



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	February 17, 2026
Agenda Item:	Franklin and Main Street Intersection
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BACKGROUND

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

The Public Works Committee was asked by Council to review the north to east 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. At the October 14, 2025 Public Works Committee meeting, the Committee directed staff to initiate land acquisition with the property owner using the Walworth Avenue Sales Study from 2024 and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's temporary easement calculator as guidance. The Public Works Committee approved of the acquisition cost and motioned to proceed with the acquisition at their February 10, 2026 meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

Using the Walworth Avenue Sales Study, the recommended value to purchase a strip of property was \$4.00/S.F. Numbers were then adjusted 5%.

Acquisition: 212 S.F. at \$4.00/S.F. = \$848. Adjusted at 5% = \$890.4

Temp Easement Calculation = \$1,297.16. Adjusted at 5% = \$1362.02

Amounts were then rounded up. Acquisition \$900, Temp Easement \$1,400. Total = \$2,300.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The property owner is agreeable to this offer. Staff's recommendation is a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to proceed with the necessary steps to close on the purchase.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Offer to Purchase
 2. Temp Easement Work Sheet
 3. Resolution
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