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Committee: Board of Public Works	Date: 2/22/2018
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Submitted By: Fred Abadi, Director of Public Works	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KL
Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BR
Subject: Recommendation to the Common Council regarding the construction of sidewalk within the Boundary Adjustment Agreement (BAA) area along Northview Road at no cost to property owners.	

Details:

The City policy requires adjacent/abutting property owners be assessed for the installation of the new sidewalks. As approved in the 2018 CIP Budget, Northview Rd. will be reconstructed from Tallgrass Cir. to N. Grandview Blvd. in the Spring/Summer of 2018. Many of the properties along this stretch were originally within the Town of Pewaukee and fall within Special Designated Area III described in the *Cooperative Boundary Plan Between The City of Waukesha and The Town of Pewaukee Waukesha County, Wisconsin* dated December 22, 1997. Prior to the expiration of the Plan on December 31, 2022, the City cannot require any property owners within the Designated Area, to install, pay, be assessed for, or maintain sidewalk until after December 31, 2022.

Currently the proposed plans for the Northview Rd. reconstruction project include only grading for future sidewalk installation along the properties within the Special Designated Area III so that the sidewalk could be constructed in 2023 and consistent with the City policy the cost assessed to the adjacent properties. Following the guidelines on the above Cooperative Boundary Plan, the property owners within the Special Designated Area III have submitted a petition (attached) in which greater than 51% of the property owners have signed, stating the following request:

“We, the undersigned, are property owners along Northview Rd and currently reside within Special Designated Area III described in the Boundary Adjustment Agreement/BAA, request the City of Waukesha pay for and install sidewalks along the Special Designated Area III along Northview Rad at the time of Northview Road reconstruction in 2018 with property owners willing to immediately maintain sidewalks.”

Options & Alternatives:

Option 1 – Install the sidewalk at City’s cost which is inconsistent with City policy.

Option 2 - Not install the sidewalk with the road reconstruction but install it sometime after December 31, 2022, at which time property owners could be assessed for the cost of installation and be required to maintain the sidewalk which is consistent with City policy.



Financial Remarks:

Option 1 - The cost to install the sidewalk is estimated to be \$185,000. This cost is not budgeted in 2018 CIP. Therefore, approval would require action by the Finance Committee and Common Council to modify the 2018 CIP Budget by increasing the budget for the project \$185,000.

Option 2 – No financial impact.

Executive Recommendation:

Recommend to not install sidewalks along properties within the Special Designated Area III with the 2018 reconstruction project at City cost, and to install the sidewalks after December 31, 2022, when the cost would be assessed to the property owners.