MEMORANDUM
Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: November 5, 2026
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: City of Forest Lake Road Improvement Funding Application Letter of Support



District Wide

Background/Discussion:
The City of Forest Lake is preparing an application for the 2026 Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) and has requested a letter of support for the 12th Street SW Reconstruction Project & Safety Improvements.

The proposed project includes the full reconstruction of 12th Street SW between CSAH 32 (11th Avenue SW) and CSAH 2 (West Broadway Avenue), along with improvements to intersecting local roads. Planned improvements include roadway reconstruction, access management, storm sewer replacement, replacement of roadway signs and pavement markings, ADA-compliant pedestrian upgrades, and evaluation of intersection improvements such as a traffic signal or roundabout. The project is intended to improve safety, mobility, accessibility, and traffic operations along a major collector corridor that serves Forest Lake's commercial area, functions as an alternate emergency access route, and carries approximately 13,000 vehicles per day as a reliever route to Interstate 35.

Recommended Action:
Proposed Motion: Manager _____ moves to authorize Vice President Schottmuller to sign a letter of support for the City of Forest Lake 2026 Local Road Improvement Program application. Seconded by Manager _____.

Attached:
Project Area Map
Letter of Support

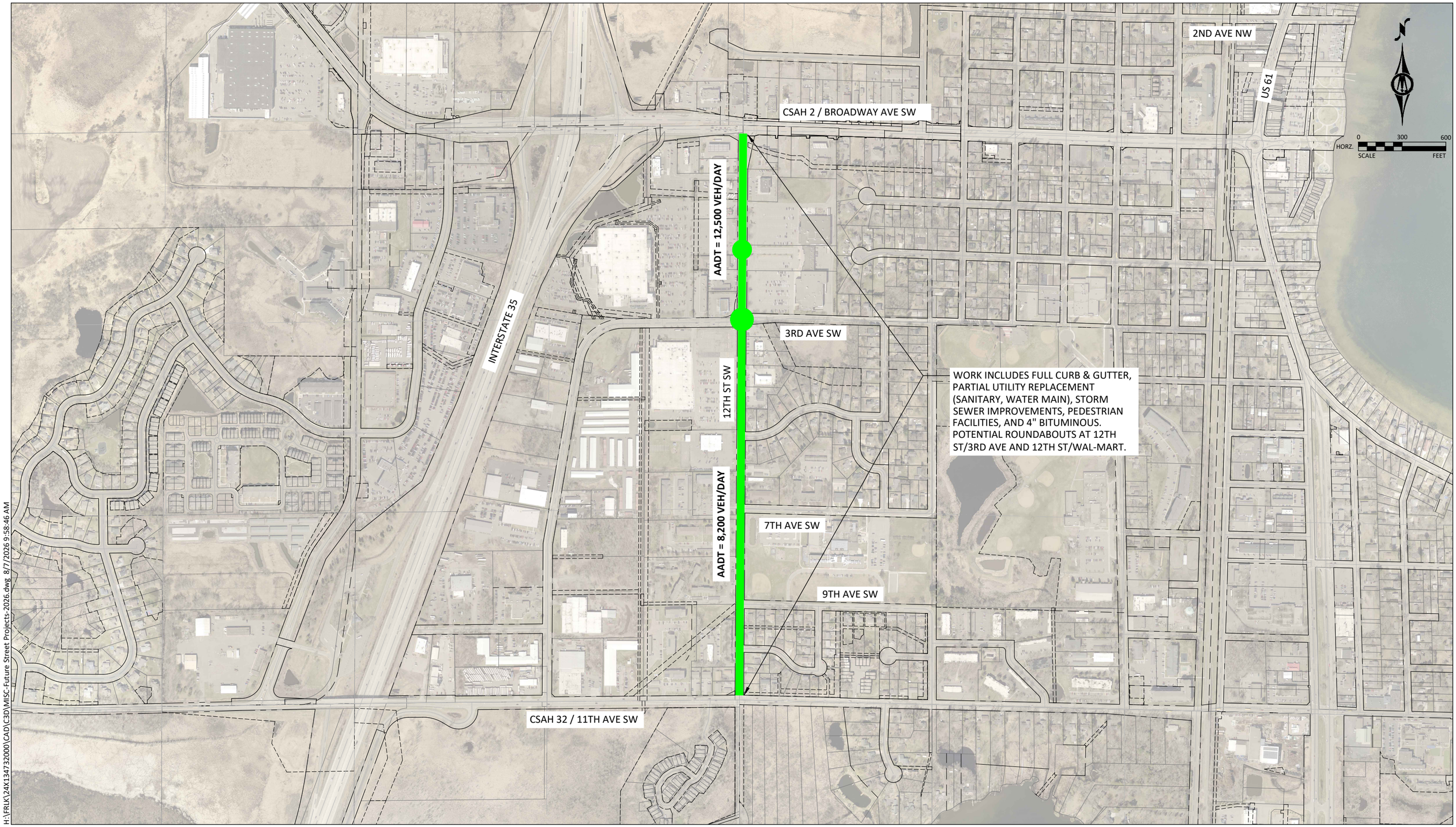
12th Street SW - Full Reconstruction

City of Forest Lake, Minnesota

Location Map

August 2026

Forest Lake
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November 10, 2026

Attn: Rashmi Brewer
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RE: Support for the City of Forest Lake's 2026 LRIP Application

Dear Ms. Brewer:

On behalf of the Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District, I am writing to support the City of Forest Lake's application to the 2026 Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) for the 12th Street Reconstruction Project. The District supports this project because of the stormwater improvements it will bring to the corridor.

The City has already acquired parcels along the corridor to expand stormwater retention. This is an important step. It gives the project the space it needs to capture and treat runoff before it leaves the site. The existing 12th Street corridor is aging and in poor condition, and it does not manage runoff effectively. The reconstruction will replace it with a modern system that is better able to hold, slow, and treat stormwater.

These improvements will have a meaningful, positive effect on water quality. Runoff from this corridor drains toward Comfort Lake. Better stormwater management here means less pollution reaching these lakes and benefits the greater watershed district as well.

LRIP funding would help the City deliver this reconstruction, planned for 2029, and the water quality benefits that come with it. The District respectfully asks for your favorable consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Jim Schottmuller, CLFLWD Vice President
Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Jim Schottmuller, Vice President ○ Dave Bakke, Secretary ○ Doug Toavs, Assistant Treasurer
Blake Roberts, Manager ○ Ted Hansen, Manager