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Memorandum

To: ***Mayor and Council Members***

From: ***Mike Nielson, City Engineer***

Date: ***May 12, 20104***

Re: ***Monthly Update***

WSB Project No. 2174-00

Safe Routes to School

We will be presenting a proposal for engineering services to complete the design and construction of the SRTS project on 2nd Street S. from Pinecone Road to 4th Avenue N. As reported last month the city received a grant to complete this project.

Park Improvements

Central Park

The Sanitary Sewer, water and electric services for the Central Park Concession stand and restrooms should be completed by Monday May 12th.

Sauk River Regional Park

We will be presenting the DRAFT parking lot plans to the Park Board at the next meeting. Although the council has previously discussed not installing sewer and water to this site and possibly providing a self contained prefab restroom, we wanted to provide cost esimates to complete the work prior to constructing the parking lot. Constructing the sewer and water after the parking lot is constructed would be more costly and difficult. A cost estimate will be provided for your consideration and discussion.

Rotary Park

Draft plans will be completed and presented with an opinion of probable cost to the park board for commnets.

Champion Field Restroom Facility

Staff prepared an opinion of probable cost to provide sewer and water service for a proposed restroom at the ballfield. This information was presented to the baseball association group. We are waiting for further information from the group on the timing of the restroom project.

Swimming Pond
Staff will be looking for direction on how to proceed following the presentation by Mr. Tom Schaffer of US Aquatics.

LeSauk Drive/ CR 1 Intersection
Staff met with the Stearns County Engineer regarding potential intersection improvements at this intersection in 2016. The intersection improvements may require modifications to LeSauk Drive to improve safety and traffic capacity. We will be meeting with various groups to gather input regarding potential changes.

LeSauk Drive – Overlay
Public Works staff spent two early mornings patching potholes on LeSauk drive this spring. We are recommending that some more permanent patching and a thin overlay be completed to improve the serviceability of this roadway to the business community inthis area and to reduce the staff time required to patch the roadwy until a permanent design solution is determined that will coincide with the proposed intersection changes scheduled for 2016 with the Stearns County Project.

2014 Seal Coat Project
The advertisement for bids was placed and bids will be opened for the Joint Powers Seal Coat project on June 2nd and preseted at the June council meeting for consideration.

Interesting quote
An article published in the American Public Works Association Reporter contained the following quote by Marshall Elizer, PE, PTOE that really summed up my philosophy and approach to engineering and public works.

"Sustainablitity in public works means seeking a balanced approach for a vibrant community today and tomorrow, and it is accomplished by the efficient delivery of infrastructure in an environmentally and socially responsible way that ensures the best economic choice in the long term."

I plan on attending the council meeting, however if you have any questions before the meeting please call me at 293-2989.