

PUBLIC NOTICE and OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT
Members Parkway Extension Project
S.P. 055-622-062 (Associated S.P. 159-080-020)

Olmsted County, in partnership with the City of Rochester, proposes to construct an approximately 330-foot roadway extension between the existing eastern terminus of Members Parkway and Retail Drive. The Members Parkway extension will be constructed as a two-lane paved urban roadway consistent with the existing segment of Members Parkway. Extending Members Parkway to Retail Drive will require construction of two new bridge crossings over Kings Run Creek. An eight-foot wide bituminous sidewalk facility is proposed on the south side of the proposed extension.

In accordance with Section 6009 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Public Law 109-59, enacted August 10, 2005, Olmsted County is soliciting comments on the effects this project would have on Lincolnshire Park in the City of Rochester. The project will result in approximately 0.4 acres of permanent impacts and 0.7 acres of temporary impacts in the northern corner of the park. The project will not permanently alter the facilities and functions of the park. Access to Lincolnshire Park and adjacent residences will be maintained throughout construction.

It is anticipated that Olmsted County will request the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to determine that the proposed action at Lincolnshire Park is a Section 4(f) *de minimis* action in accordance with Section 6009(a) of SAFETEA-LU. A *de minimis* finding may be made when uses of Section 4(f) land will have no adverse effect on the protected resources.

Information on this impact and avoidance, minimization, mitigation or enhancement measures is available at the following website

(<https://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/pw/roadtransportation/Pages/Transportation---Future-Projects.aspx>), or at the following locations:

Olmsted County Public Works Service Center
1188 50 St SE
Rochester, MN 55904

Rochester Public Library
101 2nd Street SE
Rochester, MN 55904

Comments must be submitted on or before December 9, 2019 (30 days from date of publication), to Benjamin Johnson, Project Manager, at the Olmsted County office address presented above, or by email at johnson.benjamin@co.olmsted.mn.us. Comments will become part of the official record and will be considered when making future project related decisions.



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SP: 055-622-062 (Associated SP 159-080-020)

Federal Project No.: To be Assigned

Route: Members Parkway

From: Members Parkway To: Retail Drive

Proposed Improvement: The project includes the construction of a new roadway connection between the existing eastern terminus of Members Parkway and Retail Drive in the City of Rochester, Olmsted County. The proposed Members Parkway extension will be constructed as a two-lane urban roadway. Other project components include construction of a new bridge crossing over an unnamed creek to the South Fork Zumbro River, extension of sidewalk facilities along Members Parkway, and reconstruction of the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 22/Retail Drive intersection from full access to right-in/right-out.

Environmental Document anticipated: Project Memorandum (PM)

Project Manager: Name: Benjamin Johnson
 Title: Project Engineer
 Address: 2122 Campus Drive SE, Suite 100
 Rochester, MN 55904
 Phone: 507.328.7060
 Email: johnson.benjamin@co.olmsted.mn.us

This project will impact the following Section 4(f) property.

1. Description of The Section 4(f) Property

Name: Lincolnshire Park

Size (acre): 22 acres

Location: The park address is 5276 Members Parkway in the City of Rochester, Olmsted County. The park is located southwest of the Northwest Plaza shopping center.

Ownership: City of Rochester

Type of Section 4(f) Property: Park

Function of or Available Activities on the Property: Available activities include play (playground and open play field), baseball/softball, football/soccer, basketball, and ice skating.

Description and Location of Existing and Planned Facilities: Existing facilities include a ball diamond, soccer fields, playground equipment, skating rink, and parking.

Access: Lincolnshire Park can be accessed by pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorized vehicles.



Usage: Lincolnshire Park receives regular use during the summer months as well as some winter use. Park visitors include a mix of neighborhood residents as well as those participating in scheduled use events (e.g., sports leagues).

Relationship to Other Similarly Used Lands in the Vicinity: Table 1 lists other City-owned parks within approximately one mile of Lincolnshire Park. Figure 2, Attachment A identifies these parks.

TABLE 1: Other Parks near Lincolnshire Park

Park Name	Address	Approx. Area (acres)	Activities
Northern Hills Prairie	3694 Nottingham Drive NW	9.5	Trails
White Oaks	4597 55 th Street NW	22.7	Playground, open play field, baseball/softball field, basketball court and a paved trail
North Park	6035 Hillsboro Drive NW	6.5	Playground and open play field
Northern Hills Golf Club	4721 West Circle Drive NW	200	18-hole golf course accessible to the public

Applicable Clauses Affecting Ownership: There is no known lease, easement, covenants, restrictions, or other condition affecting ownership.

