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Dear Lyndale Avenue Property or Business Owner,

This letter is being delivered to communicate the recent decision to postpone the Lyndale Avenue roadway and bridge reconstruction until 2012.

The necessary agency approvals for the Lyndale Avenue Bridge Replacement Project took longer than expected and therefore, the construction of the bridge cannot be completed in 2011. An unfinished bridge would most likely mean no Minnehaha Creek crossing on Lyndale Avenue through the winter season.



To minimize the total duration of disruption, Hennepin County has decided to postpone all construction on the roadway and bridge until 2012. The county will take bids for both projects in late 2011 such that construction is prepared to begin as soon as possible in 2012. The new schedule will allow construction on both projects to be started and substantially completed within the 2012 construction season. Tree placement by Minneapolis Park Board forces and the top lift of pavement will be completed in 2013. While the 2013 work will necessitate lane restrictions on a daily basis, street closures will not be required. The project websites will be updated to reflect the new schedule.

Please note that City staff has recommended establishing special assessments for this project based on 2011 rates in spite of construction in 2012. Therefore, the City of Minneapolis public hearings on the assessments are still scheduled for April 5, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., as stated in the assessment notices which were recently sent to property owners. The hearings will take place in the Council Chamber at Minneapolis City Hall, Room 317.

Your continued support of these projects is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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Sincerely,

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