



Memorandum

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Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works

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TO: Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works  
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney  
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TITLE:  
Update on 156<sup>th</sup> AVE NE Shared-Use Path at 60% Design

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The proposed 156th Avenue NE Shared Use Path project includes construction of a 12 ft shared use path intended to improve multimodal transportation connectivity, pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and accessibility within the project corridor. The project will include traffic signal and street lighting work, and curblin shifting at some locations. During prior Council discussions, staff indicated that a significant number of trees could be impacted by the project. Council requested an additional update on the potential tree-removal impacts near the 60% design milestone, including arborist recommendations and an evaluation of alternative design considerations. The proposed update will include a summary of the arborist’s recommendations regarding proposed tree removals, the number of trees preserved through design refinements, and the proposed tree replacement and mitigation plan.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive Information       Provide Direction       Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
Capital Investment Program
- **Required:**  
N/A

- **Council Request:**  
Per Council’s request during the Sept 2025 site walk, we are providing an update on tree removal and retention at the 60 percent design stage.
- **Other Key Facts:**  
N/A

**OUTCOMES:**

Additional updates in COW meetings will be provided to support effective communication and provide greater clarity regarding the proposed tree removal and tree retention efforts during the design development.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee - May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Proposed open house summer 2026.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
Ongoing communication with PSE, multifamily property owners, and impacted single-family property owners for construction easements, right of entry, and coordination of utility vault relocation.
- **Feedback Summary:**  
Meet project goals with informed engagement and collaborative efforts with stakeholders. Evaluate striping and signage options, and provide tree removal alert signage similar to what was used on the NE 40<sup>th</sup> Sidewalk Repair and Grass Lawn Parking Lot projects.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:**  
N/A

**Approved in current biennial budget:**       Yes       No       N/A

**Budget Offer Number:**  
CIP

**Budget Priority:**  
Vibrant and Connected

**Other budget impacts or additional costs:**       Yes       No       N/A

**If yes, explain:**  
N/A

**Funding source(s):**  
N/A

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**  
N/A

**Additional budget details attached**

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Requested Action</b>
3/25/2025	Business Meeting	Approve

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Requested Action</b>
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

**Time Constraints:**

N/A

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment A: 156<sup>th</sup> Shared-Use Path - Project Information Sheet
- Attachment B: Tree Update Presentation
- Attachment C: Draft Arborist Report