

C. STRATEGY WORKSHEETS

The remainder of this plan consists of summaries of specific strategies, outlined to emphasize the "who, what, how and when" of each. CIDNA recognizes that not all strategies may unfold as currently planned, and that the final form of others is as yet unclear. For example, many traffic calming and traffic management strategies will require additional studies before specific actions can be undertaken. Funding for the later phases of some strategies will also need to be obtained. However, the strategies are intended as a starting point for this process of discussion and clarification.

1. GATEWAY SIGNS AND PLANTINGS

GOAL: Highlight neighborhood identity

OBJECTIVE: Identify entrances to neighborhood

STRATEGY: CIDNA will develop neighborhood gateways at the major entrances to the neighborhood. These will include:

- Dean Parkway at Lake Street
- Cedar Lake Parkway (southbound) near Basswood Road
- Dean Parkway at Lake of the Isles Parkway
- France Avenue and Sunset Boulevard (in the median just north of Lake Street)

Other possible locations are:

- Lake of the Isles Parkway at 28th Street
- Lake Street near Thomas Avenue (near the Weisman Enterprises building)

- All the parkway locations are on Park Board property, where no free-standing signs are permitted. Therefore, Public Works metal signs (on poles) will be used. CIDNA will provide plantings at some of these locations. At the France Avenue and Lake Street locations (Public Works right-of-way or private land), CIDNA will explore the possibility of wooden free-standing signs, surrounded by planting beds.

PARTICIPANTS: CIDNA
CIDNA Garden Club
Public Works Department

COST: **NRP: \$3,500** -- to cover approx. 10 metal signs, 2 wooden signs, site preparation
Cidna Garden Club: will contribute plantings around wooden free-standing signs
Public Works Department: will contribute the time needed to install signs

TIME FRAME: 1995-97

2. PARK SIDING IMPROVEMENTS

GOAL: Encourage families to stay in the neighborhood/make the neighborhood more child-friendly

OBJECTIVE: Improve neighborhood park facilities that serve children and families

STRATEGY: CIDNA will sponsor a park improvement plan to redesign and redevelop Park Siding Park as a true community center. The park is centrally located but difficult to access either by car or on foot. Access can be improved through development of the Kenilworth bikeway, and the park can be redesigned to meet many of the neighborhood's needs.

Components will include:

- New play equipment/renovation of play area
- Benches
- Picnic tables and grills
- A small picnic shelter or gazebo
- A "mini-arboretum" -- a grove of trees, labelled as to species
- Access improvements: a pedestrian crossing across the "Kenilworth Bikeway" will be designed, but cannot be implemented until all rail service ends. In the meantime, the bikeway itself will provide improved pedestrian access from Cedar Lake Parkway (see "Bikeway Development" below)
- Consider renaming park as "Cedar-Isles-Dean Park" or something similar

CIDNA hopes to reach agreement with the Park Board on a cost-sharing method whereby the Park Board's capital budget allocation for Park Siding (projected for 1996-2000) will be used for play area renovation and equipment, while CIDNA's NRP funds will be used for all other improvements. The goal is for all improvements to take place simultaneously.

PARTICIPANTS: CIDNA
Park Board

COST: **NRP: \$150,000**
Park Board: \$150,000 (in existing capital budget)
Private contributions: CIDNA will seek contributions from area businesses and homeowners' associations in the Calhoun-Isles condos/townhomes, residents, and other stakeholders.

TIME FRAME: 1995: Planning/Design/Fundraising
1996-98: Construction

3. OTHER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

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Park Board
CIDNA Garden Club
- COST:** **NRP: \$10,000** (covers 6 benches, water pump and related amenities such as signs)
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- TIME FRAME:** 1995-97

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4. SOCCER FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

GOAL: Encourage families to stay in the neighborhood/make the neighborhood more child-friendly

OBJECTIVES: Improve neighborhood park facilities that serve children and families
Provide multi-purpose area for active recreation

STRATEGY: CIDNA will contribute to the improvement of the soccer field on Lake of the Isles Parkway. A primary purpose of these improvements would be to provide a high-quality neighborhood field to replace the "Cedar Meadows" field, slated for conversion to a wetland. Improvements would include:

- Regrading and improved drainage
- Benches
- Lighting may also be included, depending on cost and neighborhood concerns (the intent is to avoid impact on nearby homes)
- A bulletin board to display schedule of games and other information

The Park Board is currently conducting a citywide study of playing fields. CIDNA will work with the Park Board to implement this study's recommendations regarding the soccer field.

