



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: June 1, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Carlye Buchholz, P.E., P.L.S., City Engineer

SUBJECT: Proposed Crosswalk Removal on S. Washington Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider Approval of the Removal of Two Crosswalks on S. Washington Street to Enhance Pedestrian Safety.

BACKGROUND:

Through this review, two ladder style crosswalks are being recommended for removal for the various safety reasons outlined below. See the attached exhibit for the detailed locations of these crosswalks.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

These subject crosswalks are recommended for removal for the following reasons:

Crosswalk #1: North side of the intersection of S. Washington Street and Church Street

- This crosswalk is approximately 85 to 90 feet in length, resulting in pedestrian crossing times of up to 30 seconds based on MUTCD guidance.
- The adjacent crosswalk on the south side of the intersection is located approximately 40 feet away and is approximately half the length, providing a significantly shorter and safer crossing opportunity.
- S. Washington Street is not stop-controlled at this location; therefore, pedestrians must rely on driver yielding compliance to cross safely.
- The skewed geometry of the intersection requires pedestrians on the northeast corner to enter the roadway approximately 30 feet prior to reaching the projected northbound travel lane. Within this segment, pedestrians are exposed and lack protection from motorists.

Crosswalk #2: Intersection of S. Washington Street and June Street

- This crosswalk is located approximately 120 feet north of the existing marked crosswalk at Gold Street, resulting in closely spaced and redundant crossing locations.
- S. Washington Street is not stop-controlled at this location; therefore, pedestrians must rely on driver yielding compliance to cross safely.



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- The west leg of the crosswalk terminates at a wall and culvert, forcing pedestrians to detour into June Street and navigate around the obstruction to access the adjacent elevated sidewalk, creating an incomplete and noncompliant pedestrian path of travel.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Removal of the crosswalks will be completed by City Public Works staff. The work can be accommodated within existing operational resources; therefore, no additional fiscal impact is anticipated.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed Crosswalk Remove Exhibit
- Crosswalk Removal Memo dated March 31, 2026

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

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