



Resolution No. 2025-46

Conducting a Public Hearing and
Ordering Traffic Calming Improvements
along East Danube Road

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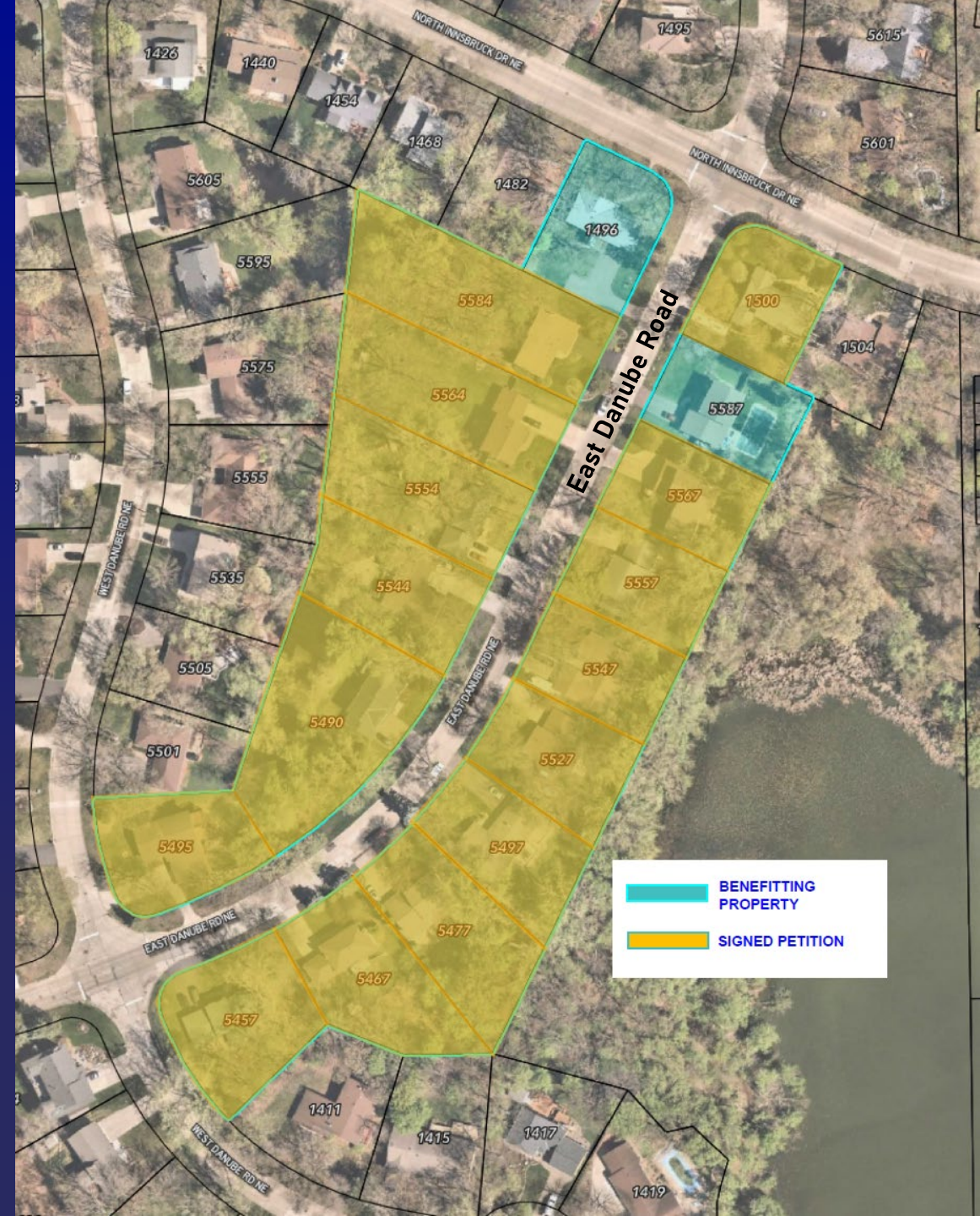


