

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
FINDINGS**

Case # TC-P-26-02

Date February 23, 2026

Petitioner/Author: City of Bloomington

Location: Multiple Projects:


- High Street (Arden to Hunter) Intersection Improvements and Multiuse Path
- West Kirkwood (Pine to Rogers) Improvements Project
- Walnut/Grimes Traffic Signal Replacement
- W 2nd Street Modernization and Safety Improvements (B-Line to Walker)
- Jefferson (8th to 10th) Sidewalk
- 2nd St Curb Ramps (Lincoln to Park)
- Union St Crosswalk (between 7th and 10th)
- Downtown Curb Ramps Phase 4
- Patterson/Grimes Resurfacing (3rd to Walnut)

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Motion: Adopt the proposed findings and forward the resolution for Title 15 amendments to the Council with a positive recommendation.

Vote: 8-0

The Transportation Commission adopts the Findings recommended by the staff as presented in the staff report,



Andrew Cibor
City Engineer

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REPORT:

High Street (Arden to Hunter) Intersection Improvements and Multiuse Path - This project includes construction of a multiuse path on the east side of High Street from Arden Drive to Hunter Avenue, modernization of the two existing traffic signals within the project limits, installation of stormwater infrastructure, and other improvements. The project is included in the City's Transportation Plan and the Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and it was prioritized for funding in the 2022 public works general obligation bond ordinance which was approved by City Council. Right of way acquisition for the project is nearing completion. The construction timeline has not been finalized, but is expected in 2027 after utility relocations in 2026.

West Kirkwood (Pine to Rogers) Improvements Project - This project includes asphalt resurfacing; replacement and improvement of multiple crosswalks along and across West Kirkwood, including curb bumpouts at multiple locations and a raised crosswalk at the intersection of Maple and Kirkwood; and replacement of the existing traffic signal equipment at the intersection of Rogers Street and Kirkwood Avenue. The project will also address an existing pattern of crashes by restricting left turn movements from alleys and driveways located between Jackson Street and Rogers Street by restricting turning movements through installation of a narrow median. This change also necessitates removal of a small number of parking spaces on the north side of the street in this area, but allows installation of a similar number of parking spaces on the

south side of the street (BMC update required). The construction timeline has not been finalized, but is currently expected in 2026.

Walnut/Grimes Traffic Signal Replacement - This project will replace the existing traffic signal equipment and make intersection geometry improvements at the intersection of Grimes Lane and Walnut Street. Updates include accessible curb ramps, truck aprons and potential hardened centerline treatments to reduce vehicle turning speeds and control motor vehicle turning paths across pedestrian crosswalks, and/or updated signal phasing to reduce conflicts between pedestrians and turning vehicles. The construction timeline is dependent upon right of way acquisition, but is expected in either summer of 2026 or summer of 2027.

W 2nd Street Modernization and Safety Improvements (B-Line to Walker) - This project includes various improvements along this corridor including a two-way protected bike lane, replacement of two existing traffic signals, drainage improvements, and accessible curb ramps and bus stops. The project is included in the City's Transportation Plan and the Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and it was prioritized for funding in the 2022 parks general obligation bond ordinance which was approved by City Council. Restriction of turns on red at the traffic signals are planned to reduce crash risk for vulnerable road users (BMC update required). Utility relocation is underway. Construction is expected to begin in April 2026 with substantial completion by the end of 2026.

Jefferson (8th to 10th) Sidewalk - This project was prioritized by the City Council Sidewalk Committee to install new sidewalk on the east side of Jefferson Street from 8th Street to 10th Street. Construction is expected in spring/summer 2026.

2nd St Curb Ramps (Lincoln to Park) - This project includes construction of accessible curb ramps in advance of an upcoming street resurfacing project. The intersections of 2nd/Lincoln, 2nd/Grant and 2nd/Dunn will include curb bumpouts to define parking areas and reduce pedestrian crossing distances. Construction is expected in spring/summer 2026.

Union St Crosswalk (between 7th and 10th) - This project was prioritized by the City Council Sidewalk Committee to install a new crosswalk on Union Street between 7th Street and 10th Street to improve safety and accessibility for people walking in the area. The work will include markings, signs, a curb bumpout, and a raised crosswalk. Construction is expected in summer 2026.

Downtown Curb Ramps Phase 4 - This project will improve pedestrian safety and accessibility by reconstructing sidewalk curb ramps at numerous locations in the downtown area. The project is included in the City's Transportation Plan and the Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

Patterson/Grimes Resurfacing (3rd to Walnut) - This project includes asphalt resurfacing of South Patterson Drive, West Patterson Drive, and West Grimes Lane between West 3rd Street and South Walnut Street. Other updates include curb ramp replacement, sidewalk repair, pavement patching, sign replacement/installation, and crosswalk improvements. This project is expected to be included in a Community Crossings Matching Grant application for likely construction in 2027.

CRITERIA AND FINDINGS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO TITLE 15 (Vehicles and Traffic)

2.12.070(d)(2): Review all transportation projects, proposed changes to Title 15 (Vehicles and Traffic), relevant proposed changes to Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers), and other applicable changes to the Bloomington Municipal Code to determine if the proposed change:

- 1) *Is consistent with the comprehensive plan and other applicable city adopted plans.*

PROPOSED FINDING: The infrastructure projects as described, as well as the proposed changes to Title 15, are consistent with the City’s Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan.

- 2) *Is consistent with the best practices for eliminating all transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries within the city.*

PROPOSED FINDING: The proposed changes are designed to minimize both crash risk and crash severity within the constraints of each project. The proposed changes are in compliance with all federal, state, and local requirements.

- 3) *Is consistent with advancing a sustainable transportation system and equitable access to all transportation facility users while prioritizing non-automotive modes.*

PROPOSED FINDING: The proposed changes are in compliance with all adopted City plans, including the Transportation Plan. These projects include new sidewalks, improved crosswalks, accessible curb ramps, accessible bus stops, protected bicycle lanes, and other infrastructure improvements, in addition to maintaining motor vehicle traffic and parking.

- 4) *Has adequately conducted public engagement and considered community-centric design tied to targeted outcomes.*

PROPOSED FINDING: The City’s Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan guided the design of these projects and included extensive public outreach. Adequate public engagement for each individual project varied based on project type. Maintenance-focused projects focus on communicating with nearby property owners regarding construction impacts, while larger projects include multiple public meetings and/or one-on-one visits with property owners.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Transportation Commission adopt the proposed findings and forward the resolution for Title 15 amendments to the Council with a positive recommendation.