

**MINUTES
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 23, 2026
4:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Schafer, James Lozinski, John Alcorn

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Anderson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Eric Hanson, Asst. City Engineer; Geoff Stelter; Senior Engineering Specialist; Sharon Hanson, City Administrator; E.J. Moberg, Director of Administrative Services

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Call to Order

Schafer called the meeting to order at 3:59 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION MADE BY LOZINSKI to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026, meeting as presented, SECOND BY ALCORN. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED 3:0.

2. Walmart Frontage Road/Susan Drive Striping

The intersection of Susan Drive and the "Walmart loop road" will both be resurfaced with our State Aid Overlay project (ST-2026) and our local mill and overlay project (ST-002-2026), respectively. With the resurfacing, City staff is planning to re-stripe the roads in the manner that is suggested in the attached exhibits. As this is a change from the current striping, staff determined that we should have a discussion with the PI/T Committee to ensure concurrence with the proposed striping plan. The striping is not included in the mill and overlay project budgets. The Street Department line item budget will cover the expense of striping the roads.

Anderson presented the item and scope of the project. Attempt made to redefine the big intersection, but the plan did not proceed. Presently a portion will be incorporated with the State Aid mill & overlay and a portion with local mill & overlay funds. Still going to look to reduce lanes down to a standard two-lane segment and simplify the intersection. Schafer expressed concern regarding placement of the white stop bar on the road and ensuring that we don't create that conflict potential like on N 7th and Kossuth. The intersection of Margaret Avenue and Boyer Drive was also discussed. Brief discussion was held on the WalMart parking lot regarding areas in need of repair. City staff has provided information to store manager in past years. Reduction of pavement was discussed while still maintaining truck stop area, but WalMart was not in favor of the reduction. Lozinski noted the WalMart parking lot was constructed under the City's former parking ordinance, which has since been revised with reduction of required parking spaces.

MOTION MADE BY LOZINSKI, SECOND BY ALCORN that the Committee approve the striping plan as designed by City staff and as presented. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED 3:0.

3. Other Business

Downtown Sidewalk Participation

Anderson reported on discussions with Chad Kulla of The Bike Shop and replacement of the sidewalk in front of the business. MnDOT is doing some curb repairs in connection with the TH 19 project, and evident in the photos presented that it is in need of repair. Because the College Drive Reconstruction project does not have a project pay item for colored concrete, the City would replace the 2-foot bamboo colored strip with City Street Department staff. In front of Kulla's business, putting that back in a few spots would actually result in backfall towards the building because the panels have settled so much. Kulla has inquired for years about his sidewalk in front of his business and water infiltration in his building. Kulla has inquired to multiple City departments regarding cost responsibility. Kulla

understands it is his responsibility to pay for the sidewalk and can utilize the City sidewalk participation policy. He has received quotes for the replacement but does not want to replace with colored sidewalk panels and wants it to be plain gray concrete regardless of the aesthetics. Anderson proposed that the City would fund the difference in the downtown area for color as it is an expensive adder. Anderson said he would bring to PI/T to propose an amendment to the sidewalk participation policy to include statements regarding where there is colored concrete on the public right-of-way that the City would pay for the difference to maintain colored sidewalk. Anderson provided outcome of discussions with Kulla and that he declined the offer for the City to pay the difference of the \$1,000 for colored, but rather obtain the \$750 available from the City's sidewalk participation policy as well as pay Kulla the \$1,000. Anderson addressed the Committee that if the Committee agrees with this concept of paying for the difference for colored sidewalk, that Anderson receive direction from the Committee to update the policy and bring the proposed amendments to a future Council meeting. Two parallel conversations to the amendment to be addressed: one, is the PI/T Committee open to the idea of the City paying for the cost difference between plain concrete and colored concrete, in addition to the typical sidewalk cost participation that is outlined in policy. Secondly, how to address if the applicant wants to replace with gray concrete in an area where there is colored concrete. Anderson did discuss with City Attorney, and our policy does say that you have to follow the City's specifications. It would be prudent to update the policy to address aesthetics specifically as there is no definition of what specification means other than ADA compliance. Discussion was held on withholding issuance/denial of the permit if the applicant's intent is to replace with gray. Lozinski inquired if an attempt was made to mudjack (lift) the sidewalk instead of taking it out. Anderson noted there have been numerous locations through downtown that have been mudjacked, and they are now failing again. Anderson indicated Brad Meulebroeck sent a photo of the front entrance to 230 W Main where there is settlement and inquiring on City participation or a resolution to the issue. Schafer commented he felt the need to stay to the color. Anderson indicated the policy will be made stronger as this will be added to the revisions. Anderson requested guidance from the Committee to bring an amendment to the sidewalk cost participation policy to the City Council, which says that City specifications for sidewalk repair includes matching of the in-place aesthetics, including color and stamping for example, as well as a change in the current \$3.25/SF in the fee resolution when revised.

MOTION MADE BY LOZINSKI, SECOND BY SCHAFFER to give Mr. Kulla the offer of the City to pay the \$1,000 difference for the colored sidewalk replacement in addition to the \$3.25/SF of sidewalk replacement that is identified in our Sidewalk Cost Participation Policy and to bring forward proposed amendments to the Sidewalk Replacement Policy to the City Council. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED 3:0.

Project PK-029: Demolition of Pool Bids:

Lozinski indicated he had a discussion with Anderson regarding the award of bids for the Pool Demolition Project on this evening's Council meeting. City staff is comfortable with the low bidder based on the project scope. The project was bid with very specific parameters, so it was biddable and fair. As with any project, unforeseen extra work can occur. Schafer inquired on contractor disposal sites. Discussion only. No voting action was taken on this item.

Adjourn

Being no further business, MOTION MADE BY LOZINSKI, SECOND BY ALCORN to adjourn the meeting. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED 3:0. Meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lona Rae Konold, Administrative Assistant