Summary

- The attached resolution requests that the City Council conduct a public hearing on the petitioned improvements and consider ordering traffic calming improvements with the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project.
- On January 27, 2025, the City Council received a petition for traffic calming improvements along East Danube Road in conjunction with the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project and ordered the preparation of a preliminary report on the petitioned improvements (Resolution No. 2025-05).
- An amendment to the project feasibility report was prepared by staff and received by the City Council on March 25, 2025 (Resolution No. 2025-34) in reference to said improvements.
 - The amended report concluded that traffic calming measures are warranted along East Danube Road and would be effective in reducing traffic speeds and cut-through traffic volume.
 - The report recommended the construction of a series of two (2) reinforced concrete speed humps and associated pavement markings and signage along East Danube Road from West Danube Road to North Innsbruck Drive for this purpose.
- Benefiting properties adjacent to petitioned improvements are subject to special assessment in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429.

Background

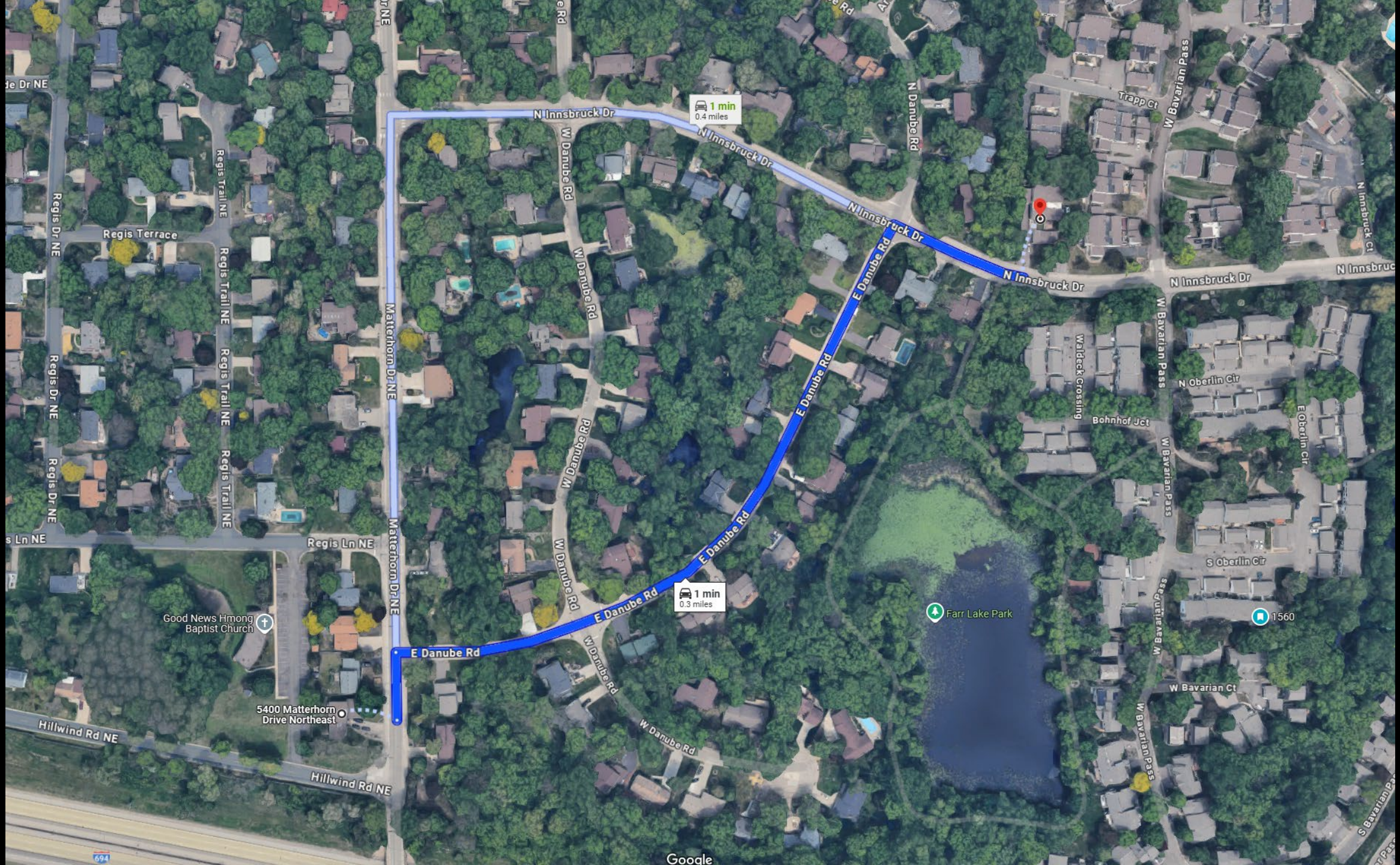
- During preliminary public engagement for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project, staff received comments of excessive traffic volume and speed along East Danube Road.
- An additional public meeting was held on December 18, 2025 with adjacent properties to review traffic data and discuss the matter.
 - While City-initiated traffic calming improvements are not found to be warranted, such improvements could be implemented provided they were desired by the adjacent properties and a need could be reasonably demonstrated.
- Petition received included signatures from 15 (now 16) of 17 property owners of record.
 - Following referral of petition, staff performed additional traffic data collection and evaluation.



