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RE: Reconstruction of Hyde Avenue, from 13th Street to 16th Street
***** Issues related to boulevard trees and on-street parking *****

Dear Property Owner or Resident;

It is anticipated that construction on Hyde Avenue will commence shortly, sometime after September 25, 2016. A few matters must be settled prior to construction, and the input of owners and residents is sought regarding the configuration of your street.

The narrow boulevards of this street (approx. 4 ½ feet wide) have been observed as deficient and unsuitable to sustain continued healthy growth of most existing boulevard trees. A decision must be made either to save all boulevard trees, by slightly reducing the street width from 30 to 27 feet, or to remove most of the boulevard trees to keep the current street width.

A reduction to 27 feet (adding 1 ½ feet of boulevard on each side) would result in better conditions for the trees and provide more snow storage for winter conditions. However, it would also result in the elimination of on-street parking from one side of the street, as anything narrower than 30 feet does not provide adequate room for passing vehicles or emergency response trucks. If there were parking on only one side of the street, the street would be exempt from alternate-side parking between November 1 and April 1 each year.

Based on review of proposed snow plowing and removal procedures, it would be recommended that parking be removed from the south side of the street, if the street were to be narrowed. This would allow only parking on the north side of the street.

The matter will be on the agenda for the Board of Public Works meeting at City Hall, on Monday, September 26, 2016 for discussion, as well as to provide direction moving forward with construction.

If you are unable to attend the Board of Public Works meeting, please submit any comments, concerns, or questions to the project manager, Yuri Nasonovs, Engineering Department, City Hall, (608)789-7594 before September 26, 2016.