



AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

Subject Ad Hoc Street Maintenance Subcommittee

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Attachment(s): None

Initiated by:
City Council

Previous Council Consideration:

January 23, 2024

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact for the creation of this report. A change in Council direction on street maintenance would have budget impacts as reflected in future year budgets.

Environmental Review:

Not applicable

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- Does the Council wish to create an ad hoc subcommittee to discuss strategies for street maintenance?
- Alternatively, based on feedback from the Mayor and Councilmember Meadows, the recently adopted Council priorities, and the information in this staff report, does the Council wish to provide a different direction regarding achieving a PCI of 76 by 2027, and instead focus on implementation of the Council priority of Circulation Safety and Efficiency.

Summary:

- At the January 23, 2024, meeting, the City Council adopted priorities for 2024, which included a priority around Circulation Safety and Efficiency to *“continue implementing the City’s policies as expressed in the Complete Streets Master Plan and other plans which support improving circulation safety and efficiencies, with an emphasis on improving Safe Routes to Schools.”*
- At the January 23, 2024, Council meeting, Mayor Weinberg requested a future agenda item, which was supported by additional Council members, to discuss creating an ad hoc subcommittee to identify what challenges the City is facing regarding street maintenance and to recommend a course of action for the City to take.



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Staff Recommendation:

Discuss the formation of an ad hoc subcommittee to discuss strategies for street maintenance, appoint members to such a committee, and determine a timeline for the subcommittee

Purpose:

The City Council should discuss the creation of an ad hoc subcommittee to identify challenges the City is facing regarding street maintenance and recommend a course of action to the City Council. Alternatively, based on feedback from the Mayor and Councilmember Meadows, the recently adopted Council priorities, and the information in this staff report, the Council may wish to provide a different direction regarding achieving a PCI of 76 by 2027, and instead focus on implementation of the Council priority of Circulation Safety and Efficiency.

Background:

The current direction from the City Council is to achieve a PCI of 76 by 2027. This direction was given prior to the City Council adopting a priority focused on Circulation Safety and Efficiency. In preparation for the discussion around the formation of an ad hoc subcommittee, Mayor Weinberg and Councilmember Meadows ask staff the following questions:

1. What is the current direction from Council with respect to street maintenance?
 - *The current direction from the Council with respect to street maintenance is to achieve a PCI of 76 by 2027.*
2. In staff's opinion, is the current direction the best way for the City to maintain and repair its streets
 - *The current direction of only focusing on achieving a PCI number is not the best way for the City to maintain and repair its streets. The direction should align with the current council's strategic goals of Safe Routes to Schools and a holistic approach instead of only selecting streets to achieve a PCI number.*
3. Improving PCI to a certain number at the expense of deferring maintenance doesn't seem like an efficient way to take care of our streets. What tools does the City have that will both improve our streets and avoid deferred maintenance?
 - *The Street Maintenance Division can do preventative maintenance by performing crack sealing and cuts & plugs on the streets that need them.*
4. What can the Council do (in terms of direction or other support) to support staff's efforts to maintain and repair streets in a sensible and equitable manner without deferring maintenance?
 - *There is always going to be a percentage of deferred maintenance due to the limited budget. However, the amount of deferred maintenance can be reduced by allocating more budget in this category.*



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Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council discuss the formation of an ad hoc subcommittee to identify what challenges the City is facing regarding street maintenance and to recommend a course of action for the City to take. Alternatively, based on feedback from the Mayor and Councilmember Meadows, the recently adopted Council priorities, and the information in this staff report, the Council may wish to provide a different direction regarding achieving a PCI of 76 by 2027, and instead focus on implementation of the Council priority of Circulation Safety and Efficiency.