



Richfield City Council Agenda

December 9, 2025 -- 6:15 PM

**Richfield Municipal Center
Council Chambers
6700 Portland Avenue South**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Item Discussion**
 - a. Discuss Proposed Public Works Storage Site at Diagonal Boulevard and Cedar Avenue South.**
- 3. Adjournment**

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Department Director:
Kristin Asher, Public Works Director

Item for Consideration:
Discuss Proposed Public Works Storage Site at Diagonal Boulevard and Cedar Avenue South.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- At present, Public Works utilizes space at Taft Lake, the MnDOT Facility and the Public Works Maintenance Facility for temporary storage of tree trunks, water mainbreak material, streetlights, bulky items, salt, and other miscellaneous materials.
- Public Works staff must vacate the temporary storage area located near the southeast corner of Taft Lake in the near future.
- MnDOT has indicated their intent to terminate the existing salt storage arrangement they have with Public Works at the Cedar Avenue MnDOT facility, which will necessitate a new salt storage solution.
- Public Works does not have enough storage capacity at the Maintenance Facility to absorb the loss of the Taft Lake site or the arrangement with MnDOT.
- The City recently acquired a parcel of land near Diagonal Boulevard and Cedar Avenue South from MnDOT at no cost to the City with the intent of constructing a new Public Works Storage Site.
- Public Works staff have worked with a consultant to develop preliminary design plans for the storage site and are seeking feedback from City Council regarding the proposal.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Review and discuss the proposed Public Works storage site at Diagonal Boulevard and Cedar Avenue South. Staff is seeking direction to move forward with the proposed storage site plan.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

EQUITABLE OR STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS OR IMPACTS

POLICIES (RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS, STATUTES, ETC.)

CRITICAL TIMING ISSUES

FINANCIAL IMPACT

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION(S)

ATTACHMENTS

1. PW Storage Site Concept

PW Storage Facility

Kristin Asher—Public Works Director
Chris Link—Deputy Public Works Director

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Existing and proposed PW Storage Sites



Current Public Works Storage Locations

- Taft Lake
- PW Facility
- MnDOT Salt Storage



Shortcomings of Current Storage Solutions

- Taft Park (not in Richfield)
 - Encroaching on Private Property
 - Wetland Delineation
- PW Facility Site Storage
 - MnDOT location filled needs
 - Site alone does not meet needs
- MnDOT Agreement (non-renewal)



Secured site north of Diagonal/TH77 Ramp

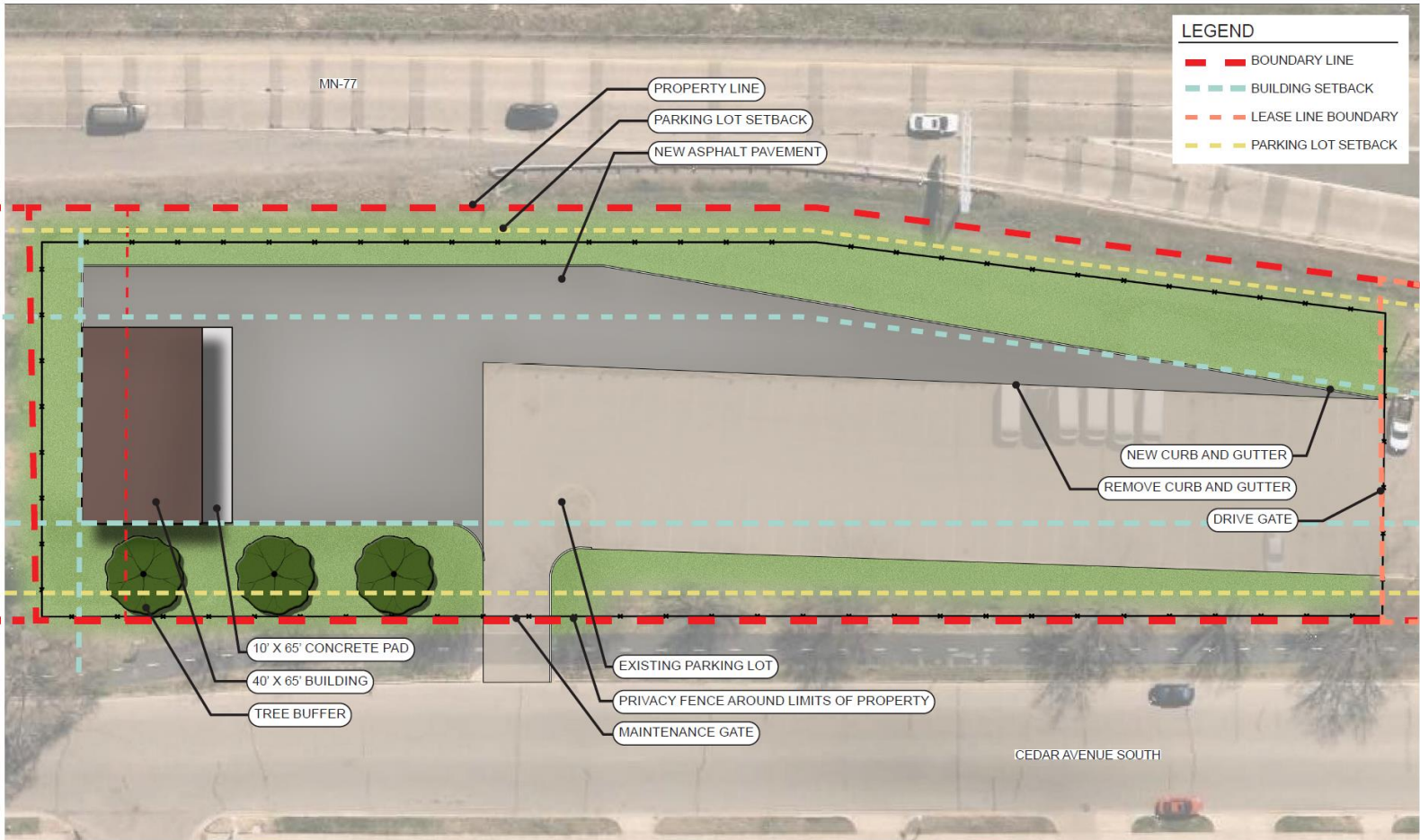
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- Location/ease of access
- Subject to MAC Zoning



