



White Bear Lake Area Schools

Independent School District 624

April 30, 2024

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for your patience as we've continued working on the White Bear Lake Area High School project. Things are shaping up nicely and we are excited to bring all students together at the site this fall.

We appreciate the discussion and input offered at the neighborhood meeting in December, which has informed the work that will begin on 8th Street, Division Avenue, and Highway 61 beginning in June. Below you will find a general description of the work to be completed. As the work continues, the contractor will provide updates to neighborhoods and specific addresses as needed and as possible. We will provide updates on our district website at isd624.org/about/building-our-future/project-updates-neighborhood

Project Background:

The high school project required us to obtain a construction permit that stipulated specific road improvements on Highway 61, 8th Street, and Division Avenue. This project is a collaborative effort between White Bear Lake Area Schools, the City of White Bear Lake, MnDOT, and both MN Commercial Railway and BNSF Railway.

All improvements address improved traffic flow and pedestrian safety. Here's a breakdown of the key improvements you can expect:

Highway 61:

- A new stoplight will be installed at Highway 61 and 8th Street.
 - Additionally, the queue area for northbound vehicles turning left onto 8th Street will be extended.
 - Closure of the southbound left at 7th St on Hwy 61 to accommodate the longer northbound left at 8th St.
- Crosswalks will be constructed across Highway 61 at 8th Street (both north and south sides) with improved sidewalk access. Railroad skirt will be replaced.
- At the intersection of Highway 61 and 7th Street, an island refuge will be added to the crosswalk on the north side of the intersection.

8th Street:

- The road will be widened to accommodate traffic. Parking will be limited to the south side of the street.
- A four-way stop will be added at 8th Street and Division Avenue.
- A sidewalk will be constructed on the south side of 8th Street from Highway 61 to Bloom Avenue.

Division Avenue:

- Dedicated turn lanes will be added for northbound and southbound traffic entering school parking lots to reduce traffic delays.
- A new crosswalk with a center refuge island will be built for safer student passage between the high school and the Center for the Arts.

Included in this mailing are drawings of the three elements of the project.

Work is scheduled to begin on June 10 and be completed by August 17, allowing for some weather related delays. Detour routes will be marked and will utilize 7th Street, Washington Ave, and Division Ave. More information will follow as we get closer to the construction start date.

We understand that construction projects can cause inconvenience and encourage you to call if you have any concerns or questions.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

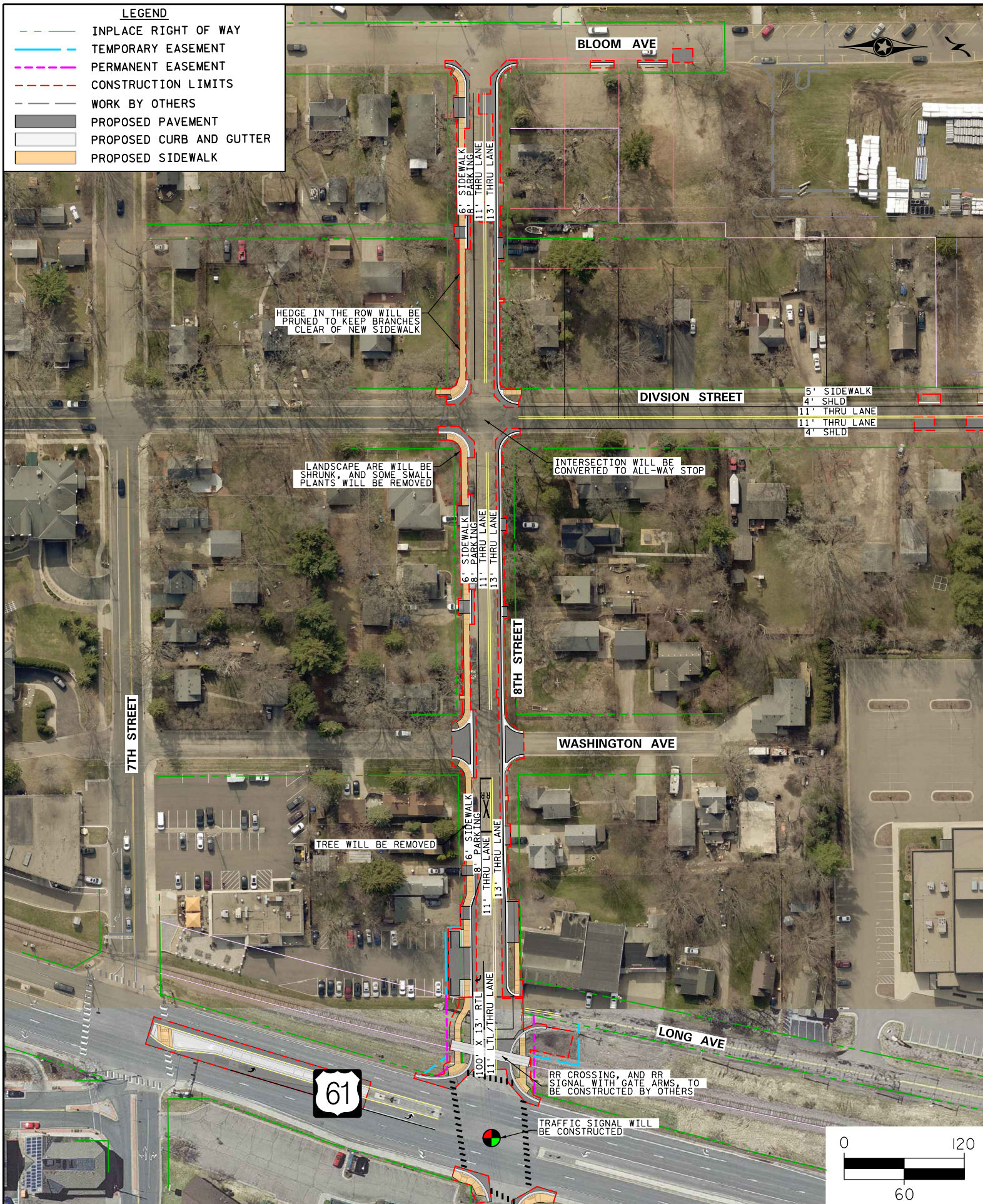
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tim Wald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tim" and last name "Wald" clearly distinguishable.

