

Session Nine

Walking Tour of Excelsior Boulevard

Background Information

Scott Merkley, SLP Public Works Coordinator, Carlton Moore, SLP Superintendent of Engineering, and Maria Hagen, City Engineer of the City of St. Louis Park, will lead our tour. Scott will discuss the establishment of the Special Service Districts and how they're working. Carlton will focus on the project background and development, Hennepin County interaction, design and construction issues. They will also talk about the segment of Excelsior Boulevard that is currently being designed and how the city's efforts are promoting redevelopment along the entire corridor.

Excelsior Boulevard embodies various elements of CSD including:

- High level of streetscaping and aesthetics, installed to promote pedestrian use and accessibility
- Relatively high amount of roadway traffic, requiring a high level of design safety standards to protect both pedestrians and motorists
- Negotiations with Hennepin County regarding the roadway cross section
- Commitment by the city and community to long-term maintenance via the creation of Special Service Districts.