



MOBILITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

- Present:** David Staudt (Chair), Brian Smith, Matt Heintz (late), Ed Roney, Jay Dooley
- Absent:** David Dismondy, Swamy Gopal
- Staff Present:** Jeff Herczeg, Director, DPW
Rebecca Runkel, Project Engineer, DPW
Barb McBeth, City Planner, Community Development

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chair Staudt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and asked for roll call. Chair Staudt made motions to approve the agenda and the minutes from January 15, 2026, both of which were supported and passed 4-0.

DISCUSSION

Chair Staudt began the meeting with the first agenda item, Sidewalk Program Update. Engineer Runkel said that Engineering Technician, Ken Register, has been working with AECOM on developing this year's neighborhood sidewalk program. Engineer Runkel continued that initially staff were going to try to district it into years, but we have a big chunk of money this year due to a rollover from 2024, plus 2025 funds, and additional funds in July 2026, so a lot can be done this year. Engineer Runkel explained that the program will start by fixing all of the 2-inch or greater deflections, which are scattered throughout the City, and then move into subdivisions where the highest density of repairs are needed. So that includes over three quarter inch deflections and cracks or greater than 25% of the surface area distressed, which may be as many as 22 subdivisions. A discussion among the committee members followed regarding details of the program, such as tree and sidewalk removals, and communication to residents, with Engineer Runkel to follow-up with the committee on the percentage of sidewalk to be addressed this year and details on how the program will be communicated to residents.

Chair Staudt moved to the next agenda item, Sidewalk Prioritization. Engineer Runkel described the spreadsheet used for prioritization in the past, explaining that the only update made so far was removing the main road sidewalks that had been completed in recent years, but it gives an idea of what segments fall in the top priority. However, the spreadsheet still needs to be updated for traffic crashes, average daily traffic, and access

to amenities. The committee discussed some of the challenges with the top priority sidewalks and how sidewalk segments were selected in the past. Chair Staudt suggested that the next meeting be a field trip as a committee, where we use a bus for a couple of hours at look at the segments that we are serious about, possibly involving the new public safety facility and how pathways and trails can be linked between Grand River and Lee BeGole Dr, possibly doing something similar to Fuerst Park, which turned out to be really connected and nice.

The discussion then moved to the next agenda topic, Current PROs with Sidewalks/Trails Proposed. The committee continued to discuss The Grove development, with Planner McBeth explaining that the PRO agreement will be on the next Council agenda and describing what is in the agreement. Chair Staudt suggested to Planner McBeth that developers bring in drone video of the site as part of the review process and presentation to Council. A committee member asked about the location of The Grove's off-site proposed trail. Engineer Runkel said it is difficult to find the locations because the PRO packets are 300 pages long, and suggested that GIS Manager, Keri Blough, map them out. A discussion continued regarding the value that drone video would provide.

The committee moved to the next agenda topic, Communications, starting with an inquiry from Echo Valley residents on a connecting pathway to the ITC Trail. The committee discussed the challenges of constructing sidewalk on the south side of 10 Mile Rd, west of Echo Valley's entrance, with the suggestion being that a neighborhood connection to ITC Trail from a subdivision road, such as Heartwood or Burntwood Ct would be the most feasible. The discussion moved to opportunities for trails and connections if the Links of Noiv property gets developed. Engineer Runkel moved to the next communication which listed sidewalk on major roads that dead end: 1) northwest corner of Haggerty & 9 Mile Rd, 2) west side of Haggerty, south of High Pointe Blvd, and 3) south side of Grand River, east of Meadowbrook. The committee discussed the locations and confirmed that public comment be used as part of the prioritization.

The meeting concluded with confirming that the next meeting would be in two months, on the third Thursday in May, and it will be a field trip to look at top priority sidewalk segments.

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items to review.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.