

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Stephanie Smith , City engineer
DATE: April 20, 2026
SUBJECT: Order preparation of a feasibility report for Hamline Avenue reconstruction, CP28-01
ITEM NUMBER: 8.e
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

To approve resolution 26-27 to order preparation of the feasibility report for Hamline Avenue reconstruction, CP28-01.

INTRODUCTION

Street reconstruction projects are typically initiated by the city council directing the city engineer to prepare a feasibility report describing the proposed improvements. Pursuant to chapter 429 of state statutes, and consistent with the city's past practice on roadway improvement projects, it is required that the council authorize the preparation of a feasibility report for the Hamline Avenue reconstruction, CP28-01.

DISCUSSION

Hamline Avenue is currently scheduled for reconstruction in 2028, per the city's capital improvement plan. The project will include reconstruction of Hamline Avenue, from Lexington Avenue to County Road I, realigning the intersection with County Road I, replacing and adding additional street lights and installing trail connections in the area. This project was originally anticipated in 2011, when this roadway was turned from a county road to a city street.

A feasibility report was drafted in 2011, but the project was delayed due to funding concerns and the pavement condition. The pavement condition has deteriorated over the past 15 years, and the project is in the city's capital improvement plan for 2028. To move forward with the project, staff must update the feasibility report to facilitate right-of-way acquisition and permitting wetland impacts associated with the project.

Special assessments for benefitting properties adjacent to the project are anticipated. A feasibility report is required for the special assessment process, state statute 429. The report will include an evaluation of the existing street, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and water infrastructure. The report will include a cost estimate of any proposed improvements and identify sources of funding, including assessments. Based on this estimate and the need for

improvements, the report will indicate if the proposed improvements are technically and financially feasible.

SCHEDULE

The proposed project schedule is below:

- Spring/Summer 2026 - preliminary design
- Summer 2026 - public informational meeting
- Fall 2026 - council receives feasibility report, calls public hearing
- Fall 2026 - council holds public hearing, orders improvement
- 2027 - plans and specs preparation
- 2027 - soil remediation work at the Hamline Avenue/County Road I intersection
- 2028 - construction

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the city council approve resolution 26-27 to order preparation of the feasibility report for Hamline Avenue reconstruction, CP28-01.

ATTACHMENTS

[Resolution 26-27](#)