Unusual Characteristics Reducing or Enhancing the Value of the Property: An unnamed creek forms the northeast and northwest boundary of Lincolnshire Park. Portions of the park are susceptible to flooding during large storm events.

LAWCON Section 6(f) (or other Federal Encumbrances) Impacts: Not applicable

2. Impacts to the Section 4(f) Property

Impacts to Lincolnshire Park are summarized below. The project will require permanent right-of-way acquisition and temporary easements during construction. Figure 3, Attachment A illustrates the proposed impacts.

Amount of land impacted: Approximately 1.1 acres

Permanent R/W Acquisition/Easements: Approximately 0.4 acres

Temporary Easements: Approximately 0.7 acres



Functions Affected: No functions would be affected. A small conversion of land from parkland to transportation use would occur in the extreme northern portion of the park. Figure 3, Attachment A identifies the portion of the park impacted by the project.

Facilities Affected: No park facilities would be affected.

3. Coordination with Responsible Official with Jurisdiction Over the Section 4(f) Property

Attachment B includes a letter from the City of Rochester Parks and Recreation Department (official with jurisdiction) regarding the permanent and temporary use of Lincolnshire Park.

4. Considerations

Impact Avoidance:

No Build Alternative: Under the No Build Alternative, a new roadway connection between Members Parkway and Retail Drive would not be constructed. The intersection of CSAH 22 and Retail Drive would remain full access and no new sidewalk facilities would be constructed. The No Build Alternative would avoid all Section 4(f) impacts, but it would fail to meet the project purpose and need. Therefore, it was rejected from further consideration.

Alternatives Considered: Alternative alignments were considered but dismissed given that shifting the proposed alignment would result in greater impacts to parkland and adjacent properties. Shifting the alignment of the proposed connection to the southeast would increase impacts to Lincolnshire Park. Shifting the alignment to the northwest would impact an existing stormwater pond and require relocation of a portion of the existing mall entrance access road to align with the Members Parkway extension. Relocating this existing roadway would result in additional right-of-way acquisition and potential business relocations.

Planning to minimize harm: The new roadway connection was designed to minimize impacts to Lincolnshire Park to the greatest extent possible while still matching the existing width of Members Parkway. Right-of-way acquisition impacts to the park are isolated to the northern corner of the park and will not impact any facilities or functions. Access to the park and driveways south of Members Parkway along Nottingham Drive will be maintained throughout construction.

Mitigation: No specific mitigation measures are proposed as part of this project.

Enhancement: The project will provide new sidewalk facilities along the proposed Members Parkway extension which will expand pedestrian access to Lincolnshire Park.



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5. Recommended

Local Agency Engineer

Kay M. Biernick
Olmsted County Engineer

Date *9/19/19*

District State Aid Engineer

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Preliminary Approval conditioned on results of public notice & comment period:

