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Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 12:04 PM
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Cc: Adam Tegen; Paul Braun; Brad Busse; Dan Koski ; Jill Erickson; Lynn Hoffman; Matt Smits; Mike Zimmer; Sonja Birr
Subject: RE: Michigan Avenue Trees - N. 13th to N. 18th St.
Attachments: Meeting Minutes 6-4-25.pdf; 25-0431 Proposed Reconstruction of Michigan Ave. - N. 13th to N. 18th St. - Trees and Design Issues.pdf; Letter to Property Owners on Michigan Ave. - N. 13th to N. 18th St. - Letter to Invite Property Owners to PI Comm. Meeting.docx

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Hi Eric,

First of all, we are going to be sending out a letter to these residents, hopefully today, to invite them to the October 1st PI Committee Meeting to talk about the project. I have attached the preliminary letter. We still need to verify if the meeting is at 5:30 pm or 6:30 pm and we need to update the zoom link.

When the PI Committee began discussing this street reconstruction at the June 4th, 2025 meeting, they agreed that they would like to see a consistent street width at 36 feet. I attached the memo that was sent to the PI Comm for the meeting (part of agenda).

The existing sanitary sewer was built in 1919 and 1921. The sewer is basically down the middle of the street as normal. It was relined in 2015 and 2016. We do plan to relay all of the sanitary laterals from the main to 2 feet behind the curb. Many of these laterals would likely be as old as the original mainline pipe.

There are only two short stretches of existing storm sewer, both on the south side of the street. The storm sewers were built in 1921 and 1938. We intend to upgrade and install new storm sewers along the corridor. I believe we will install the storm sewer under or near the south curblane.

The watermain is located in the roadway just south of the north curblane.

MPU plans to replace the watermain. There are also several lead water services that will be required to be replaced.

I have been in discussions with the Mayor and Attorney Eric Nycz about the project. It was suggested that we have a map that shows which trees would come out if it were to remain at 34 feet wide and a map that would show the trees to be removed for a 36 foot wide street.

There are **34 existing trees** along the reconstruction area. It is my understanding that the City already removed 2 dead ash trees. There are 4 existing stumps that would also be removed as part of the project.

Mike Zimmer looked at all of the trees and if we keep the street width at **34 feet, then 9 trees would have to be removed.** If we make the street width **36 feet, then 16 trees would have to be removed.**

Our surveyor, Mike Zimmer, also talked to Abe Butler, City Forester, and asked him to review the trees in this area. Unfortunately, he has looked at the trees along this corridor and has found that **20 of the 34 trees are being put on the City's 4D tree list**. So, this means that 20 trees need to be removed regardless of the street width that is picked (34' or 36').

We also have 4 trees that have existing sewer laterals or water services running next to or under them. These 4 trees would have to be removed in order to replace the sewer lateral or water service towards the home. These 4 trees are at 1614 Michigan, 1514 Michigan - East Tree, 1518 Michigan, and 1702 Michigan.

So, in summary, there are 23 trees that need to be removed whether we build a 34 foot street or a 36 ft. street.

We still need to make the 2 maps prettier and more clear and readable. I will send you the maps when they are completed. We will have these maps as part of the agenda I think and they will be at the meeting.

If we move forward with this project and remove trees, we will certainly have Abe come up with a tree planting replacement plan to replace the trees that were removed.

Hopefully, this information is what you were looking for.

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Dan and Greg,

I received a call about the anticipated reconstruction of Michigan Avenue East of North 18th Street. The concern is that the trees will be cut down and removed when the street is reconstructed. While this is nothing new, as we had recently seen on Waldo Blvd, I am looking for some more information that I can share back to the concerned property owners. Such as where the utilities are located, the age of the utilities, what the reconstruction of the street looks like instead of just an overlay. Basically, any justification for why the trees needs to be removed.

Let me know if you have any questions or have that information.

Thanks,

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