

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

10-0276R

RESOLUTION OF INTENT FOR THE STREET PRESERVATION  
PROJECT: MINNESOTA AVENUE FROM 40TH STREET TO 43RD  
STREET, AND TO ASSESS A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 61 of the Duluth City Charter, the city council hereby expresses its intent to cause Minnesota Avenue from 40th Street to 43rd Street to be preserved as part of the city's 2010 street preservation projects, and hereby requests that the mayor prepare or cause to have prepared plans, specifications and estimates therefor, and file such plans and specifications with the special assessment board, together with a recommendation as to what portion of the cost should be paid by special assessment and what part, if any, should be a general obligation of the city, the number of installments in which assessments may be paid, and the lands which should be included in the special assessments.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

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Department Director

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Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

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Attorney

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Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution begins the formal process of making assessable preservation improvements to Minnesota Avenue from 40th Street to 43rd Street. Through the public participation process with the residents of Park Point, it was determined to add these three blocks to the previously approved project on Minnesota Avenue from 13th Street to 40th Street.

As provided for in Section 61 of the Duluth City Charter, the process can be commenced either by petition or by action of the council itself. The latter route is being used in this case as the street is in poor condition and has important transportation function to both the neighborhood it serves and the city as a whole.

As is normal, this resolution is the first step in the process. Once approved, it will trigger an informational meeting with residents and the preparation of plans and specifications for the work and estimate of the cost and of the assessment determined. Notices will then be sent to the affected property owners, who will be given the opportunity to be heard before the special assessment board. After the board makes the recommendations, the matter will return to the city council for consideration of an ordering-in resolution.