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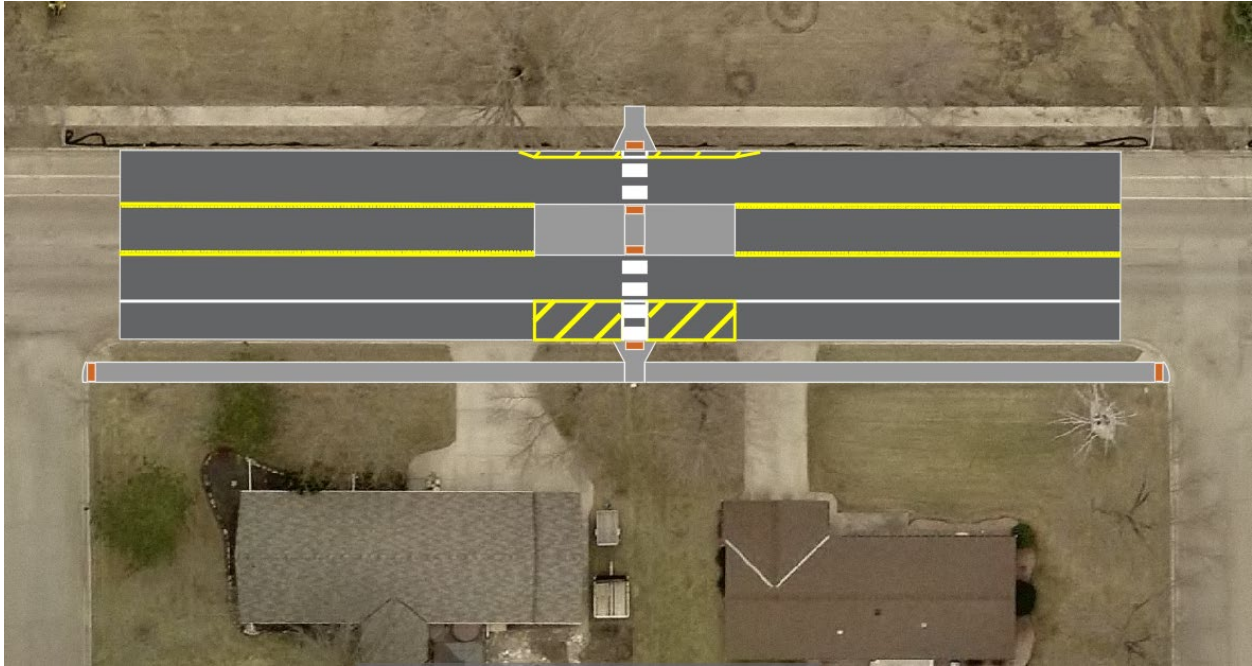
RE: SOUTHVIEW DRIVE LANE ADJUSTMENTS

Dear Property Owner:

This letter is being sent to you regarding recommended adjustments to the lanes on Southview Drive between Saratoga and Main Streets. As discussed in the enclosed Flyer, the City has received a Federal grant to install an improved pedestrian crossing between Silvervine and Woodfern Drives. Included in the installation will be Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFB's) that have an alternating yellow flasher activated with a push button, pedestrian refuge islands that provide crossers a "mid-point" to shorten the crossing distances, and Dynamic Speed Feedback signs that show a driver's speed compared to the speed limit. This project is programmed for construction next year in 2022.

Due to your property's proximity to the new school, the project would have some minimal impact to the area adjacent to your property. Most notably, the parking lane between your driveway and your neighbor's driveway would be striped out as a "No Parking" area. This is to prevent vehicles from parking across the new crossing location. The sidewalk would also be replaced in front of your property. The City is not planning to assess for this work as the Federal grant will offset a majority of the City's cost to construct the project. As mentioned, there will be several installations included in next year's project. Below are two layout examples that illustrate the work.





In preparation for that project, the Engineering staff is recommending making an adjustment the lane configuration of the street in concurrence with the traffic impact analysis performed by the engineering firm Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH). Currently, the street has 2 travel lanes, bike lanes and parking on both sides of the street. Staff is recommending that Southview be striped into a 3-lane configuration with 2 thru lanes and a center left turn lane. Parking would be removed from the north side of the street adjacent to the new school property as the school will be providing off-street parking in their lot. There will still be parking on the south side of the street. Bike lanes will be removed, and bicyclists will be able to use the new widened sidewalk/trail on the north side of the street that will be installed with the school construction project. Where that new walk ends at Southview Court, bike lanes will be put back onto the street and parking would be removed between Southview Court and Main Street. HyVee and Perkins/Brau Bros./mall properties have adequate off-street parking that on-street is not required or utilized in this area.

Engineering staff is recommending these changes to improve the safety of the pedestrian crossing as well as improve traffic flows by allowing left-turning traffic to have a dedicated lane that does not impede the flow of thru traffic. Please review the information included in the enclosed Flyer as well as the proposed layouts shown. If you have additional questions or concerns with the recommended changes, please contact me by e-mail at Jessie.Dehn@ci.marshall.mn.us or by phone at 507-537-6773. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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Enclosures: Flyer to Residents