PARTICIPANTS: CIDNA
Park Board
-Public Works Department

COST: **NRP: \$50,000**
Park Board: matching funds or in-kind services to be based on citywide field study results.

TIME FRAME: 1996-97

6. IMPLEMENTATION COORDINATOR

GOAL: Increase the neighborhood's sense of community

OBJECTIVE: Hold events and plan programs that will build community

STRATEGY: CIDNA will hire a part-time coordinator to plan and carry out events and programs and work on implementation of other aspects of this Action Plan. In addition to planning special events, the coordinator would be responsible for tasks such as:

- Neighborhood newsletter production
- Assisting with organizing for neighborhood planting projects
- Assisting with organizing volunteer groups such as a babysitting coop
- Acting as a liaison to agencies and other community groups
- Canvassing the neighborhood for new street light installation
- Referring residents to agencies, services, or other resources to meet their needs
- Arranging school tours and information meetings for families
- Setting up classes and workshops through Community Ed. or other sources
- Monitoring and keeping records of other NRP implementation activities

The intent of this strategy is to continue organizing the neighborhood and to continue supporting and encouraging current volunteer efforts.

CIDNA will also work with CCP/SAFE to organize more block clubs, McGruff Houses, and block club activities within the neighborhood.

PARTICIPANTS: CIDNA
CCP/SAFE

COST: NRP: \$45,000 (15,000/year for 3 years, \$10-\$15/hour)
MCDA Citizen Participation funding: ongoing non-target neighborhood support of approx. \$2,300/year will help to cover administrative expenses

TIME FRAME: 1995 - 1997

7. EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

- GOAL:** Increase the neighborhood's sense of community
- OBJECTIVE:** Hold events and plan programs that will build community
- STRATEGY:** CIDNA will organize, sponsor, or assist with events such as:
- Annual neighborhood picnic or ice cream social at Park Siding
 - Neighborhood clean-ups of parks, streets, open space
 - Garden Club events
 - Classes, workshops, etc. on topics such as sustainable lawn care, lake clean-ups, etc.
 - Community Ed classes
- CIDNA volunteers have already organized a spring clean-up, catch basin stencilling, and a garden club organizational meeting, and are planning a neighborhood picnic for the fall.
- CIDNA will also attempt to locate year-round meeting space within the neighborhood, possibly in Calhoun Village or another commercial area, for classes, meetings and other events.
- PARTICIPANTS:** CIDNA (implementation coordinator and volunteers)
Park Board
Minnesota Green
- COST:** Implementation Coordinator (see Strategy 6)
- **NRP: \$10,000** (\$2,000/year for 5 years) for program costs (mailings, flyers, outreach)
NRP: \$25,000 (\$5,000/year for 5 years) for meeting space
Private contributions: CIDNA will seek contributions of office space and/or equipment from Calhoun Village and Lake Street businesses
- TIME FRAME:** 1995 - 2000 and ongoing (regular or annual events)

8. COMMERCIAL AREA ENHANCEMENTS

- GOAL:** Increase the neighborhood's sense of community
- OBJECTIVE:** Improve commercial nodes and link them to the rest of the neighborhood
- STRATEGY:** CIDNA will work with owners of nonresidential properties to inform them of MCDA loan and grant programs available to them for property improvements.
- Calhoun Village: Pedestrian access from the neighborhood will be improved by creating a crossing of the Midtown Greenway (see "Bikeway Development" below). CIDNA will also work with the center's management to improve communication between businesses and neighborhood interests. For example, a CIDNA representative could attend tenants' meetings at the shopping center, and a business representative could attend CIDNA Board meetings. Calhoun Village should also be considered as a potential site for a small neighborhood office/meeting room, if space is available.
- PARTICIPANTS:** CIDNA
Calhoun Village management and businesses
MCDA
- COST:** Primarily covered by salary of CIDNA's Implementation Coordinator
Meeting space costs: see Strategy 7, Events and Programs
- TIME FRAME** -1995 and on-going

9. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES

- GOAL:** Ensure that property is maintained to the generally high standards found in the neighborhood
- OBJECTIVE:** Assist homeowners and rental property owners by providing information on grant and loan programs for property improvements
- STRATEGY:** CIDNA will review and implement various strategies, including:
- Volunteer inspection teams that can offer assistance to homeowners to solve housing problems
 - Working with housing inspectors to take a more proactive approach
 - Providing an information packet outlining MCDA grant and loan programs
 - Organizing a rental property owners committee
 - Instituting "Recognition of Quality" awards for well-maintained rental properties
- PARTICIPANTS:** CIDNA
MCDA
Housing Inspections
- COST:** Primarily covered by salary of CIDNA's Implementation Coordinator
MCDA: existing programs applicable to rental and single-family home improvements will be used.
- TIME FRAME:** - 1995: Planning
1996-98: Implementation

10. COMMUNITY PLANTING PLAN

- GOAL:** Improve the neighborhood's natural and physical environment
- OBJECTIVE:** Involve neighborhood residents in community planting efforts
- STRATEGY:** CIDNA, in conjunction with its new Garden Club, (now looking into affiliating with the existing Kenwood Garden Club) and with technical assistance from Minnesota Green, will develop a landscaping and planting plan for neighborhood parks and open spaces, to include:
- Ornamental (perennial and herb) plantings on boulevards, medians, and various parks
 - Community garden to provide renters, condo owners and other residents with the opportunity to grow vegetables and other plants
 - Composting site
 - Plant exchange
 - Educational programs
- PARTICIPANTS:** CIDNA
CIDNA Garden Club (with Kenwood Garden Club)
Minnesota Green
Park Board
Sustainable Resource Center
- COST:** **NRP: \$30,000** for a three-year contract with Mn Green (\$15,000 for staff assistance, the remainder for plants, materials and supplies)
This amount would leverage additional contributions in plants and volunteer labor (approximately 300 hours) by Mn Green and CIDNA Garden Club .
- TIME FRAME:** 1995-97 (contract)
ongoing volunteer efforts

11. STREET TREE REPLACEMENT/IMPROVEMENTS

GOAL: Improve the neighborhood's natural and physical environment

OBJECTIVE: Develop planting plan for street trees

STRATEGY: CIDNA will work with the Forestry Division of the Park Board to add new street trees to boulevards and other locations. As outlined in the Forestry Division's proposal, staff will develop a reforestation plan, plant trees and perform initial maintenance, and coordinate "Adopt A Tree" and educational programs. A reserve fund will cover replacement of new trees for first five years.

Initial estimate by Forestry Division includes:

16 balled-and-bagged trees @ \$90/tree
39 bareroot trees @ \$50/tree

Additional trees may also be needed along railroad lines (Kenilworth and Midtown Greenways), in Park Siding Park, and elsewhere (Phase II of project).

PARTICIPANTS: CIDNA
CIDNA Garden Club
Forestry Division, Park Board
Minnesota Green

COST: - NRP: \$5,500 (Phase I); \$5,000 (Phase II)
Any of these monies left over after trees are planted will be used for watering and maintenance as needed (Park Board will provide mulching, pruning, first two waterings at no cost).
Volunteer assistance (through Garden Club) with maintenance of trees in parks and public spaces

TIME FRAME: Phase I: Spring 1995

12. EDUCATIONAL/CLEAN-UP PROGRAMS

- GOAL:** Improve lake water quality
- OBJECTIVE:** Educate residents and promote their involvement in lake water quality improvement
Improve maintenance of parks and public facilities
- STRATEGY:** This strategy includes several low- or no-cost programs to improve lake water quality.
- CIDNA members have already participated in the "catch basin stencilling" program, stencilling "Do Not Dump, Drains to ____ Lake" next to catch basin grates in the neighborhood.
- CIDNA's NRP Environment Committee sponsored a spring clean-up of lake shorelines and other areas. Clean-ups of Cedar South Beach, through the Teen Teamworks program, have also been initiated.
- New projects may extend to actual lake clean-ups, shoreline erosion control through plantings, and possibly weed-harvesting. CIDNA will also sponsor workshops on sustainable lawn care and other landscaping techniques.
- PARTICIPANTS:** CIDNA
CIDNA Garden Club
Park Board
-Minnesota Green
Sustainable Resource Center
- COST:** NRP: \$15,000 for clean-up programs and plant materials (\$3,000/year for 5 years)
Volunteer contributions of approx. 250 hours/year
Park Board will assist with educational programs
- TIME FRAME:** 1995 - 2000 and on-going

