



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

Cc: Dan Buchholtz, City Administrator

From: George Linngren, Public Works Director

Date: 5/2/2024

Subject: April 2024 Public Works Report

April is always a busy transitioning month as we wrap up the month. I wanted to highlight some of the key tasks and accomplishments from the month, as well as touch on my ongoing responsibilities:

Maintenance and Projects:

- Stump grinding operations continued as part of our ongoing efforts to address the impact of the ash borer infestation on our tree population. This will remain a priority as we proceed with tree removal.
- Early street patching was initiated to address some of the larger potholes.
- Summer jetting commenced with the return of our seasonal staff.
- Annual flushing operations were completed successfully, with minimal disruptions due to only one main break.
- The lining project concluded, and we are now focusing on cleaning clogged service lines.
- A previously unnoticed manhole near 79th Ave. and Vados Bait Shop was identified and raised.
- Our biennial traffic count commenced, providing valuable data for city planning and infrastructure management.
- Parks Department was able to get the fields into good condition and the fences put up for the season. Staff is continuing to put down pre-emergent and fertilizer throughout the city.

Collaboration and Meetings:

- I represented our department at two council meetings, providing updates and insights on relevant issues.
- Attended the Suburban Rate Authority quarterly meeting.
- Attended the weekly construction meetings to ensure coordination and progress on ongoing projects.
- Participation in the Coon Creek Watershed District meeting for Springbrook and Pleasure Creek review and the Rice Creek Watershed District spring meeting.
- Haley and I attended a virtual meeting focused on this year's traffic counting process, ensuring alignment with best practices and protocols.

It's important to recognize that these activities represent just a portion of the comprehensive work we undertake daily to maintain and enhance our city's infrastructure and services.