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Diagonal Boulevard Parcel

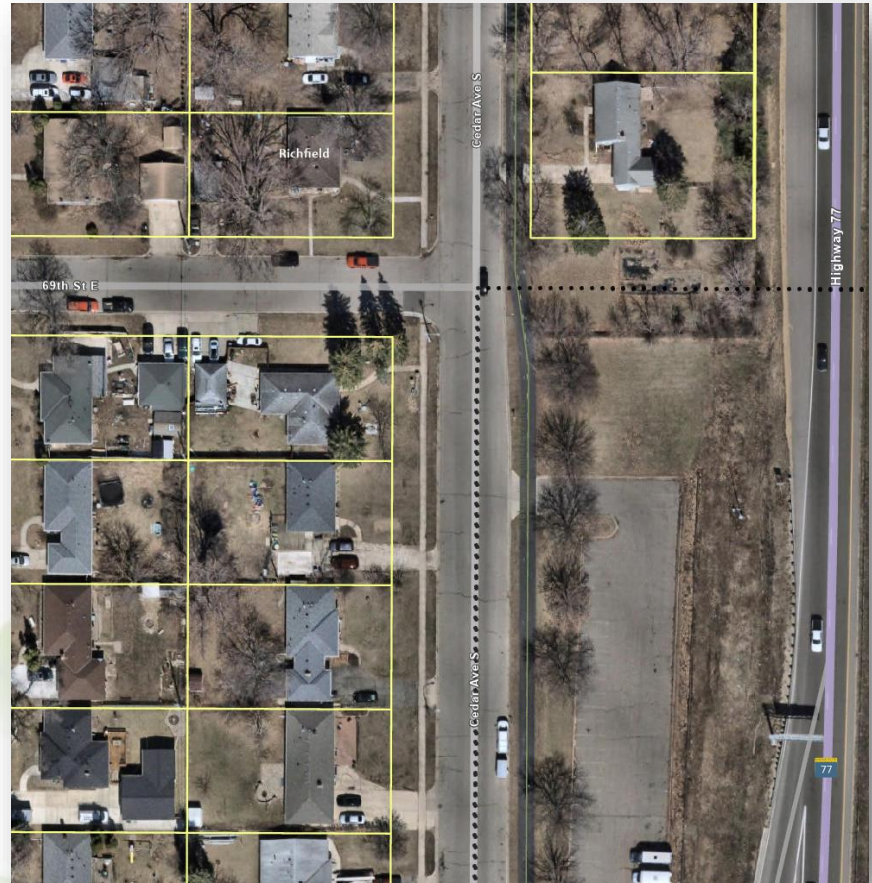
Richfield, Minnesota

November 6, 2025 | WSB Project number: 029048-000



Neighbor Impacts

- Site uses
- Trucks/day
- Screening/Trees



Budget & Schedule



\$1,750,000 Estimate

- \$700,000 – storage building
- \$200,000 – *potential* stormwater requirements
- \$850,000 – construction costs
- No Utilities (water, sewer, lighting)

Funding Sources

- \$650,000 Capital Reserve Fund or Bonds
- \$500,000 Utilities (Water, Sewer, Storm)
- \$325,000 Franchise Fee

2026 CIP Budget \$1,475,000