13. WETLAND ENHANCEMENTS

GOAL: Improve lake water quality

OBJECTIVE: Support and enhance proposed Cedar Meadows wetland

STRATEGY: The Cedar Meadows wetland (a restoration of a previously existing wetland, now a poorly-drained field) is one component of a lake water quality improvement strategy developed by the Chain of Lakes Citizens Task Force. CIDNA will work with the Park Board to provide improved public access and interpretive materials at the proposed wetland restoration. These will include:

- A boardwalk or deck leading into the wetland (approx. 300 feet)
- Paths around the edge (paved or wood chip), linking to Cedar Lake paths (approx. 1,000 feet)
- Kiosk(s) with educational information
- Plantings of native wetland plants
- Bird houses and other wildlife habitat improvements

CIDNA will also sponsor educational workshops, nature walks, etc. for area residents, local schools, etc. on wetland functions and resources. CIDNA hopes to play a continuing role in the wetland restoration through membership on the advisory committee for this project.

PARTICIPANTS: CIDNA
Park Board
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
- other agencies

COST: NRP: \$50,000
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District: approximately \$886,000 is allocated for Cedar Meadows wetland and Minneapolis portion of Cedar Lake watershed.

TIME FRAME: 1994: Design
1995-96: Construction

14. TRAFFIC CALMING METHODS

GOALS: Keep commuter traffic and through-traffic on main routes and out of neighborhoods
Reduce traffic speeds and volume on the neighborhood's heavily-travelled streets

OBJECTIVE: Implement "traffic calming" techniques to slow or reduce traffic on busy streets:

STRATEGY: CIDNA will work with the Public Works Department to implement traffic-calming methods (as tested by Public Works) at several locations:

Speed humps: This device is a low, gentle hump that keeps traffic speeds below 20 mph. Locations to be evaluated for speed humps include:

- **28th Street** between Dean Parkway and Lake of the Isles Parkway: speed humps would be appropriate on this local street, which experiences heavy commuter traffic (petition by residents will be needed)
- **Drew/Ewing Avenues:** Speed humps on both these streets would slow speeding traffic going to and from Lake Street.
- **Burnham Road:** Speed humps would deter traffic from speeding on this curving, narrow road.
- **St. Louis/St. Paul Avenues:** Some residents point to increased traffic volumes and speeds on these streets.

Sunset Boulevard: "Necking down" the intersections (i.e., narrowing the pavement and creating parking bays), in conjunction with the proposed bike lane (listed under "Bike Lanes" below) would help to slow traffic and improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. Feasibility of creating a landscaped island at the Drew/28th Street intersection should also be studied. An island would help direct traffic across the intersection and would break up a very wide expanse of pavement.

Park triangle expansion: Study feasibility of extending the Alcott and West End park triangles into the adjacent intersections in order to increase green space and slow turning traffic.

Parkways: CIDNA is also concerned about traffic speeds, congestion and safety on the area parkways and recommends that traffic calming methods be pursued through the Park Board's comprehensive parkway study.

Regional traffic: CIDNA has contributed NRP planning funds to the

Hennepin Avenue Task Force for a study of traffic management and street design, and continues to be involved in this process.

PARTICIPANTS: CIDNA
Public Works Department

COST: NRP: \$75,000 for speed humps (\$4,500 each) and other traffic calming measures
NRP: \$8,000 to study Sunset Blvd. and park triangle improvements (Phase I)
Phase II funding: Public Works Department will seek city and state (gas tax) funding for implementation of improvements

TIME FRAME: Speed humps, traffic calming: 1995
Sunset Blvd. Phase I Study: 1995

15. PARKING STRATEGIES

GOAL: Ensure adequate and safe parking for residents and guests

OBJECTIVE: Increase parking options and ensure safety in congested areas

STRATEGY: CIDNA has already informed residents through a newsletter article about permit parking options for areas where this is desired.

