



# MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** July 19, 2016  
**REGULAR**  
**ITEM #** 17

**AGENDA ITEM:** CSAH 13 (Ideal Avenue/Olson Lake Trail) Phase 1 Improvements – Resolution for Municipal Support

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jack Griffin, City Engineer

**THROUGH:** Kristina Handt, City Administrator

**REVIEWED BY:** Stephen Wensman, Planning Director  
Rob Wellen, Public Works  
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**SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- Introduction of Item ..... City Engineer
- Report/Presentation..... Washington County Public Works
- Questions from Council to Staff ..... Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion ..... Mayor & City Council
- Discussion ..... Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion ..... Mayor Facilitates

**POLICY RECOMMENDER:** Engineering.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Washington County intends to require cost participation from the Cities of Lake Elmo and Oakdale in accordance with the County Cost Participation Policy for County Improvement Projects. In addition, the improvements include the extension of sanitary sewer service to Lake Elmo and Oakdale properties at the request of both cities with the full cost of the utility extension to be paid by each city for their respective share. The current estimate for the local share of the local improvements to be generally split equally between Lake Elmo and Oakdale is \$1,185,142. The cities of Lake Elmo and Oakdale, and Washington County will be working on a Joint Powers Agreement which will more specifically allocate those costs between the cities. The funding for the Lake Elmo local improvement costs may be specially assessed to the benefitting properties.

**SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:** The City Council is respectfully requested to consider approving a Resolution providing Municipal Support for the County State Aid Highway 13 (Ideal Avenue/Olson Lake Trail) Phase 1 Improvements, “Locally Preferred Alternative” (LPA).

**PROJECT BACKGROUND:** Washington County has completed the public participation process related to the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 13 (Ideal Avenue/Olson Lake Trail) project from CSAH 14 (Old TH 5) to CSAH 35 (50<sup>th</sup> Street North). During that process a number of design alternatives were explored to address the issues and concerns of the abutting property owners, while simultaneously preserving the minor arterial function of the roadway. The County is now requesting that the cities of Oakdale and Lake Elmo support the selected alternative which includes: 11' thru lanes, an 8' parking lane on the east side, a 4' west shoulder, a 6' boulevard, an 8' trail on the west side, and curb and gutter on both sides of the roadway (see map exhibit).

The County is looking to phase the corridor improvements as development of the 3M property may impact the improvements adjacent to their property. The initial phase will include a mill/overlay from CSAH 14 to 44<sup>th</sup> Street, and the complete improvements from 44<sup>th</sup> Street to 50<sup>th</sup> Street. In the future the County will initiate a future project for the complete improvements from CSAH 14 to 44<sup>th</sup> Street.

In addition to the roadway improvements, the cities of Oakdale and Lake Elmo have been working jointly since 2012 to provide public sanitary sewer service to the abutting properties along Olson Lake Trail from 44<sup>th</sup> Street to 50<sup>th</sup> Street. These improvements should be included with the street improvements since the sanitary sewer main needs to be located under the pavement section. The limits of the sewer service area for Lake Elmo properties should be defined as part of the Olson Lake Trail Phase 2 Feasibility Report to be completed in preparation of the County improvements.

The proposed improvements will:

- Improve sight lines and address roadway safety concerns,
- Correct pavement deficiencies and shoulder widths,
- Address erosion concerns and storm water management,
- Accommodate the extension of sanitary sewer service to additional Lake Elmo properties, and
- Provide for pedestrian/bike accommodations along the corridor.

Municipal Support for a "Locally Preferred Alternative" (LPA) expresses the City's support for the project and more specifically for the preliminary design layout as presented. Municipal Support allows the County to proceed with the final project design and property acquisition with the intention to begin construction in 2017. Upon completion of the final design the County will request the City to enter into a Cooperative Agreement for the Project further outlining the City's cost obligations and other provisions as may be deemed appropriate.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff is recommending that the City Council approve a Resolution providing Municipal Support for the County State Aid Highway 13 (Ideal Avenue/Olson Lake Trail) Phase 1 Improvements. The recommended motion for the action is as follows:

***"Move to approve Resolution No. 2016-63 providing Municipal Support for the County State Aid Highway 13 (Ideal Avenue/Olson Lake Trail) Phase 1 Improvements."***

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Resolution Providing Municipal Support for the County State Aid Highway 13 (Ideal Avenue/Olson Lake Trail) Phase 1 Improvements.
2. Exhibit – County State Aid Highway 13 (Ideal Avenue/Olson Lake Trail) Phase 1 Improvements.