



# CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL

1616 HUMBOLDT AVENUE, WEST ST. PAUL, MN 55118

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## OPEN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MUNICIPAL CENTER LOBBY CONFERENCE ROOM

NOVEMBER 13, 2018

5:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Review and Approve the OCWS Agenda
3. Review the Regular Meeting Consent Agenda
4. Agenda Item(s)

A. Discussion of 6AM Residential Rubbish Hauling

B. Liquor License Fees

Documents:

[OCWS LIQUOR LICENSE FEE PROPOSAL FOR 2020-2.PDF](#)

C. Livingston Avenue Sidewalk, Maintenance, Lighting and Funding

Documents:

[COUNCIL REPORT - OCWS LIVINGSTON AVE.PDF](#)

[ATTACHMENT - LIVINGSTON TEMPORARY NO PARKING MAP.PDF](#)

5. Adjourn

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### Intoxicating Liquor

	WSP Last Date Inc.	Current WSP	IGH	MH	SSP	St Paul	Effective 1/1/2020 Recommendation for WSP	State Statue Limits
Off-Sale	prior to 2012	\$ 380	\$ 200	\$ 150	\$ 380	\$ 1,142	No Change	\$380 is the max for WSP
On-Sale Category 1	2015	\$ 7,500		\$ 10,000	\$ 3,100		\$ 8,000.00	
On-Sale Category 2	2015	\$ 7,500		\$ 7,500	\$ 3,100		\$ 8,000.00	
On-Sale Based on Gross Sales		\$3750/3775	\$3500-\$10,000					
On-Sale based on Seating						\$4,795-5,767		
On-Sale Outside Service	2014	\$ 205		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	No Change	
Sunday Sale	prior to 2009	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	No Change	\$200 max.
On-Sale Temporary	Reduced in 2013	\$ 25	\$ 30		\$50 per day	\$53 per day	\$ 50	2,000 or 1/2 of On-Sale which ever is less
Wine On-Sale	2015	\$ 1,475	\$ 650	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	
Wine On-Sale Institutional		\$ -	\$ 225	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	No additional fee	

### 3.2 Malt Liquor

		Current WSP	IGH	MH	SSP	St Paul	Recommendation for WSP	State Statue Limits
Off-Sale	2014	\$ 128	\$ 100	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 1,142	No Change	No Limits
On-Sale	2014	\$ 500	\$ 350	\$ 250	\$ 150		No Change	No Limits
On-Sale Outside Service	2014	\$ 205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	No Change	No Limits
On-Sale Temporary	Reduced in 2014	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 50	\$50 Per day	\$53 per day	\$ 50	No Limits
On-Sale Temporary Outside Service	Reduced in 2014	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	No Change	No Limits

### Brewpub/Taproom

		Current WSP	IGH	MH	SSP	St Paul	Recommendation for WSP	State Statue Limits
Off-Sale	2016	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 183	No Change	No Limits
On-Sale/Brewer Taproom	2016	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 636	No Change	No Limits
Cocktail Room	2016	\$ 500		\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 636	No Change	No Limits
Temporary Off-Sale Wine	2016	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ -		\$53 per day	\$ 50	No Limits
Culinary Class Limited	2016	\$ 25	\$ 100	\$ -			\$ 50	No Limits

To: **Mayor and City Council**  
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**  
From: **Ross Beckwith, Public Works & Parks Director/City Engineer**  
Date: **November 13, 2018**

## Livingston Avenue - Miscellaneous Topics

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The City Council ordered preparation of plans and specifications for City Project 19-1 at the September 24, 2018 meeting. While the overall project design is moving forward there are some items requiring further discussion and resolution.

#### **No Parking**

On March 28, 2016 City Council approved a temporary no parking resolution along portions of Livingston Ave. to help with the increase in traffic while Robert St. was under construction. That *temporary* no parking is still in place today. It's on the east side of Livingston Ave. from 200 feet south of Marie Ave. to 200 feet north of Wentworth Avenue. It's also on the west side of Livingston Ave. for 200 feet both north and south of Wentworth Ave. and 200 feet both north and south of Marie Ave. to keep the intersections clear. The attached map shows the no parking areas. This is actually still working quite well, especially near the intersections and no complaints have been received. A formal resolution could be brought to Council if there is a desire to make it permanent.

#### **Pedestrian Crossing at Livingston/Thompson**

Getting pedestrians across Thompson Ave. at Livingston is quite challenging with the offset driveway location of Menards and the close proximity to Robert Street. Pedestrians currently have a sidewalk on the north side of Thompson Ave. which gets them to Robert Street. Here are some options for addressing the pedestrian issue in this area:

1. Create a north/south crossing at the intersection of Livingston/Thompson.
2. Construct new sidewalk on the south side of Thompson Ave. from Livingston Ave. to Robert Street. This would assume new concrete walk on Livingston Ave. is constructed up to Thompson Ave.
3. Do not construct sidewalk north of Wentworth Ave. on Livingston Avenue. Instead, let the future regional trail carry pedestrians north on Livingston Ave. from Wentworth Ave. where they can access/cross Robert Street.