Cedar Lake Avenue in front of Jones-Harrison Residence: residents have expressed a desire to eliminate parking on the south side of this street, to avoid conflicts with turning cars. This can be achieved by submitting a petition to the Public Works Department.

Xerxes Avenue: This street is lined with older multi-family buildings and has a chronic shortage of parking. CIDNA will work with Public Works to try to locate and develop some off-street parking in this area (which could also serve Park Siding users). This approach may require removal of a building.

PARTICIPANTS: CIDNA
Public Works Department
MCDA

COST: NRP: \$5,000 for Phase I study of Xerxes parking options.
(Phase II to be determined)

TIME FRAME: Cedar Lake Ave. signage: when residents submit petition
Phase I study: 1995

16. INTERSECTION STUDIES

- GOAL:** Improve traffic safety at "trouble spots."
- OBJECTIVE:** Redesign dangerous or confusing intersections
- STRATEGY:** CIDNA has been discussing potential solutions to specific safety problems at intersections with the Public Works Department.

France Avenue and Sunset Boulevard: This intersection was extensively redesigned in the past few years, but safety problems have continued. A stop sign is being considered by Public Works, and is awaiting approval by St. Louis Park. CIDNA recommends that studies and monitoring of this intersection continue until safety problems are resolved.

Sunset Boulevard/ Depot Street/ Cedar Lake Avenue/ Cedar Lake Parkway: This intersection is confusing and dangerous for both vehicles and pedestrians. CIDNA will sponsor a study to redesign this intersection, with the goals of:

- greater control and more predictability of traffic movements through the intersection
- providing safer pedestrian and bicycle access to Cedar South Beach
- providing safer beach parking if possible
- keeping all traffic at residential speeds

- Traffic patterns on St. Louis and St. Paul Avenues (which merge and intersect with Depot Street) should also be included in the study area.

PARTICIPANTS: CIDNA
Public Works
Park Board

COST: NRP: \$5,000 for Phase I study
Phase II funding: Public Works Department will seek city and state (gas tax) funding for implementation of improvements

TIME FRAME: Phase I study: 1995

17. BIKEWAY DEVELOPMENT/PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

GOAL: Improve pedestrian and bicycle circulation and safety

OBJECTIVE: Advocate for rail-to-trail development of rail lines (29th Street and Kenilworth lines)

STRATEGY: CIDNA will contribute 100 percent of the amount that the city is requesting from neighborhoods (part of the local match) for the Kenilworth bikeway and will work with the Park Board and Public Works to make it a neighborhood amenity. CIDNA also supports development of the Midtown (29th Street) Greenway.

Key elements for both bikeways would be development of pedestrian crossings that would improve circulation and eliminate current barriers. Crossings cannot be put in place until rail service ends, but they should be included in designs of both bikeways.

- Kenilworth bikeway: a crossing to Park Siding from Depot Street is needed.
- The existing crossing at Cedar Lake Parkway should be improved.
- Midtown Greenway: a crossing to the rear of Calhoun Village is needed. CIDNA will work with the residents' association of the Calhoun-Isles complex to ensure that this route does not infringe upon their property. It appears that the Kenilworth bikeway would provide the most direct route to the Midtown Greenway at the rear of the shopping center.

Note that if light rail use is planned, pedestrian crossings would need to be designed as underpasses.

CIDNA's contribution is contingent on development of neighborhood amenities to serve the Kenilworth bikeway. These may include:

- Restrooms (permanent or satellites) and drinking fountain
- Safety lighting
- Screening of adjacent homes with landscaping and/or berms
- Community garden site (near Depot Street crossing)
- Connections to other bike routes, including Sunset Blvd., Dean Parkway and Cedar Lake bikeways
- Bike racks at Park Siding

PARTICIPANTS: CIDNA Public Works Department
Park Board

COST: NRP: \$75,000 as part of local match for Kenilworth bikeway
Federal ISTEA funds for Kenilworth bikeway: \$484,000
City of Minneapolis: \$46,000 (part of local match)

TIME FRAME: 1995-97

18. BIKE LANES/BIKE PATH IMPROVEMENTS

GOAL: Improve pedestrian and bicycle circulation and safety

OBJECTIVE: Develop additional bike lanes and paths; improve existing ones

STRATEGY: **Sunset Blvd.:** CIDNA will work with Public Works to install a striped bike lane along Sunset Boulevard, which will connect to the Kenilworth bikeway (and from there to the Cedar Lake bikeway).