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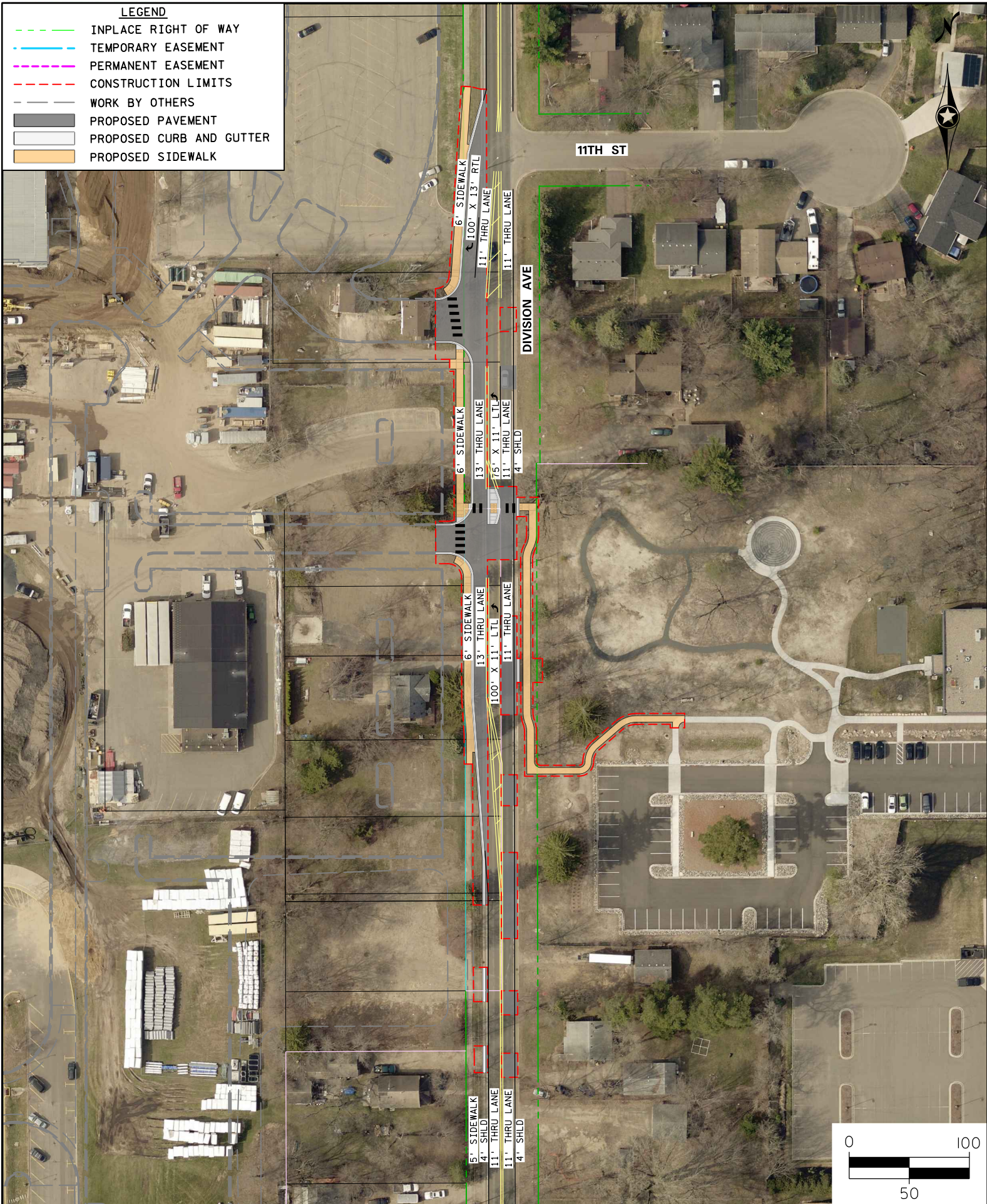
8TH STREET

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FIGURE C