



STREETS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM

Prepared By: <i>Allie Polsfuss, City Administrator</i>	Meeting Date: <i>February 16, 2026</i>	Item Name: <i>Buschmann Road Update</i>
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Project engineer, Kevin, and I met with State Aid representatives towards the end of 2025 to discuss the LRIP grant process and its impact on the Buschmann Road project. They advised that it is likely we won't know whether the grant is awarded until late April or early May (we were originally told March). As a result, this shifts our bidding timeline, as we are unable to advertise the project until funding is confirmed due to bid advertisement requirements tied to LRIP funding.

The grant application has already been submitted, and this delay affects only the bidding and overall project timeline.

Updated Project Timeline:

- Await LRIP award announcement (late April / early May).
- Advertise for bids in May.
- Award bids in June/July.
- Begin construction in July 2026.
- Final completion in July 2027.

Potential Outcomes:

1. If LRIP funding is awarded:
 - Proceed with the schedule above using grant funding.
2. If LRIP funding is not awarded:
 - If bids are favorable, proceed with schedule without grant funding.
 - If bids are unfavorable, reject all bids and re-advertise the project in early 2027.

Although this timeline is not ideal, staff is fairly confident that bidding in May will still produce favorable results.