Evaluation of Existing Traffic

- Additional traffic volume & speed data collected along East Danube Road, adjacent streets and intersections along the corridor.
- Existing traffic volume and speed along East Danube Road are high and reasonably undue when compared to adjacent local streets such as West Danube Road.
- Excess traffic volume can be partially attributed to cut-through traffic from Matterhorn Drive and North Innsbruck Drive, evidenced by turning movement analysis.
- Online mapping services (Google Maps, Apple Maps, etc.) currently route traffic along this street.

STREET SEGMENT	TRAFFIC DATA MONTH	AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC (VEH/DAY)			85 TH PERCENTILE SPEED (MPH)
		OVERALL	WEEKDAY	WEEKEND	
East Danube Road	July 2024	692	724	581	29
	September 2024	556	611	431	28
West Danube Road	January 2025	63	66	56	19



Evaluated Traffic Calming Measures

Staff evaluated a variety of common traffic calming methods and public suggestions from the December traffic discussion:

- Speed Humps
- Curb Bump-Outs/Chokers
- Medians/Road Diet
- Stop-Control Intersection Safety Countermeasures
- Partial/Full Road Closure
- Options evaluated based on their applicability to traffic conditions, estimated cost, construction considerations, etc.
- Note that City staff treats traffic calming and City participation with scrutiny and there must be compelling reasoning to implement traffic calming on a City street.



Concrete Speed Table (Madison, WI).

Traffic Study Conclusion & Recommendation

- Traffic calming study concluded that reasonably undue traffic volume and speed are exhibited along East Danube Road.
- Traffic calming improvements are warranted with a goal to reduce cut-through traffic and vehicle speeds along the corridor.
- **Staff recommends construction of a series of two (2) reinforced concrete speed humps** and associated pavement markings and signage along East Danube Road from West Danube Road to North Innsbruck Drive.
- **Preliminary Estimated Cost: \$29,675**



MATTERHORN DR

W DANUBE RD

N INNSBRUCK DR

E DANUBE RD

PROPOSED SPEED
HUMP LOCATION

PROPOSED SPEED
HUMP LOCATION

5411

5468

5495

5544

5554

5564

5584

1496

1404

5457

5467

5477

5497

5527

5547

5557

5567

5587

1500

Special Assessment

- Benefiting properties adjacent to the petitioned improvements are subject to special assessment in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429.
- While traffic volume & speed along East Danube Road do not meet warrants for City-initiated traffic calming improvements, there would be existing benefit to the corridor and regional traffic from such improvements.
- City participation is recommended due to the volume of cut-through traffic on this local street, largely a product of collector street geometry in this neighborhood.
- Staff recommends that costs associated with the proposed traffic calming improvements be equally shared between the City and seventeen (17) benefiting adjacent properties.
 - **Estimated Preliminary Special Assessment: \$875 per parcel**
- Authorization of traffic calming improvements under consideration tonight is independent of the paving project which was authorized previously by the City Council.

