



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

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FROM: Brad Esch – Streets Director

DATE OF MEETING: April 6th 2026

ITEM TITLE: Department Report – Street Department

Winter Operations Wrap-Up

Winter snow and ice maintenance has concluded for the season. We have desalted all equipment and stored snow-removal machinery for off-season use.

Work Zone Safety Training

Staff attended a Work Zone Safety course covering proper setup of road closures, detours, and temporary traffic control. In addition, the department completed several online safety courses to reinforce best practices and safety procedures.

Pothole Repairs

We completed cold-patch pothole repairs during the winter and continue to address potholes as needed.

Spring Street Sweeping

The street sweeper has begun spring sweeping operations across town.

Post and Sign Repairs

Crews have been repairing damaged signs and posts throughout the city and will continue these repairs as needed.

Street Shed Bathroom Remodel

The Street Department completed the remodel of the street shed bathroom.

Tree-Related Work with Light & Power

We worked alongside the Light & Power Department to address tree issues affecting visibility, safety, and utility clearance.

Assistance with Utility Main Breaks

Street Department crews assisted the Utility Department with water main break repairs when needed.

Compost / Tree Dump Maintenance

We performed regular maintenance at the compost and tree dump sites, including cleanup, pushing up piles, and keeping the areas organized for public use.

Barricade Repairs and RAGBRAI Preparation

Crews repaired existing barricades and built new ones in preparation for additional traffic control needed for the upcoming RAGBRAI event.

Day-to-Day Operations

In addition to the items listed above, the department continues to perform daily tasks, including equipment maintenance, facility upkeep, responding to resident concerns, and general street and right-of-way maintenance.