



Department Head Report

**Engineering / Public Works
Department**

September 28, 2026

GRAND RAPIDS

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Engineering Department Details

Staffing

Aurimy Groom, Clerical (shared employee with Community Development)

Dominic DeGuisseppi, Engineering/Public Works Tech; Stormwater Specialist

Matt Wegwerth, Public Works Director / City Engineer

Offices

Engineering / Stormwater Staff – City Hall

Public Works Staff – Public Works Service Center

Matt – Public Works Service Center

Permit Overview

Right of Way Permits

- **66 permits - 2026**
- 148 permits - 2025
- 133 permits - 2024
- 116 permits – 2023
- 172 permits – 2022

Stormwater Permits

- **47 permits - 2026**
- 51 permits - 2025
- 33 permits - 2024
- 38 permits – 2023
- 39 permits – 2022

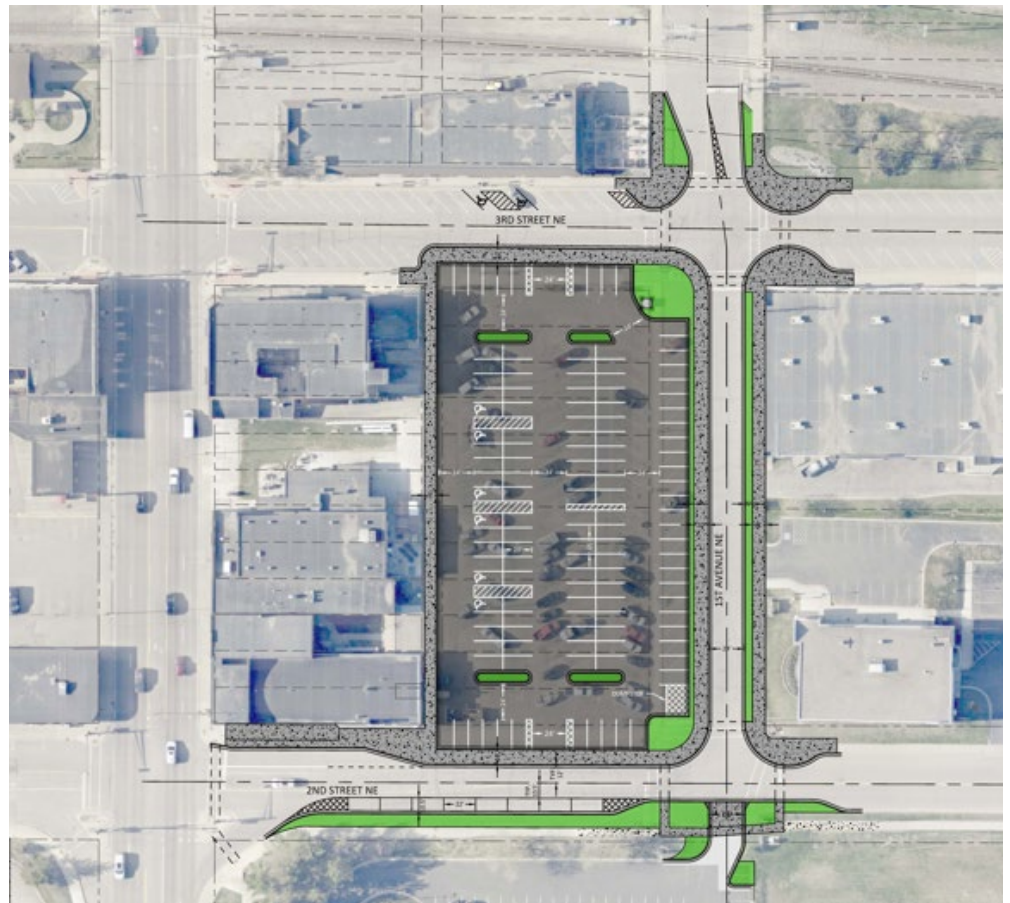
* All permits can be applied for online



Engineering Projects

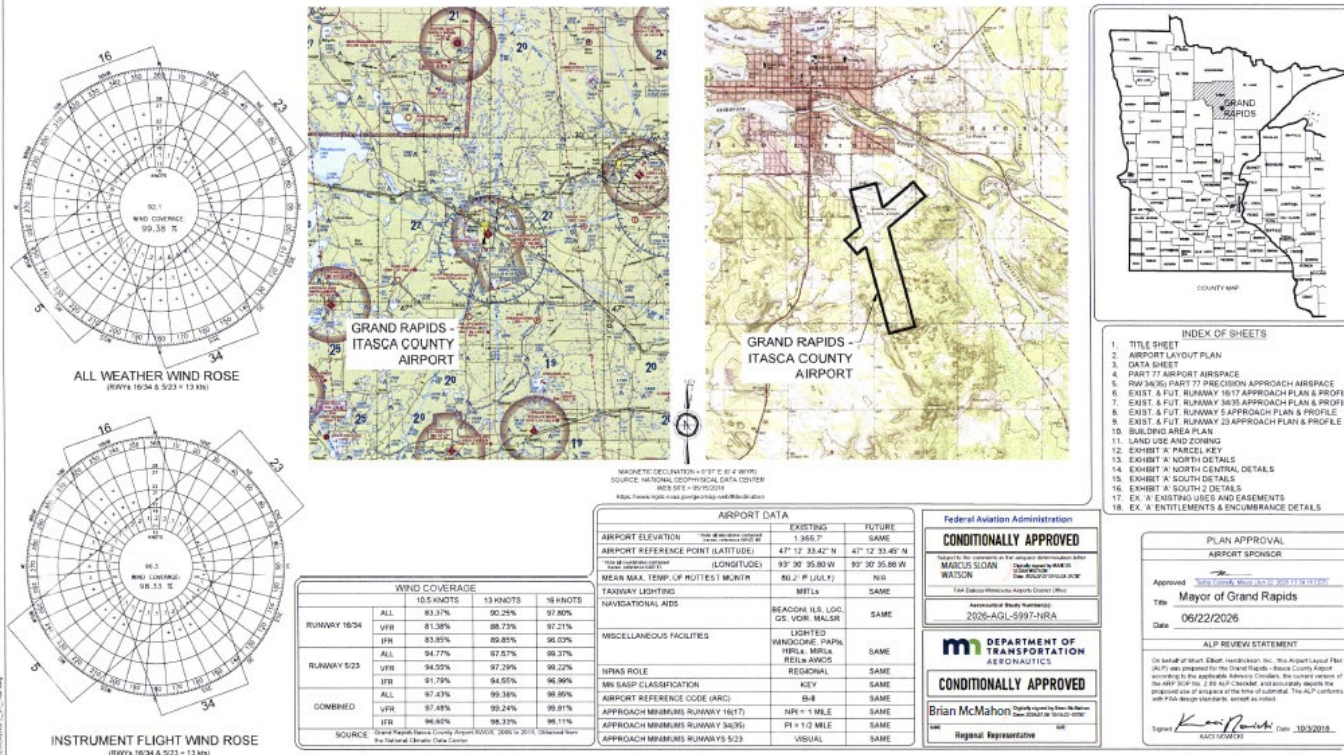
Block 19 Parking Lot Improvements

- Currently in Design Phase
- Construction planned in 2027



Grand Rapids / Itasca County Airport

AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN GRAND RAPIDS - ITASCA COUNTY AIRPORT GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA APRIL 2, 2026





Airport Projects

**Taxilane Extension
(2027 construction)**

**Taxiway A North
Reconstruction – Ph 2
(2027 construction)**

**Taxiway A South
Reconstruction – Ph 1
(2026 construction)**



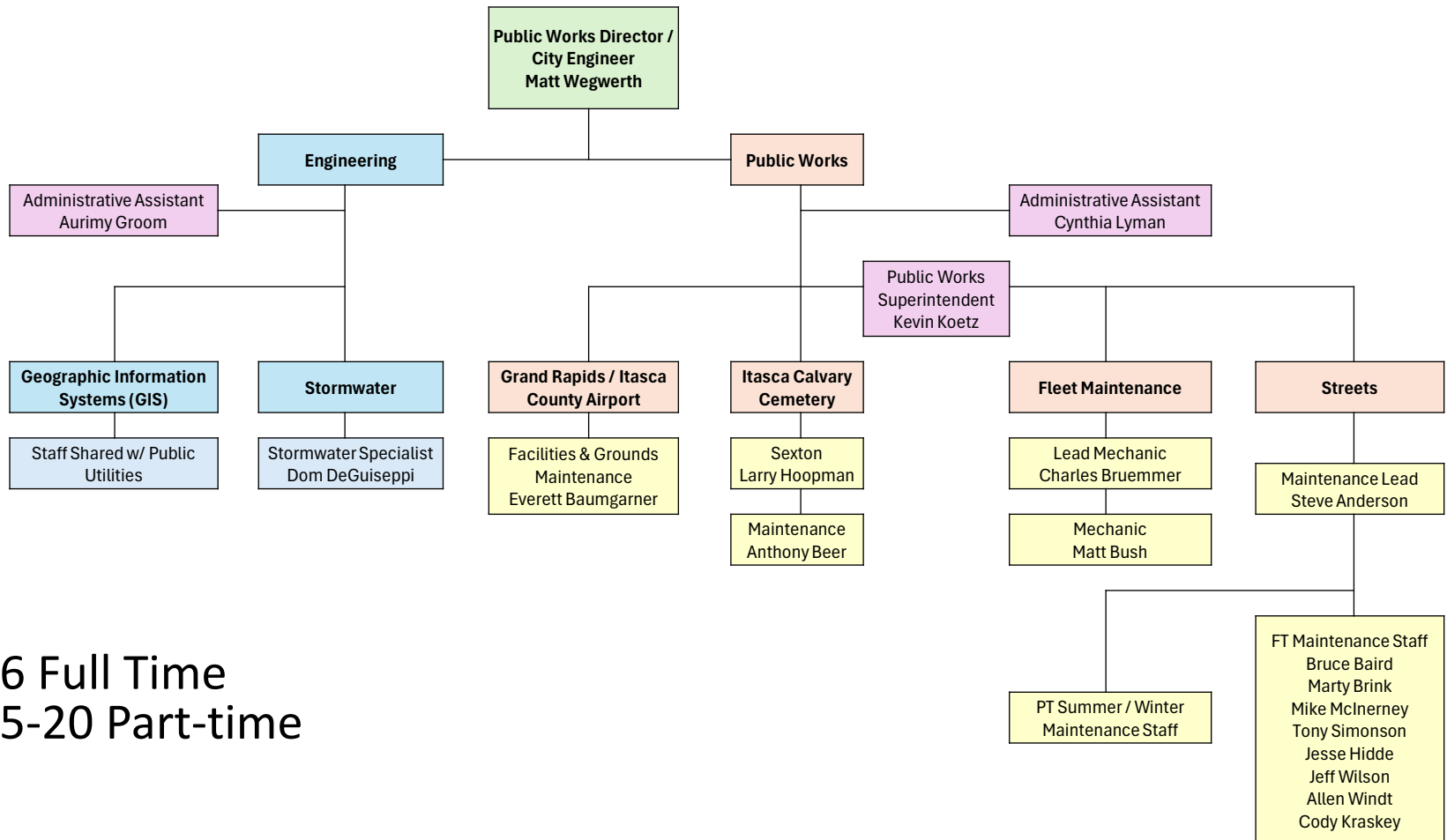
Airport Equipment



Replacement Front-End Loader is
on order (early winter delivery)



Public Works Department Details



16 Full Time
15-20 Part-time



Public Works

Winter Maintenance

2025/2026 Total snow fall was **39.0"**

2024/2025 – 47.4"

2023/2024 – 27.8"

2022/2023 – 88.7"

30-year Avg – 53.5"

This winter ranked 26th lowest on record

The most winter snowfall was 100.4" (1970-71)

The least winter snowfall was 20.1" (1917-18)



Public Works

Winter Maintenance

State of MN Road Salt Contract

Treated Salt

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
2025/2026 =	231 T	250 T
2024/2025 =	314 T	200 T
2023/2024 =	157 T	200 T
2022/2023 =	231 T	200 T

Untreated Salt

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
2025/2026 =	554 T	500 T
2024/2025 =	547 T	450 T
2023/2024 =	432 T	450 T
2022/2023 =	430 T	400 T

Season	Price per ton	
	Untreated	Treated
22/23	\$ 75.05	\$ 144.85
23/24	\$ 76.80	\$ 92.11
24/25	\$ 79.87	\$ 95.79
25/26	\$ 82.51	\$ 104.41
26/27	\$ 91.59	\$ 175.66

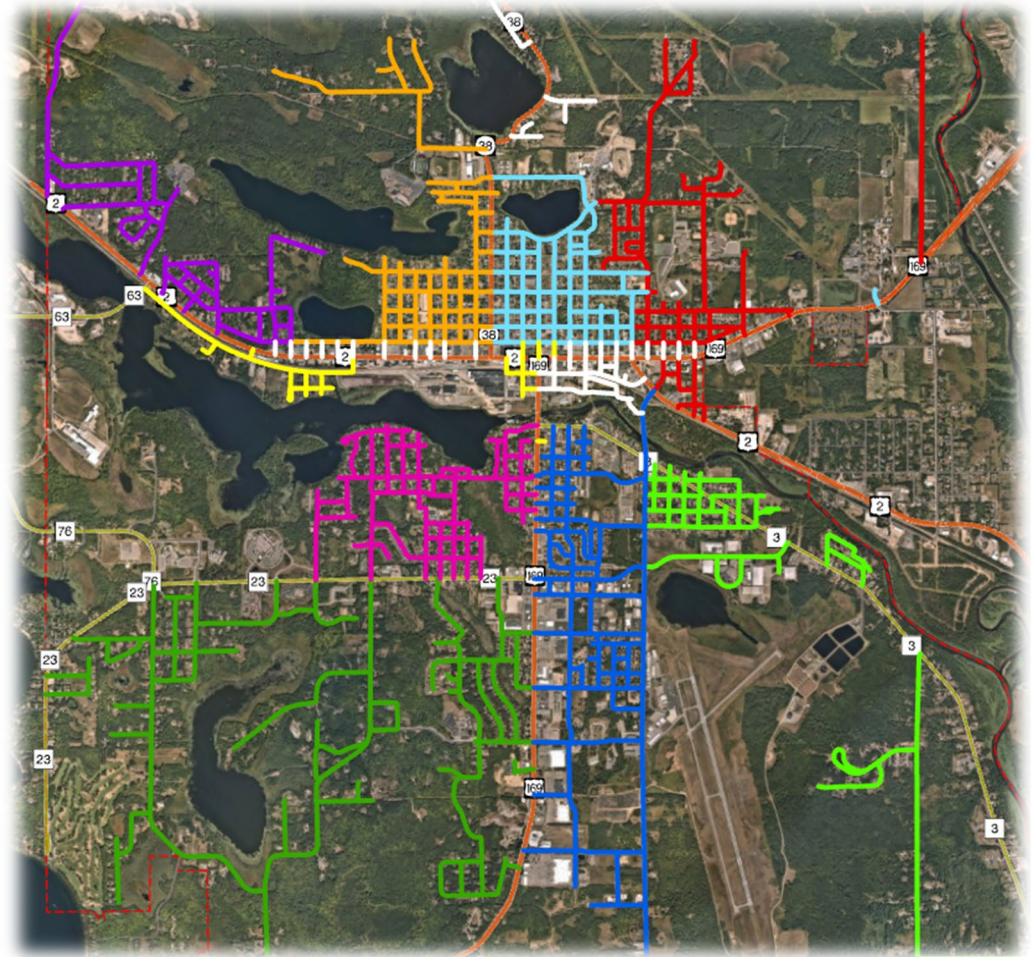


Public Works

Winter Maintenance

Roadway Routes

- City divided into 10 areas
- Each area has an assigned truck/driver

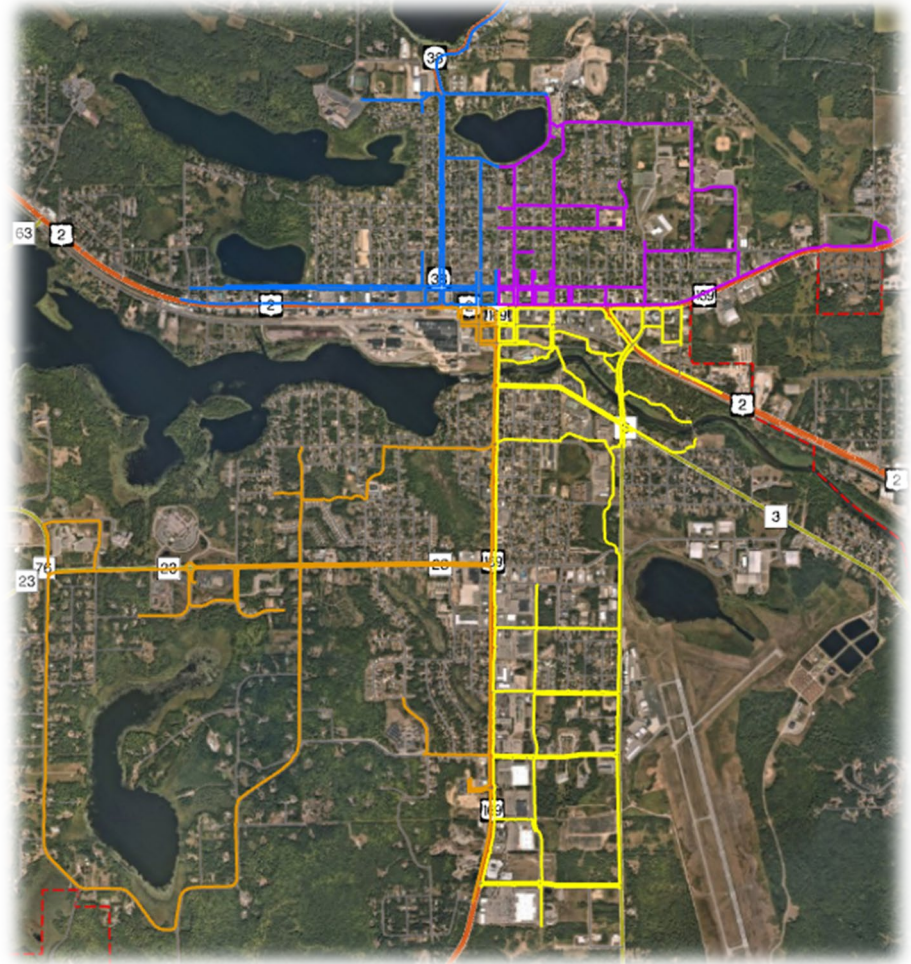


Public Works

Winter Maintenance

Sidewalks/Trails

- City divided into 4 quadrants
- Not all are cleared
- City ordinance requires property owners to clear walks





Public Works Projects

Downtown Improvements

- Stop signs and bumpouts at 5th Street NE / 2nd Avenue NE
- Improved intersection safety





Public Works Projects

Downtown Improvements

- Sidewalk and pedestrian ramp replacements



Public Works Projects

Compost Site

- New site on Airport Road
- Clean leaves and grass clippings only!



Public Works Projects

Emerald Ash Borer

- EAB has been found in the City
- Be aware
 - Wood
 - Bark
- Contact you feel infected
- Don't Tr
- www.mda.state.mn.us/eab





Public Works Projects

Emerald Ash Borer – Tree Diversity Project

EAB Management Plan

- Created Mgmt Plan
- Removed and disposed of diseased trees
- Plant 125 new trees
- Diversified inventory (6 new tree species)





Public Works Projects

Community Wide Streetscape





Public Works

Advertising Signs

Per City Ordinance:
Signs are not
allowed in the
public right-of-way
or on public
property





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Comments and Questions