



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: March 31, 2020

Subject: MSA System Revision

The City Council has directed staff to amend the City's Municipal State Aid Street system to remove 81st Avenue NE from the system in an effort to reduce commercial truck traffic through this residential neighborhood. 81st Avenue has become a convenient route for commercial trucks seeking to move from University Avenue (TH 47) to Trunk Highway 65 and vice versa. By removing 81st Avenue from the State Aid system, the City Council can place weight restrictions on this segment of 81st Avenue, thereby prohibiting commercial truck traffic.

In order to amend the City's State Aid Street system, the City Council must approve a resolution requesting the change to MnDOT for approval by the Commissioner of Transportation. The proposed resolution would remove 81st Avenue between University Avenue and Able Street, University Avenue Service Road between 81st Avenue and 83rd Avenue and Elm Street between Sanburnol Drive and Able Street and replace it with Able Street from Anoka CSAH 8 (Osborne Road NE) to the northern corporate limits of the City. You can see the proposed changes visually on the enclosed map.

There is a fiscal impact to this change. State Aid Funds were used on University Avenue Service Drive in 1996. If the segment is removed from the State Aid system within 25 years of the improvements, state aid must be repaid on a pro-rated basis. In this case, the City will need to repay \$10,309 in State Aid to MnDOT. This amount will be deducted from the City's next reimbursement from the Municipal State Aid fund. In addition, additional signage is needed to inform the public of the change. The anticipated cost of the signage is approximately \$5,000.

If the City Council wishes to move forward with this State Aid system amendment, the City Council should approve the enclosed resolution.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.

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