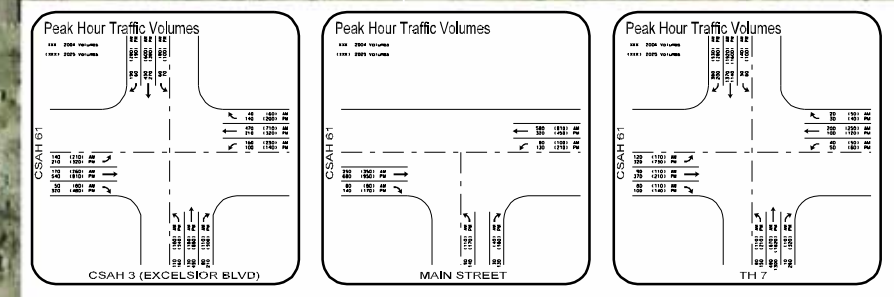
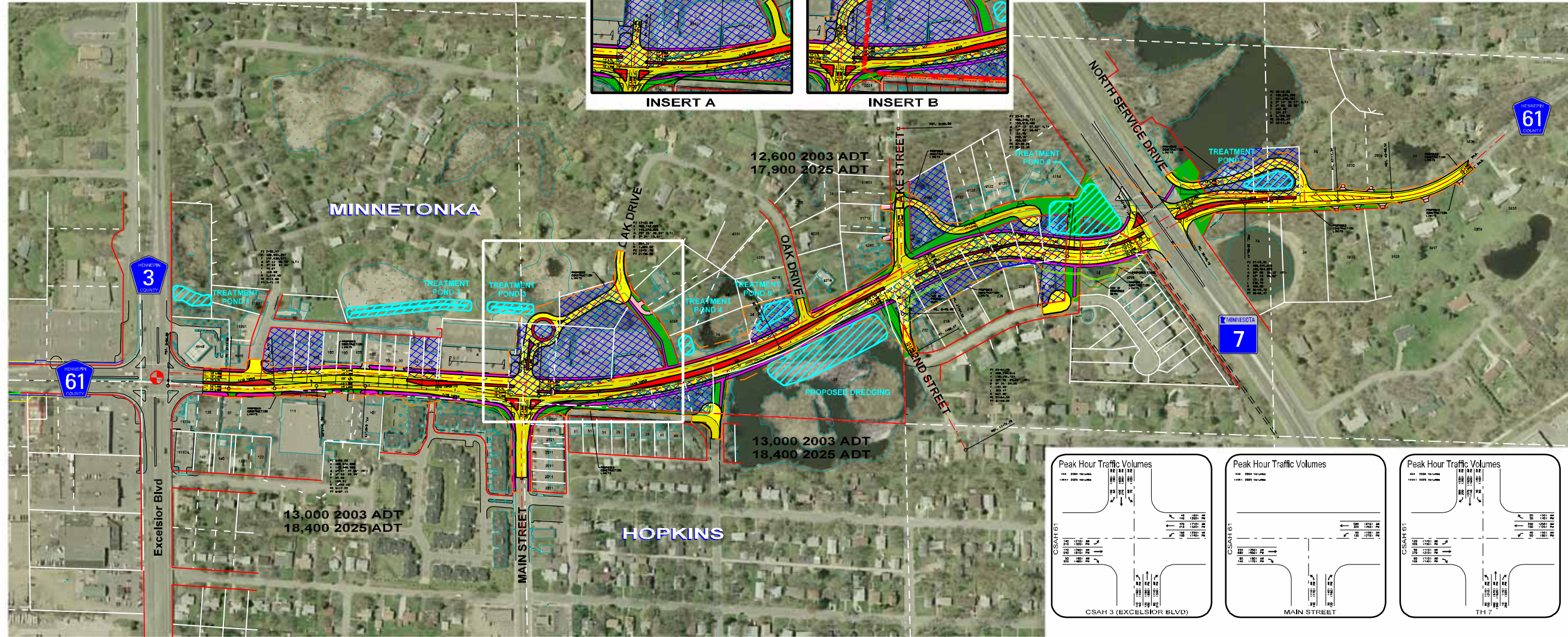
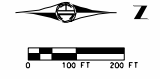
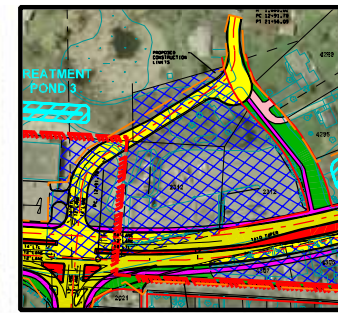
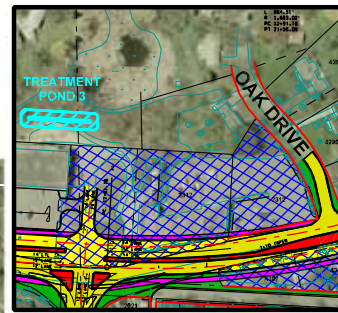


CSAH 61 Improvements - County Project No. 9112

From CSAH 3 (Excelsior Blvd) to Hwy 7

Proposed Improvements

SEPTEMBER 14, 2006



Legend

- Proposed Roadway Built Over Inplace Roadway
- Proposed Roadway
- Proposed Bridge
- Proposed Islands / Medians
- Proposed Bituminous Path
- Proposed Concrete Walk
- Proposed Retaining Walls
- Proposed Driveways
- Proposed Traffic Directional Arrows
- Proposed Median Island Point
- Proposed Right of Way
- Existing Right of Way
- Approximate Construction Limits
- Total RAV Acquisition

Note: Typical Commercial Entrance shall have 15' Radius.

Approved by: _____

C.S.A.H. NO. 61 LAYOUT NO. 1 PROJECT NO. 9112
 VICINITY OF MINNETONKA
 FROM CSAH 3 (EXCELSIOR BLVD) TO HWY 7
 DATE: 9/14/06 SCALE: 1" = 100' STAFF APPROVAL _____

REVISIONS

NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION

DESIGN SPEED: 45 mph

THE TRAFFIC VOLUMES SHOWN ARE ADT (A.D.T.)

THE ALIGNMENTS AND GRADES SHOWN ON THIS MAP ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