FHWA Engineer

William R. Lohr

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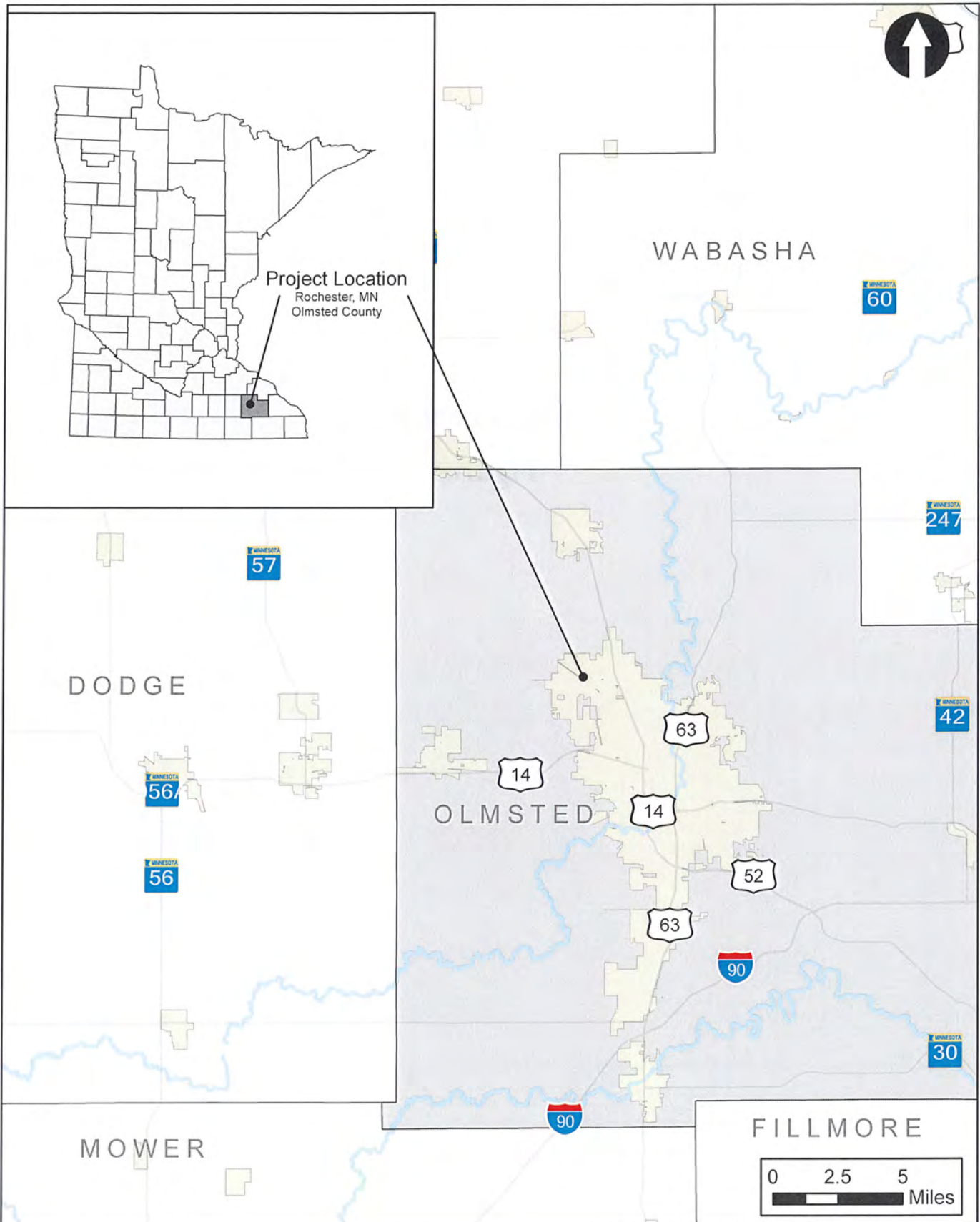
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Attachment A

Figures

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State Location Map

Members Parkway

Olmsted County

SP 055-622-062 (Associated SP 159-080-020)

