



**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING**

<b>AGENDA SECTION</b>	WORK SESSION
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	MAY 4, 2026

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>Update on 2026 Street Program – Municipal State Aid (MSA) Street Mill &amp; Overlay Project. (15 Minutes)</b>		
<i>Presenting Item: Rochelle Widmer, Director of Engineering and Facilities</i>			
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Engineering		<b>BY/DATE:</b> Rochelle Widmer / April 29, 2026	
<b>CORE CITY STRATEGIES:</b> <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		<input type="checkbox"/> Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
<input type="checkbox"/> High Quality Public Spaces		<input type="checkbox"/> Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		<input type="checkbox"/> Inclusive and Connected Community	

**BACKGROUND**

For 2026, the Street Rehabilitation Program will focus on Municipal State Aid (MSA) streets in the southeast and northeast quadrants of Columbia Heights. The City will select a contractor to perform a mill and overlay on approximately 2 miles of bituminous pavement. We anticipate the construction costs of this rehabilitation work will total around \$975,000. A portion of the funding for the project will come from State Aid funds and additional funds will be from the citywide street infrastructure levy.

To determine the project locations for 2026, City staff completed pavement condition assessments for all eligible MSA streets in Columbia Heights. A mill and overlay project is a cost-effective road rehabilitation technique that involves removing the top layer of damaged bituminous material (asphalt) through a milling process and replacing it with a new layer in the form of an overlay. As some streets in the MSA system require more extensive replacement work, the streets selected for this project qualified for a pavement rehabilitative treatment such as a mill and overlay. To avoid major disruptions across the City and any interference with other concurrent roadway projects, the City opted to focus on the northeast and southeast quadrants. City staff also took proposed future roadway reconstruction projects into consideration when choosing the 2026 project locations.

The City selected Bolton & Menk as the engineering consultant for the project in February 2026. Bolton & Menk is currently finalizing the design phase. In early May 2026, we will receive the finalized construction plans from Bolton & Menk for Council to approve and authorize bids. The contract will be awarded in June 2026 with construction starting in July 2026. We anticipate reaching substantial completion by October 2026.

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS**

At this time, City staff would like to present the proposed project locations.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Requested Council Action/ Discussion Topics / Key Questions**

*(Briefly state the specific action staff is requesting of the City Council, if any. For example: provide direction, discuss options, or review information.)*

Staff request that council receive updates on the status of the 2026 Street Program – Municipal State Aid Street Mill & Overlay project.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

2026 Mill & Overlay MSA Project Map