

December 2, 2020

**2021 and 2022 Street Improvements
Property Owners Questionnaire**



Dear Resident:

White Bear Township is considering street improvements for the following streets:

- Birch Knoll Drive
- Portland Avenue
- Martin Way
- Homewood Avenue
- Lakewood Avenue
- Stacker Boulevard
- Stacker Place
- Randy Avenue
- Roth Place
- Effress Road

The White Bear Township Pavement Management Program identified these streets for possible improvement in 2021 and 2022. The White Bear Township Town Board ordered the preparation of a feasibility report for the Township's 2020 Street Improvements at the November 2, 2020 Town Board meeting.

The next step is to get feedback from you regarding a number of key components of the project. The information you share with us is essential in determining certain aspects of the project that may be constructed. The attached questionnaire is one way to provide feedback. Another opportunity is to attend the virtual neighborhood meeting.

A Neighborhood meeting will be held at 6:00 pm Monday December 14, 2020 via Microsoft Teams. Please visit the White Bear Township website to find the hyperlink for the meeting.

<http://www.whitebeartownship.org/433/2021-Street-Improvements>

Or call into the meeting at +1 651-300-3371, Phone Conference ID: 425 467 615#

Things to know and consider if an improvement project is approved:

- The website above will be used for future information regarding the project. Other correspondence will occur using future mailings, emails (if you sign up for email updates), or in person connection.
- Drainage improvements are being considered including adding curb and gutter, storm sewer, and stormwater treatment.
- Street improvements are very costly. Residents pay a portion of the overall project cost in the form of a special assessment. You will not be billed for the special assessment until Fall of the project year, if the project proceeds. Estimated special assessments for your neighborhood will not be determined until after information has been gathered from the questionnaires and a feasibility report is prepared. Another neighborhood meeting will be held in early January to share the Feasibility Report findings.

- For planning purposes, the range of assessments for this type of project can be between \$8,000 to \$12,000.
- Special assessments include the cost of the new roadway. Other utility upgrades, if needed, such as watermain and sanitary sewer are funded through utility funds and are not assessed.
- Construction typically starts in summer and ends in late fall of the same year. Construction start time, end time, and length will be specific to the project being completed.

The following information explains the questionnaire that is enclosed. After reading this letter, please complete the questionnaire and return by December 14th, 2020, in the self-addressed stamped envelope or e-mail to larry.poppler@tkda.com.

Drainage and Erosion Issues

The Township would like to know about any local drainage problems that you may have. Does storm water run-off stand in the street or in front of your house? As part of the design process, we would like to know if this or similar situations are occurring in your neighborhood. If so, please describe it in the drainage and erosion section of the questionnaire. We will review them for possible corrective action.

Private Underground Utilities

Some properties include private underground utilities in the right-of-way. Typically the right-of-way for the residential streets totals to be 60 feet wide / 30 feet from the center of the road. These utilities are usually lawn irrigation or pet containment systems. Work along the street can damage these items. During construction, if residents can mark the location of these items, the contractor can attempt to avoid damaging them.

If you have any private underground utilities, please tell us in the private underground utilities section of the questionnaire.

Traffic Safety

Please note in the questionnaire any visibility, parking, speed, or pedestrian concerns you might have for this neighborhood.

Other Issues

White Bear Township would like to know if you are seeing other issues which you would like to communicate which can be reviewed as a part of the project.

If you have questions regarding this project, please call me at 952-292-1098.

Sincerely,

Larry Poppler, PE
Town Engineer

Enclosed: Property Owners Questionnaire
 Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope