



# MEMO

## Engineering Department

To: Board of Public Works  
From: Jason Holmes Engineering Department  
Date: February 2, 2026  
Re: **Item #2c: Authorization to seek bids for Project #8-26 – Sidewalk Replacement Program**

### Background information:

The City completes a sidewalk replacement project every other year. A sidewalk replacement project is scheduled for 2026. The purpose of the project to identify sidewalk that is in the right-of-way and is defective. A list of sidewalk replacement criteria previously approved by this board is attached. In addition to rehabilitating sidewalks, the program will also inspect crosswalk safety and make needed upgrades to existing crosswalks.

All areas of the City are covered under the program on a rotating basis. A map is attached that identifies the proposed project area along with areas previously covered under the program. Some additional sidewalk outside of the project area may also be replaced due to various issues causing unsafe conditions.

Homeowners are given notice of defective sidewalk abutting their property and are given an opportunity to complete the work themselves or by a privately hired contractor. The City hired contractor will replace the sidewalk if the homeowner fails to do so and the cost is then assessed back to the abutting property owner.

### Strategic Plan:

Create a community of Choice; Maintaining a safe and healthy community; Improving safety and accessibility for residents and visitors.

**Budget:** Project funds are budgeted and approved in the 5-year CIP for 2026 in the 420 – Streets and Sidewalks fund. City spending is estimated to be near \$225,000, with some of the costs recouped from Special Assessments to adjacent property owners.

### Staff Recommended Action:

Authorize the Engineering Department to seek bids for Project 8-26: 2026 Sidewalk Replacement Program.

## **SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT CRITERIA**

- Any sidewalk block with a crack of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " or greater.
- Any sidewalk block with a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " lip between sidewalk blocks.
- Any sidewalk block that "ponds" water.
- Any sidewalk block with multiple fractures.
- Any sidewalk block that is improperly pitched (toward the lot).
- Any sidewalk block that is heaved by tree roots.
- Any sidewalk block with surface defects.
- Any sidewalk block with longitudinal fractures through the entire sidewalk block.
- Any sidewalk block with fractures that have been previously patched or repaired.