Figure 1

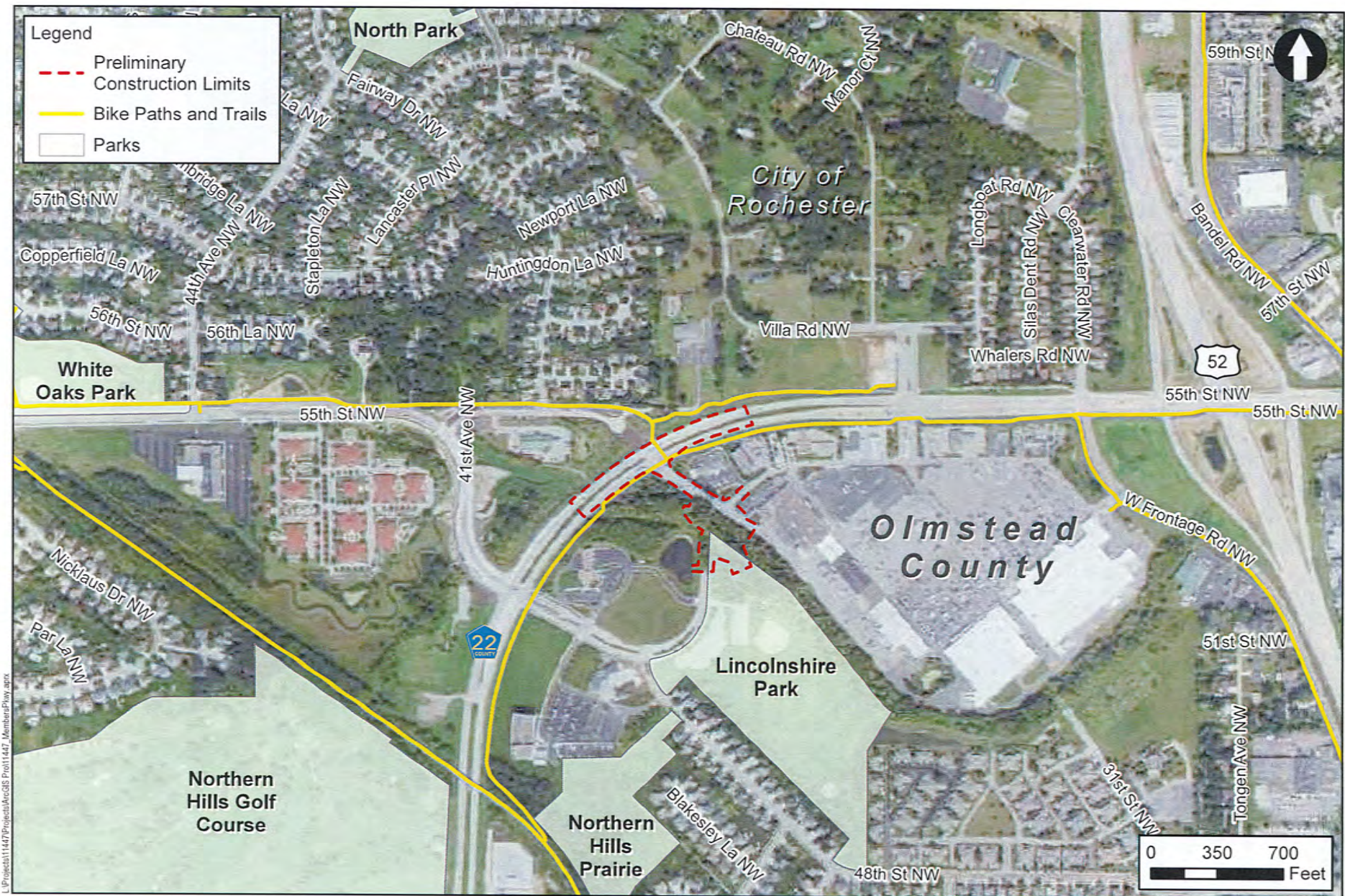
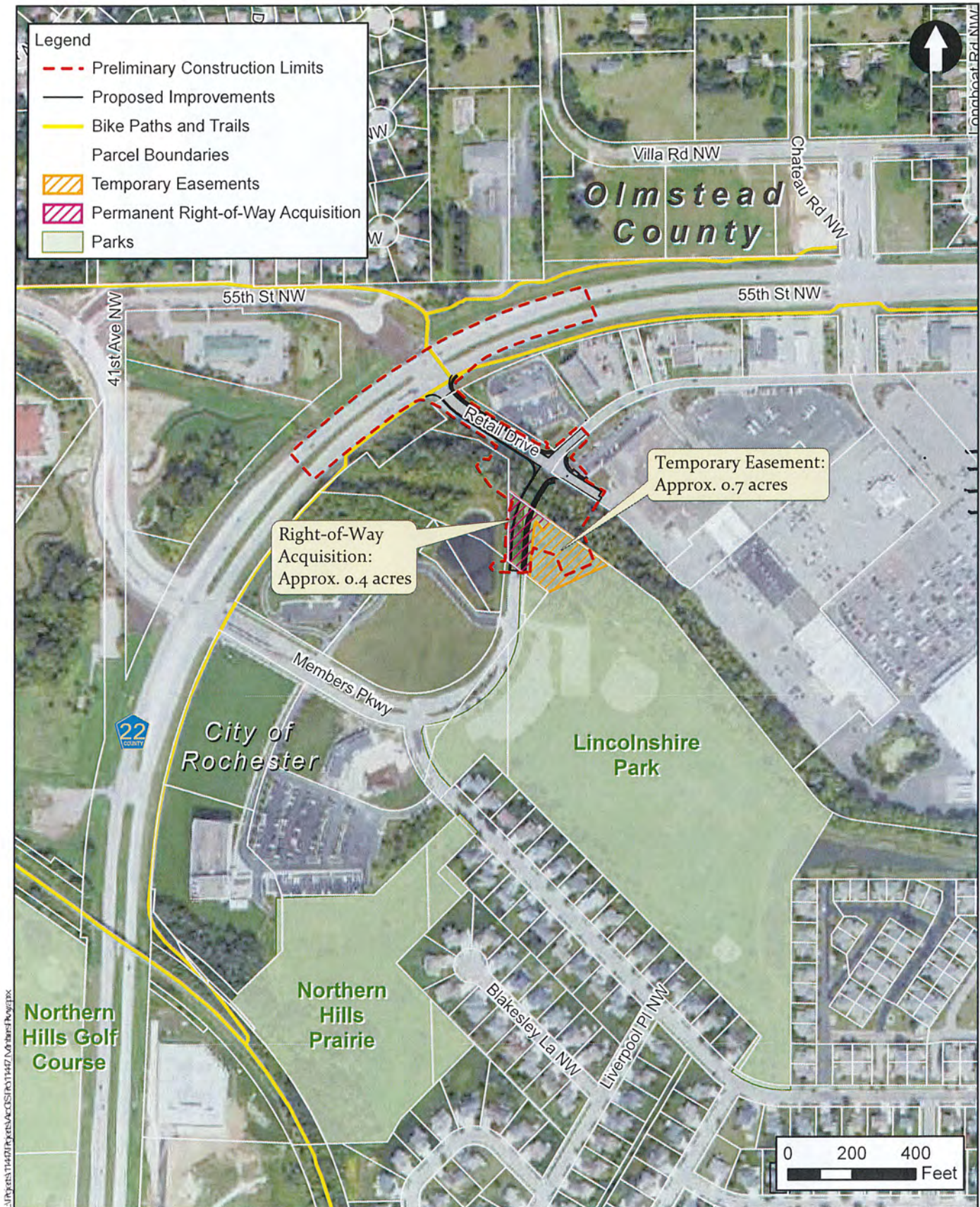


