

## Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Chairperson Davis and Committee Members  
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Subject: Public Safety & Welfare Committee Meeting of February 5, 2025

[Review and take possible action: E. Milwaukee Street and S. First Street intersection signage and pavement marking request](#)

### Background

In response to public comments regarding safety concerns in the intersection of First Street and Milwaukee Street, the Engineering Division investigated the area and developed recommendations to improve public safety.

The complaint was received on January 18, 2025, after a citizen experienced a near miss in the intersection. According to comments received, the citizen experienced a similar situation in 2023, resulting in a crash and property damage. Per comments received, the situation occurred when the citizen was traveling eastbound on Milwaukee Street, towards the intersection of First Street and Milwaukee Street. In this direction, there is a dedicated right turn lane as well as a shared straight and left turn lane. When approaching the intersection, it was difficult to discern which lane goes straight. This could lead to confusion and last-minute lane switching. In some cases, drivers may mistakenly continue straight from the dedicated right turn lane. A map of the area is shown in Attachment A.

### Budget Goal

1. Maintains a safe and healthy community, with an eye toward future needs and trends

### Financial Impact

The proposed cost of this improvement is \$3,000 for pavement marking, plus Street Division labor for sign removal and installation. The pavement marking portion of this cost, if available in this year's budget based on contractor bid prices, could be included in the Annual Streets Budget (05-58-11-69) under line item "Pavement Marking".

## Recommendation

- Remark Milwaukee Street centerline, from S Water Street to S First Street, if budget allows as part of the annual pavement marking contract.
- Remove the existing sign depicting the lane designations and place it closer to the Milwaukee Street/S First Street intersection.

## 2025 Operational Goals

The purpose of our operational goals is to identify, prior to the budgeting process, what work the city intends to achieve in 2025. The goals should align with our mission. Not only will the operational goals inform budget prioritization, but they will also guide the creation of the 2025 Department Work Plans.

*Present a budget that (in no particular order):*

1. Invests in the strategic planning and maintenance of our city buildings
2. Proactively maintains and improves our parks and infrastructure to ensure safety, quality, and equity
3. Supports employee retention and growth, while also evaluating operations and the associated staffing
4. Fosters community growth by assessing opportunities, stakeholder input, environmental needs, and modern code and policy priorities
5. Maintains a safe and healthy community, with an eye toward future needs and trends