

Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Chairperson Davis and Committee Members

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Subject: Public Safety & Welfare Committee Meeting of June 3, 2026

[Review and take possible action: S Eighth Street Two-Way Conversion from E Main Street to Market Street](#)

Background

S Eighth Street from E Main Street to Market Street is under construction, with an anticipated completion date in July. By ordinance and prior to road reconstruction this street has functioned as a one-way street with a width of 28 feet from face of curb to face of curb (FOC to FOC). The new street design involves widening the roadway to 34 feet FOC to FOC, accommodating two-way traffic and parking on the east side of the roadway. Double-yellow centerline marking is planned to provide clarity for the new traffic pattern. Temporary conversion signage from previous projects can be placed at each end of the roadway.

This conversion is expected to create easier access to businesses in the area and increase safety for vehicles and pedestrians. The remainder of S Eighth Street, from Market Street to Western Avenue, will be evaluated at a later date for conversion.

Budget Goal

1. Involve those who are impacted before making decisions.

Financial Impact

The roadway reconstruction is funded through the Annual Streets program, and any signage costs associated with the conversion would be included in the project costs.

Recommendation

The Engineering Division recommends converting S Eighth Street to two-way traffic from E Main Street to Market Street upon completion of road reconstruction. This conversion will require an ordinance, which can be prepared and brought to the next Common Council meeting.