Figure 2



Section 4(f) Involvement

Members Parkway

Olmstead County

SP05622052 (Associated SP15908002)

Figure 3

Attachment B

Correspondence



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2122 Campus Drive SE—Suite 200
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September 3, 2019

Mr. Paul Widman
Director of Parks & Recreation
Rochester Parks & Recreation Department
201 4th Street SE, Room 150
Rochester, MN 55904

Subject: Members Parkway Extension Project
SP 055-622-062 (Associated SP 159-080-020)
Lincolnshire Park

Dear Mr. Widman:

Olmsted County and the City of Rochester are preparing plans for the Members Parkway Extension Project (SP 055-622-062). The proposed project includes construction of a new two-lane extension of Members Parkway from its current terminus adjacent to Lincolnshire Park to Retail Drive. Box culverts will be constructed at Kings Run (Main Branch). A sidewalk will be constructed on the south side of Members Parkway to Retail Drive.

Construction of the proposed project will result in impacts to Lincolnshire Park (5276 Members Parkway, Rochester). Under Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966, this park property is considered a Section 4(f) resource. Approximately 0.4 acres of park property will be converted to transportation right of way. Approximately 0.7 acres of Lincolnshire Park will be temporarily impacted because of roadway and culvert construction across Kings Run (Main Branch).

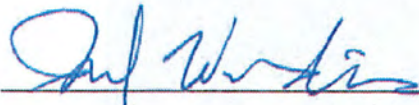
Review the attached figures regarding project location and impacts. The project will not adversely affect the activities, features and attributes of Lincolnshire Park. Please sign and return page 2 indicating your concurrence. If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact me at your earliest convenience at 507-328-7060 or bieleck.kaye@co.olmsted.mn.us.

Sincerely,

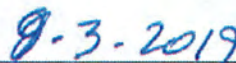
Kaye Bienick
Director of Public Works/County Engineer

Attachment: Lincolnshire Park Project Location Figure
Lincolnshire Park Property Impacts Figure

As the official with jurisdiction over the Section 4(f) resource described in this correspondence, the signature below indicates our agency's agreement with the description of the property as presented in this request. We are in agreement that the impacts of the proposed project (SP 055-622-062), will not adversely affect the activities, features and attributes of Lincolnshire Park.