Other potential bike lanes that should be evaluated are:

- Burnham Bridge (both sides) -- the road is clearly wide enough for bicycles, and provides an important route to Lake of the Isles
- Lake Street (north side) -- a bike lane could help to slow traffic speeds on this very busy street

CIDNA will work with the Park Board to study and redesign the existing bike and pedestrian path system on Dean Parkway, connecting to Lake of the Isles and Cedar Lake. Goals of this project are:

- To link the Dean Parkway bike path to the Cedar Lake bike path
- To make the pedestrian and bike paths on Dean Parkway more clearly marked and easier to follow.
- To widen and, if possible, separate the pedestrian and bike path from Dean Parkway along the Kenilworth lagoon to Lake of the Isles. Both pedestrians and bikes currently share a narrow sidewalk.

Separating pedestrians from bikes may require additional bike lanes:

- Cedar Lake Parkway between Dean and Cedar South Beach
- Dean Parkway segment along Kenilworth Lagoon
- 28th Street between Dean Parkway and Lake of Isles Parkway (most direct route to Uptown)

Note that for any bike path or bike lane improvements, as with the new bikeways discussed above, CIDNA will work with the Park Board and other agencies to establish a design committee of neighbors and other interested residents. Each committee will play an important role in ensuring that the design has no undesirable impacts on neighbors.

PARTICIPANTS: CIDNA
Park Board
Public Works

COST: NRP: \$10,000 for Sunset bike lane
NRP: \$10,000 for bike path improvements
Park Board and Public Works: to be determined

TIME FRAME: 1995: Planning and design
1996-97: Construction

19. SIDEWALK INSTALLATION/BRIDGE RAILINGS

GOAL: Improve pedestrian and bicycle circulation and safety

OBJECTIVE: Complete "missing links" in the sidewalk system, improve sidewalk safety

STRATEGY: **Sidewalks:** CIDNA would like to see sidewalks installed in at least two locations:

- North side of Lake Street between Thomas Avenue and Lake of the Isles Parkway
- Sunset Boulevard between Chowen Avenue and Cedar Lake Parkway (on at least one side)

In each case, adjacent landowners must agree to maintain the sidewalk (snow removal, etc.). CIDNA will negotiate with landowners/businesses in each area (Park Board owns Lake Street land). The feasibility of a sidewalk on Sunset needs to be evaluated, since grade changes and curb cuts pose obstacles. It may be possible to widen the median or narrow the pavement to install a sidewalk. Installation will depend on feasibility, resident support, and availability of funding.

Bridge railing: The Lake Street bridge across the railroad tracks has raised many safety concerns because of the lack of guard rails on the sidewalk (the previous bridge had guard rails). CIDNA has received an estimate from Public Works for installation of a railing, and will contribute to the installation.

PARTICIPANTS: CIDNA
Park Board
Public Works

COST: Sidewalks: NRP: \$25,000 for Lake Street
Bridge railing: NRP: \$38,500 (approx. 50% of total cost)
Public Works Department will seek additional funding in 1996 Capital Improvements Program budget for matching funds

TIME FRAME: Bridge railing: 1996
Sidewalks: 1996-98

20. BIKE PATROLS/ BIKE SAFETY EDUCATION

- GOAL:** Improve pedestrian and bicycle circulation and safety
- OBJECTIVE:** Improve enforcement of traffic safety laws for bikes, motor vehicles and pedestrians
- STRATEGY:** CIDNA supports a citywide bicycle safety education program like the pilot project now underway in Uptown. Other potential actions:
- CIDNA will contribute funds for bikes to bring more police bike patrols into neighborhood
 - CIDNA will sponsor bike safety workshops for youth and adults
- Improving the existing bike paths, adding new bike lanes, and developing the Kenilworth bikeway will also improve bicycle safety.
- PARTICIPANTS:** CIDNA
Police Department
CCP/SAFE (bike safety programs)
Public Works
- COST:** NRP: \$1,600 for bike equipment, maintenance, safety education
- TIME FRAME:** 1995