Funding Sources

- City participation to be funded by Traffic Safety Upgrades funds identified within the adopted FY2025 Capital Investment Program (CIP).

NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRELIMINARY ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION AMOUNT	2025 BUDGETED AMOUNT
1	Special Assessments	\$14,837.50 ^{1,2}	-
2	Traffic Safety Upgrades	\$14,837.50	\$35,000.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$29,675.00	\$35,000.00

- Special Assessment amounts are calculated need for Estimated Amount based on the preliminary estimated construction cost. Final Special Assessment amounts shall be based upon benefits calculated using actual construction costs.
- 17 parcels @ \$875.00/parcel ≈ \$14,837.50.

Payment Options

OPTION 1 – ONE-TIME LUMP SUM PAYMENT

- Full/partial lump sum payment within 30 days of the Final Assessment Hearing (October/November 2025) – min. \$100 amount

OPTION 2 – FINANCED PAYMENT

- Balance assessed to property taxes & paid over 10-year term with an interest rate to be determined by the Finance Director
 - ST2024-01 (constructed in 2024) = 4.90%.

OPTION 3 – PAYMENT DEFERRAL

- Senior citizens, retirees and individuals with a qualifying disability meeting certain criteria may request to have the assessment deferred. Interest accrues until the deferment is terminated.

Next Steps

- If the resolution for consideration is approved by the City Council, staff will incorporate the proposed traffic calming improvements with the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project.

ITEM	DATE
Project Q&A Meeting	April 14, 2025
Public Hearing on Improvements – East Danube Road Traffic Calming Improvements	April 14, 2025
Resolution to Council – Conducting a Public Hearing and Ordering Traffic Calming Improvements along East Danube Road	April 14, 2025
Construction	Summer 2025
Final Hearing (Traffic Calming)	October 2025
Notice of Assessment	October 2025
Assessments Begin (Payment Plan)	January 2026

Recommendation

- Staff recommends **a motion to**
 1. **Conduct the public hearing and hear all those who desire to address the Council regarding said improvements.**
 2. **Approve Resolution No. 2025-46 found on pages 96-97 of the agenda, Conducting a Public Hearing and Ordering Traffic Calming Improvements along East Danube Road.**

If Approved

1. The approved preliminary special assessments will be recorded as “pending” under County property records.
2. Staff will finalize the design and incorporate the improvements to the previously awarded 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project scope of work.
3. Staff will provide an update to project residents on the status of traffic calming improvements via the City’s project webpage and email outreach.

Thank you!

For more information and to sign up for project updates, visit the City's project webpage at:

www.fridleymn.gov/projects

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2025 Street Rehabilitation Project

Project type	Public Works
Project status/phase	Awaiting Construction
Project schedule	Spring/Summer 2025 - Fall 2025
Project area	Arthur Street, East Danube Road, North Danube Road, West Danube Road

The 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project includes concrete pavement rehabilitation and miscellaneous utility improvements across approximately 0.89 miles of streets located in the North Innsbruck Neighborhood of Fridley.

Current Project Updates

March 28, 2025

On March 10th, 2025, the City of Fridley awarded the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project to Ti-Zack Concrete, LLC of Le Center, Minnesota. The project will include concrete pavement rehabilitation, utility improvements and other miscellaneous work. The City is currently working with the contractor to develop a preliminary construction schedule. Additional information regarding construction scheduling will be provided via email and the project webpage. For additional information, please see the [official mailed project update \(PDF, 290KB\)](#).

The City's Engineering Division will also be hosting a project Q&A session to discuss the final project scope, construction impacts and coordination as well as answer any questions regarding the project:

When: Monday, April 14th; 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Where: Fridley Civic Campus, Council Chambers

7071 University Avenue NE, Fridley, MN

If you are unable to attend the Q&A meeting, please contact the City's Engineering Division at web-streetprojects@fridleymn.gov or (763) 572-3554 with any questions regarding the project.

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