



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

Cc: Dan Buchholtz

From: George Linngren, Public Works Director

Date: 12/30/2025

Subject: December Public Works Report

December 2025 Public Works Report

1. Winter Maintenance Operations

The month of December marked an active start to the winter season, with multiple salting and snow removal operations, including two significant snow events. The Public Works Department successfully maintained clear and safe roadways, ensuring uninterrupted access throughout the city. Positive feedback was received from residents, commuters, and visitors, noting that Spring Lake Park was among the first communities to be cleared and commending the quality of the snow removal efforts. The level of service was achieved while operating the Department short-handed. I wish to extend my appreciation to the team for their exceptional performance during this time.

2. Equipment Acquisition

The Public Works Department procured a new attachment for the trackless sidewalk machine. The equipment upgrade is expected to significantly improve the City's ability to maintain clear sidewalks for pedestrian safety and accessibility during winter months.

3. Tree Maintenance Initiatives

Plans are in place to begin removal of ash trees within city parks during January. Additionally, the Department will address oak trees encroaching into public roadways at several locations to improve visibility and safety.

4. Outlook for 2026

As we conclude 2025, the Department looks forward to continued progress and improvements in the coming year. We remain committed to delivering high-quality services to the community.

Wishing all a safe and prosperous New Year.