21. STREET LIGHTING PLAN AND SURVEY

GOAL: Improve pedestrian and bicycle circulation and safety

OBJECTIVE: Improve street lighting

STRATEGY: CIDNA will work with the Public Works Department to:

- Identify areas needing street or alley lights
- Develop a plan for ornamental street lighting, including locations and costs.
- Survey neighborhood residents to determine whether support for ornamental lighting exists in all or part of the neighborhood

Advantages of ornamental lighting include the placing underground of on-street electrical wiring, reduction of glare into second story windows, and a generally improved streetscape. However, residents must agree to lighting assessments (\$.33 per square foot of lot area, assessed over 20 years). CIDNA will consider using NRP funds as a match, up to the maximum 25% allowed under the program, if residents agree to an assessment of the remaining 75%.

If the entire CIDNA neighborhood received streetlights, total cost would be \$1.3 million, of which NRP could contribute up to 25 percent, or \$325,000. We recognize, however, that it is highly unlikely that all blocks in the neighborhood will wish to participate. Streets where ornamental lighting would be a priority are the main collector streets and those that act as "gateways" to the neighborhood:

- France Avenue
- Sunset Boulevard
- Cedar Lake Avenue
- Lake Street (north side)

(The parkways already have park system lighting.) Therefore, CIDNA would set aside a maximum of \$125,000, in order to concentrate on these high-priority streets. If these funds are not exhausted, other streets might be covered as well. If ornamental lighting is not approved by residents, CIDNA will work to have conventional lights installed in low-light areas, and to improve alley lighting.

PARTICIPANTS: CIDNA
Public Works Department

COST: NRP: up to \$125,000
75 percent match to be provided by residents

TIME FRAME: Plan: 1994, Survey: 1995
Construction (if approved): 1996-97

22. TRANSIT STUDY

- GOAL:** Reduce traffic speeds and volume on the neighborhood's heavily-travelled streets
Improve traffic and pedestrian safety
- OBJECTIVE:** Assess the adequacy and frequency of transit service to ensure that it meets passenger needs without contributing to congestion on residential streets.
- STRATEGY:** About a quarter of survey respondents used transit regularly, and had many comments on number of buses, bus shelter improvements, and quality of service (see Appendix II). Residents have also commented on the large number of buses on certain streets, such as Cedar Lake Avenue. CIDNA will work with the Public Works Department to study the bus routes that serve the neighborhood: frequency of service, ridership, locations of bus routes, bus shelter locations, and other relevant issues. This study may result in changes to existing bus routes, improvements to shelters, and so on.
- PARTICIPANTS:** CIDNA
Public Works Department
- COST:** **NRP: \$2,500**
Public Works: as with other traffic studies to be done by consultants, Public Works will assign a staff person to work with the neighborhood and monitor the project.
- TIME FRAME:** 1995 (study), follow-up timing to be determined

**CIDNA NRP
REVISED PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

1. Gateway signs and plantings	3,500
2. Park Siding improvements	150,000
3. Other park improvements	10,000
4. Soccer field improvements	50,000
5. Neighborhood Early Learning Center	50,000
6. Implementation Coordinator	45,000
7. Events and Programs	10,000
7a. Community meeting space	25,000
8. Commercial Area Enhancements	n/a
9. Property Maintenance Assistance	n/a
10. Community Planting Plan	30,000
11. Street Tree Replacement	10,500
12. Educational/Clean-up Programs	15,000
13. Wetland Enhancements	50,000
14. Traffic Calming	
speed humps, etc.	75,000
Phase I study of Sunset Blvd.	8,000
15. Parking strategies (Phase I)	5,000
16. Intersection studies (Phase I)	5,000
17. Bikeway development	75,000
18. Bike lanes/bike path improvements	20,000
19. Sidewalk installation	25,000
Bridge railing	38,500
20. Bike patrols/safety education	1,600
21. Street lighting plan	125,000
(represents 25% of total from NRP)	
22. Transit study	2,500
TOTAL	\$829,600