

## **STREETS/DRAINAGE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**OCTOBER 14, 2025**

The Streets and Drainage Committee meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM on October 14, 2025. Attendance was taken, and members Frank Baptist, Steve Brown, Ann Spencer-Cole Evelyn Reed, Bill Donnor, Tom Farmer, John Richey, Judd Hart, Trevor Villines, Steve Lee, and Jeff Hamm, establishing a quorum. The committee first considered approval of the September 15, 2025, meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

The committee then reviewed a resolution related to the Southwest Trail Phase 1 construction project, which includes the section from the bridge to the railroad overpass. The bid from Redstone Construction of \$44,173 was confirmed as accurate, despite a clerical discrepancy in the documentation. This resolution will be brought forward to the City Council for final approval. After brief discussion, the committee approved advancing the resolution.

Discussion then moved to Southwest Trail Segment 5B, which requires the city to donate a parcel of land to the County for trail construction. Once the project is completed, the County will return the property to the City. This process is necessary because the County is responsible for right-of-way acquisition under the original project structure. A motion to approve the land donation was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Next, the committee reviewed the low bid for Cross Street Phase 3, a major drainage improvement project totaling \$611,377.50. Staff provided an overview of the project scope, which includes extending previous phases, installing additional inlets and junction boxes, and improving backyard drainage from the Conway/Short intersection upstream. The estimated construction duration is four to five months, with hopes to begin in late November pending contract execution. The motion to approve the bid was made, seconded, and approved.

Engineering staff then provided a comprehensive update on ongoing projects. Cross Street Phases 1–4 continue to progress, with Phase 3 tying into prior improvements and Phase 4 pending right-of-way signatures. Metroplan funding coordination is underway. Thelma Street improvements are moving forward with grant support. Design funds awarded for the Congo Road Widening area and the Northshore corridor will advance significant drainage and transportation upgrades, both using an 80/20 funding match. Work on Pacific Cove remains on hold as higher-priority projects proceed. Long-range planning continues for North Street, with a goal of reaching 30% design to support future grant applications and right-of-way needs. Staff also noted the successful completion of the South Shoreline drainage upgrade earlier this year. The committee was reminded that sidewalks along 4th Street, approved in April, will ultimately help expand walkability and create safer multimodal connections throughout the city.

A question was raised about significant drainage issues affecting two subdivisions with adjacent retention ponds. Staff explained that both ponds are undersized based on modern standards and recent rainfall patterns, which have increased approximately 25% over historic levels. Additional land would be required to enlarge the basins, and maintenance responsibilities differ between the two areas. Staff will continue evaluating options and coordinating with property owners to identify possible solutions.

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With no further questions, a motion was made and seconded to accept the monthly Streets and Drainage report, and the motion passed. Hearing no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.