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TO: Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: 100th Avenue NE and Vicinity Complete Streets Project

The new Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion levy provides additional funding for long-awaited neighborhood safety projects. We are pleased to share our progress with one such project, the 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and Vicinity Complete Streets Project, intended to improve safety and connectivity for people of all ages using all modes of travel in the Northtowne area. A consultant agreement to support a community engagement process and develop preferred alternatives is on tonight's Consent calendar for your consideration.

In addition to acting as a main emergency response route for the Fire Department, 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE is a critical pedestrian and bicycle link connecting the Downtown with neighborhoods, churches, four schools and the NW Arts Center. Despite modest improvements over the past decades, safety concerns remain—last year the Council received a petition signed by 139 Northtowne residents requesting action. With Levy funding, we are committed to working with the entire Northtowne Community on a new vision for 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, as well as priority side streets that connect 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to schools and other activities. With your approval, our engagement of the Northtowne community will be facilitated by Toole Design Group to ensure the planning process is inclusive and equitable. We look forward to continuing to share progress on this and other important Levy projects.