Option 1: This is rather unsafe. The proximity to Robert Street and the left turn lane make it dangerous. Pavement marking changes and an additional warning device like a flashing pedestrian sign would be needed. Sight distance to the west on Thompson Ave. is also poor due to the curve in the road.

Option 2: This is probably the most pedestrian friendly, but would be very expensive. The new existing big block retaining wall along the south side of Thompson Ave. would need to be relocated a few feet further south to allow room for an ADA sidewalk. Permanent and temporary easements would be required from the north side of the US Bank property and they might lose parking.

Option 3: With a proposed regional trail on Livingston Ave. north of Wentworth Ave. it may not be necessary to construct sidewalk along this stretch. The trail will provide access about half way up to Thompson Ave. before turning east to Robert Street. North of the trail, up to Thompson Ave., the businesses have through access from Livingston Ave. to Robert St. and sidewalk along Robert Street. While this does not address a crossing at Thompson it does provide pedestrians numerous ways to get from the west to the east.

### **Street Lighting**

Currently there are street lights on the west side of Livingston Ave. between Mendota Rd. and Wentworth Ave. which are scheduled to be replaced with the project. There are no street lights between Wentworth Ave. and Thompson Ave., but as Council previously directed they are planned to be added with the project. This decision was made at the same time there was the thought of adding sidewalk between Wentworth Ave. and Thompson Avenue. If no sidewalk is installed along this stretch, in lieu of a future County regional trail, should new lighting be installed with the Livingston Ave. project? The estimated cost of the lighting between Wentworth Ave. and Thompson Ave. is \$50,000.

Existing street lights are on the west side of Livingston Ave. and the intention is to replace them on that side, even though the walk is primarily on the east side. The reasons being:

1. Risk of utility conflicts are much higher if we switched sides and try to bury lighting conduit and install new light bases in the east boulevard.
2. Some businesses on the east side have lighting adjacent to Livingston Ave. already.
3. Property owners are used to the current light locations and where they shine.

### **Sidewalk Snow/Ice Maintenance**

Property owners with sidewalk abutting their property are required to remove snow and ice within 12 hours of a snow event. The 429 assessment policy allows cities to assess for maintenance of sidewalk and the City currently contracts for sidewalk snow removal along Robert Street from Mendota Rd. to Butler Avenue. As Council previously stated, in the winter of 2019-2020 the Robert St. snow/ice removal contract is to extend north to Annapolis Street. The 429 process for this sidewalk maintenance will begin in spring of 2019.

With the new Livingston Ave. sidewalk there is an opportunity to add contracted snow removal to this stretch and assess it. It has been discussed that on Livingston Ave. there is a possibility of sharing the cost of the sidewalk maintenance to both sides of the street as this walk may provide a more regional purpose than other residential walk in the city. On the other hand, with the new sidewalk on Livingston Ave. adjacent to mostly commercial properties who all have snow maintenance companies, adding sidewalk clearing to their task list may not be difficult.

### **Assessments**

Based on the new Assessment Policy adopted in April, 2018 the preliminary Livingston Ave. assessments are \$90.25 per foot (Mendota Rd. to Wentworth Ave.) and \$103.50 (Wentworth Ave. to Thompson Ave.) per foot. This includes 100% assessments of new sidewalk and lighting, and 25% assessments for replacement sidewalk and lighting. For comparison, in 2018 the Bernard St. reconstruction project assessments were \$60/ft.

Here are different assessment options which would decrease the per foot assessment amount. They all assume there is no sidewalk north of Wentworth Avenue.

1. **Assess 25% Street and Lights (Mendota to Thompson) and 25% Sidewalk (Mendota to Wentworth)**  
Mendota to Wentworth rate: \$76/ft  
Wentworth to Thompson rate: \$71/ft  
Assessable rate: 25.0%
2. **Assess 25% Street, Lights, and Sidewalk from Mendota to Wentworth**  
Mendota to Wentworth rate: \$76/ft  
Wentworth to Thompson rate: \$64/ft  
Assessable rate: 25.0%
3. **Assess 25% Street only (City pays for lights and sidewalk)**  
Mendota to Wentworth rate: \$64/ft  
Wentworth to Thompson rate: \$64/ft  
Assessable rate: 21.7%
4. **Assess 25% Street and 25% sidewalk (City pays for lights)**  
Mendota to Wentworth rate: \$69/ft  
Wentworth to Thompson rate: \$64/ft  
Assessable rate: 23.0%
5. **Assess 25% Street and 25% lighting (City pays for sidewalk)**  
Mendota to Wentworth rate: \$71/ft  
Wentworth to Thompson rate: \$64/ft  
Assessable rate: 23.7%

The cost of street lighting replacement is \$300k (Mendota Rd. to Wentworth Ave.) and the new lighting is \$50k (Wentworth Ave. to Thompson Ave.) for a total of \$350k.