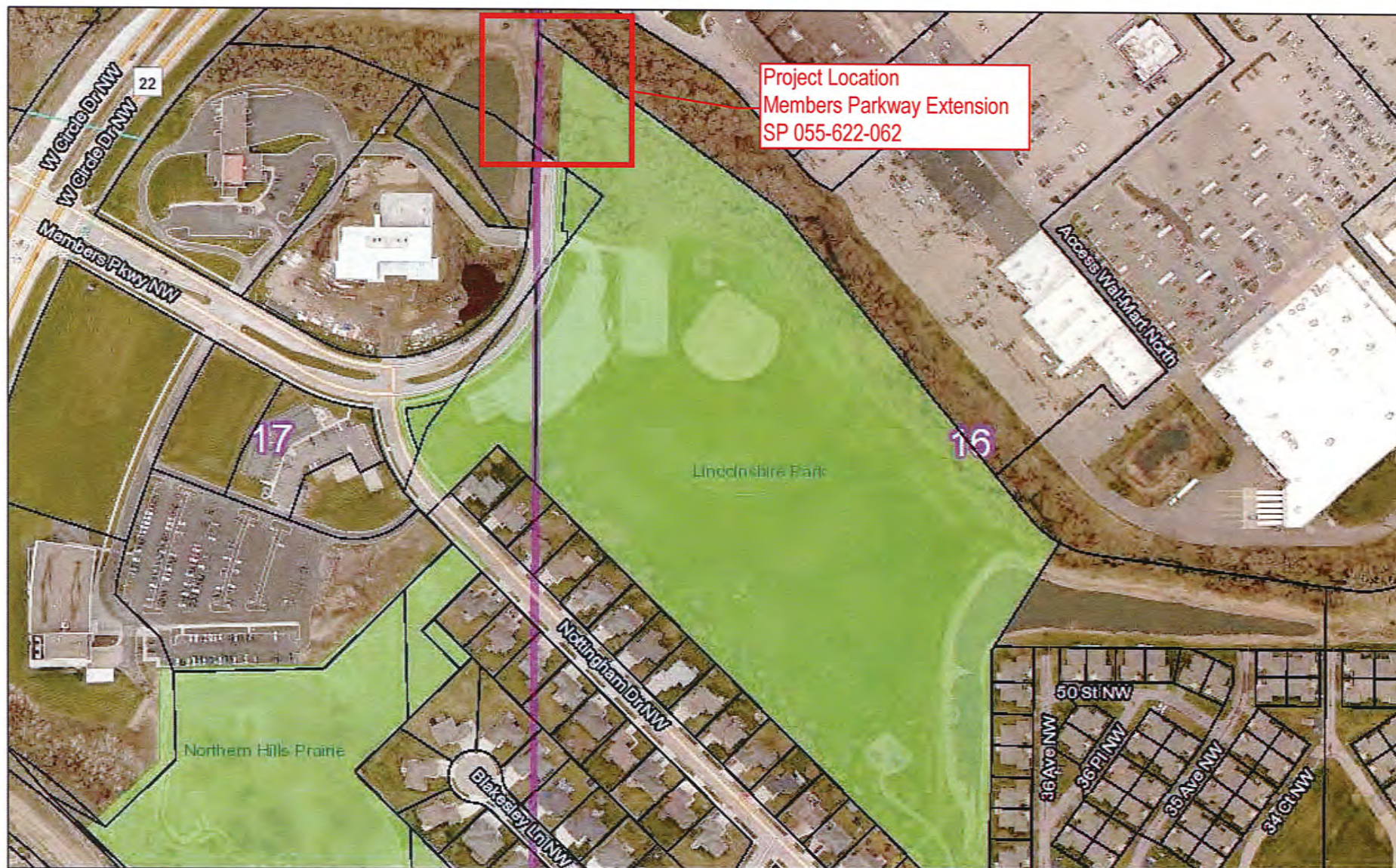
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Paul Widman, Director
Rochester Parks & Recreation

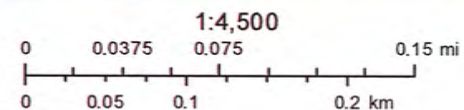
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Lincolnshire Park

