



## Public Works Agenda Item

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Agenda Item: Franklin – Main Street Real Estate

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### BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The Public Works Committee was asked by Council to review the turning movements of semitrucks at the corner of Franklin Street and W. Main Street. Due to the configuration at the southeast corner, semitrucks have a hard time maneuvering the northbound to eastbound turn, often times hitting the bollards that are in place to protect the traffic signals from getting hit. After reviewing preliminary designs, the Public Works Committee and Council approved a Task Order from Strand Associates for the redesign of the southeast corner of the intersection. The realignment requires an acquisition of 212 square feet of real estate for right-of-way purposes and 1,661 square feet for temporary construction easement.

### PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

The Public Works Committee and Council approved a Strand Task Order for the redesign of the intersection at their respective April 8 and 15, 2025 meetings. The Plan and Architectural Review Committee approved proceeding with the acquisition of the needed property at their September 8, 2025 meeting.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

The financial impact for the real estate acquisition is unknown at this time as negotiations with the property owner will need to take place. Staff would like to use the Walworth Avenue Sales Study from July 2024 for guidance in regards to price for the real estate acquisition and the temporary limited easement. The study suggested a rate of \$4.00 for the acquisition of vacant property with a template to determine a rate for the temporary limited easement.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the committee direct staff to negotiate with the property owner using the Walworth Avenue Sales Study as guidance.

### ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Right of Way Exhibit
2. Sales Study