The cost of new sidewalk is \$190k (Mendota Rd. to Wentworth Ave.) and \$50k (Wentworth Ave. to Thompson Ave.) for a total of \$240k.

The assessment hearing will be in October of 2019.

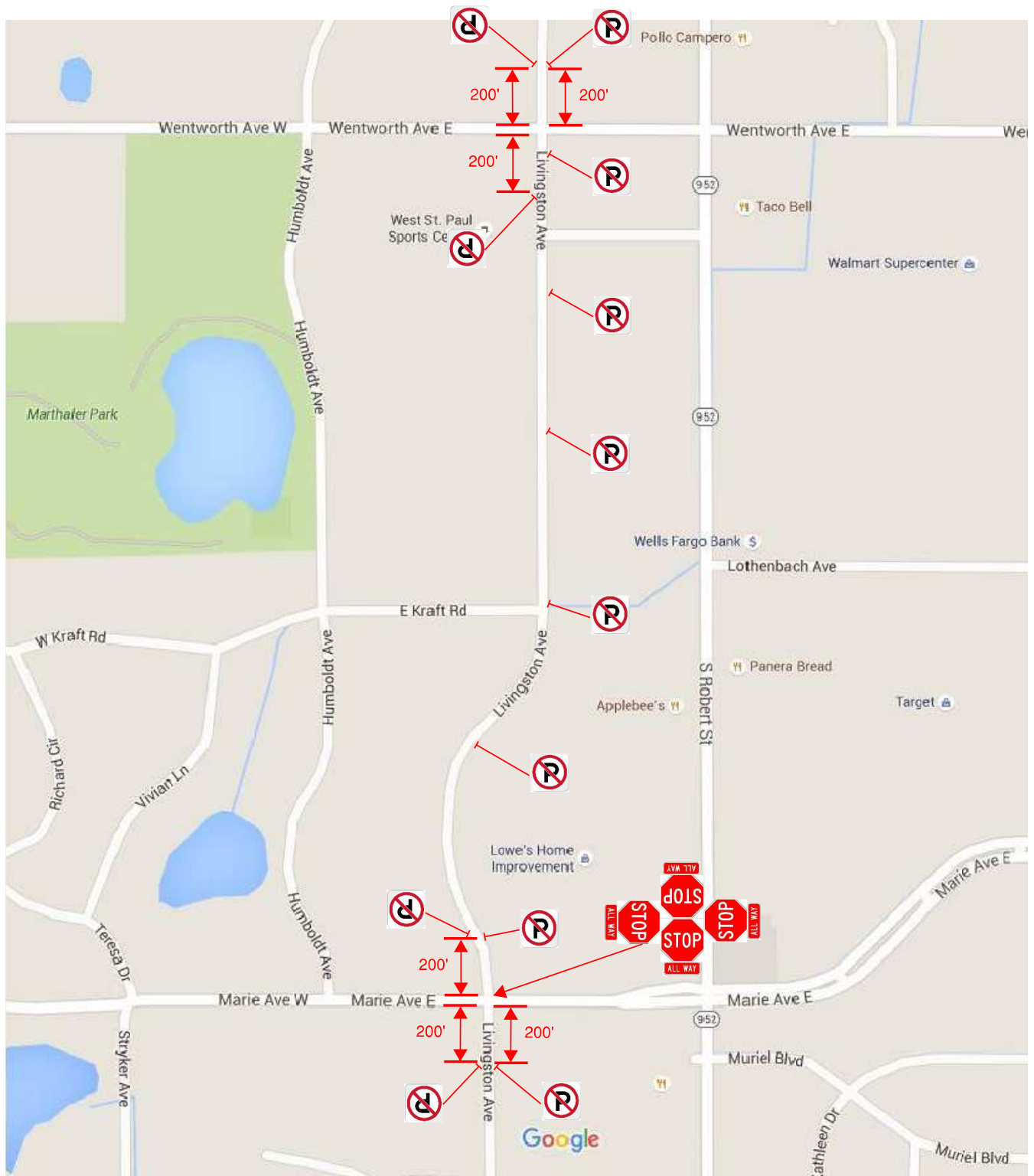
#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

In order to bond for a street improvement project the city must assess at least 20% of the project cost.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff is looking for feedback on these issues.

Attachment: Livingston Ave. No Parking Map



Livingston Ave No-Parking Configuration