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**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**THROUGH:** City Manager  
**FROM:** Will Manchester, Director of Engineering  
**DATE:** October 19, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** Change Memo for October 19, 2015 City Council Study Session

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**Item 1 – Ridgedale Area**

The attached includes comments that were received following distribution of the agenda packet.

## Ridgedale Area

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PARTICIPANTS

3

TOPICS

15

ANSWERS

0

REPLIES

0

VOTES

## SUMMARY OF TOPICS

### STREETSCAPE/LIGHTING

 4 Answers · 0 Replies

Please provide feedback on the Ridgedale Area streetscape/lighting concepts discussed at the meeting.

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Oct 05, 2015 7:00 pm

 0 Votes

LED lighting and dark sky initiatives to be pursued to direct light where needed. Control light pollution.

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Oct 05, 2015 7:07 pm

 0 Votes

- Overhead power lines to be buried. - Lighting improvements on Plymouth Road up to I-394. - Will look at matching the aesthetics of the area. - Engineer's to determine lighting locations and spacing. - Looking for input on aesthetics and on feel of area to begin narrowing in on lighting fixtures.

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Oct 06, 2015 3:36 pm

 0 Votes

During the October 5 presentation, residents asked several questions. The previous two posts summarize the responses.

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Oct 07, 2015 3:02 pm

 0 Votes

This might be more detail than you want, but my two cents: flower baskets or nothing is better than flags. Don't like the green lights from the presentation on Winnetka Ave that were given as an example. Would prefer neutral color palate. Don't have a wood base due to weather and maintenance? I like the Modern style shown in the presentation, but I'm sure you will get many different opinions.

### DESTINATIONS

 4 Answers · 0 Replies

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Please provide input on other internal or external destinations for the Ridgedale Area pedestrian plan.

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Oct 05, 2015 7:15 pm  
👍 0 Votes

Some linkages/connections can be made in the short term; other connections may be long term and dependent upon future development.

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Oct 06, 2015 3:33 pm  
👍 0 Votes

A question was asked during the October 5 presentation regarding when connections can be made; the previous post was the response provided.

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Oct 07, 2015 2:47 pm  
👍 0 Votes

Essex Road sidewalks. I know this generates discussion. I am wondering if we know the actual cost because the cost I've heard from neighbors who have seen park board material seems low. Also, Loren Gordon and I had a discussion about this last year and he told me that Essex Rd. is similar to a project you did on another road in the city. He told me the road name but I can't remember it. He said it divided neighbors, some were pro and some were con. It might be nice to provide people with the name of that street in question so people who are thinking they want sidewalks on Essex Rd. can look at the similar street. And, clarify costs, etc.

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Oct 07, 2015 3:10 pm  
👍 0 Votes

Right now, it is especially hard to safely get to Bonaventure and the Mall when walking. It would be great if that can be corrected. Kids have jobs over there and sometimes need to walk.

## **CARTWAY LANE/RIDGEDALE DRIVE** 7 Answers · 0 Replies

Please provide feedback on the additional Carway Lane/Ridgedale Drive concepts presented at the meeting.

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Oct 07, 2015 2:53 pm  
👍 0 Votes

I want to thank the city for coming up with 3 new plans. They are much improved. I will add comments when I've had a chance to study them a little more, but thanks for the better plans.

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Oct 07, 2015 2:57 pm  
👍 0 Votes

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What will be the plan for bike traffic? On the road(s) or sidewalks around Byerly's, Target, Ridge Square N/S, Highland, etc. My husband works downtown and every day comes home saying he is surprised 10 bicyclists aren't killed/injured every day. How are we going to plan for and ensure a safe as possible environment for them?

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Oct 07, 2015 3:04 pm

 0 Votes

I would really be happy to see the November 12th (or whenever it will be) meeting mentioned on the front page of the November Minnetonka Memo.

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Oct 15, 2015 11:56 am

 0 Votes

My husband and I took a look at the plans. Comments on 7A. Trying to do too much at one intersection. Is the amount of curve designed safe for winter conditions? If we go with that plan, there appears to be wasted space in the NE corner. Would a gas station fit there?

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Oct 15, 2015 11:59 am

 0 Votes

Comments on 5B. Would a stop light be a consideration on the north side for cars entering/exiting the Byerly's/Target area? A lot of times we take a left at the stop sign exiting Target to get home and it's tough enough sometimes to do that and we think if there is no light controlling traffic coming that way, it might make that worse.

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Oct 15, 2015 12:02 pm

 0 Votes

Comments on 4. Is there room to fit a gas station (or something useful) on the East side where the old road land space would be? Like the idea of getting the traffic into Target/Byerly's quicker vs. 5B. 4 and 5B are our preferred options right now.

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Oct 15, 2015 12:03 pm

 0 Votes

Since we aren't road engineers, it would be great if staff/consultants could put together a pro/con list for each design to point out the things that we can't see because we are novices at this.