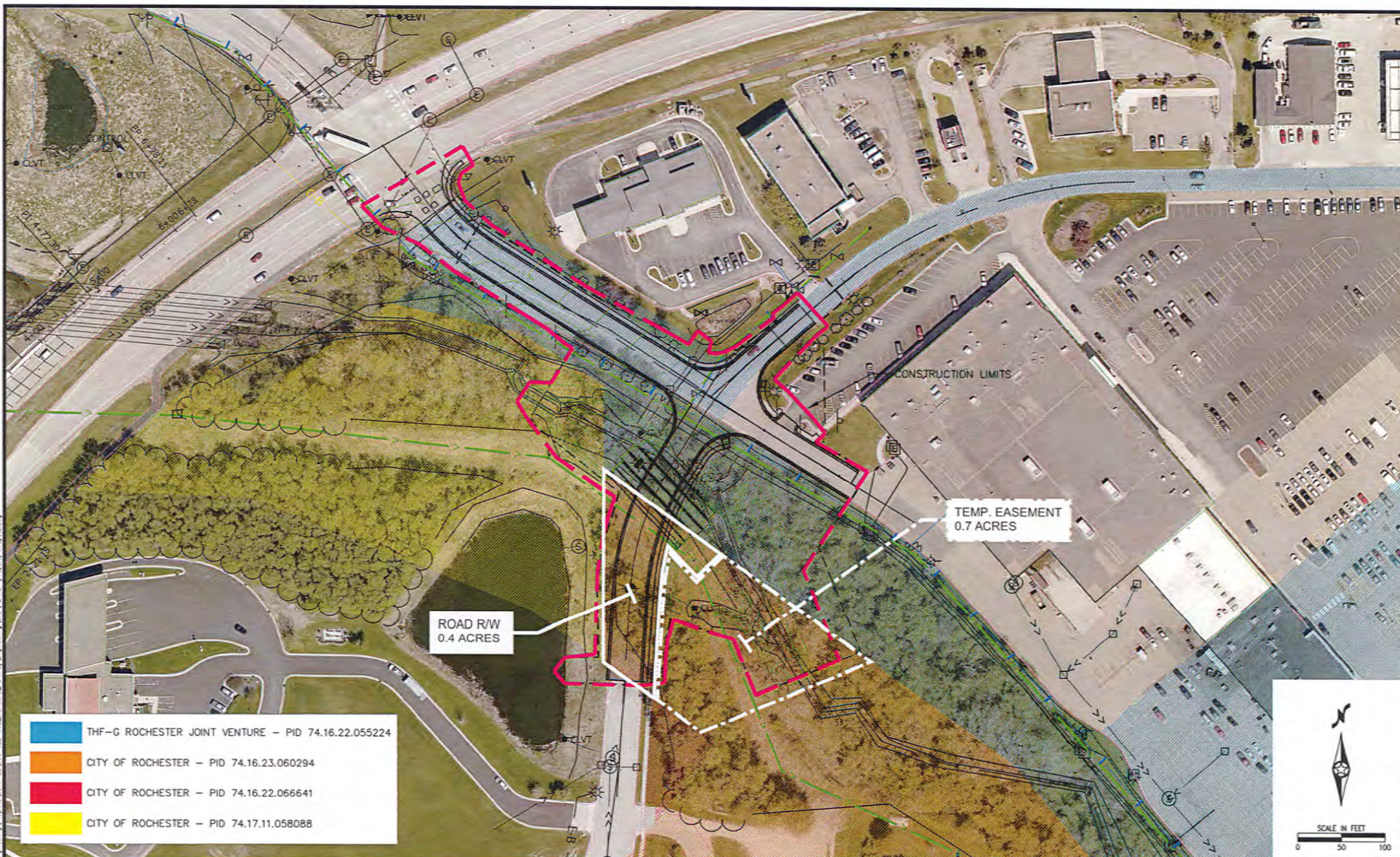


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

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION AND THAT I AM A DULY LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

SIGNATURE: _____

TYPE NAME

DATE: 
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OLMSTED COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS
2122 CAMPUS DRIVE SE,
SUITE 200
ROCHESTER, MN 55904

MEMBERS PARKWAY

PROPERTY IMPACTS

SHEET NO. 1 OF 1 SHEETS