

## Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Chairperson Arnett and Commission Members

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Date: April 9, 2026

Subject: Public Works Commission Meeting of April 14, 2026

Update no action required: Hill Court Bridge

### Background

The Hill Court Bridge, a vehicular bridge connecting Hill Street to a parking lot in Riverside Park as shown on the attached map, has fallen into disrepair. In October of 2023, the Public Works Commission moved to close the Hill Court Bridge and make it pedestrian only. The bridge was again inspected along with other structures within the park in the fall of 2025, and its condition has since worsened. Preliminary repair estimates developed for this structure are nearing the cost of replacement.

### Budget Goal

1. Create a community where all can feel safe and strive for economic success.

### Financial Impact

The cost to repair this structure is estimated between \$250,000 and \$400,000, whereas replacement is estimated between \$300,000 and \$500,000. The proposed closure and alterations would cost under \$5,000, dependent on bollard pricing, signage needs, and patching area.

### Recommendation

The Public Works Department plans to pave the gap between the two parking areas and install bollards or boulders on each end of the Hill Court Bridge early this year. The parking lot would be redesigned and reconstructed at a later date, pending funding availability and approval. This approach would address current needs in a cost-effective manner while keeping park operations relatively unchanged.