

**Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Tuesday May 04, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
Bloomington City Hall, 401 North Morton Street
Council Chambers, Suite 115

The public could attend virtually at the following Zoom link:

<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/83055656981?pwd=uXahfhO21NkSndj1FFC202N8XVr5DP.1>

Meeting ID: 830 5565 6981

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Members of the Board of Public Works Present

- Elizabeth Karon, President Appointed January 5, 2022 by the Mayor
- Kyla Cox-Deckard, Vice President Appointed January 2, 2016 by the Mayor
- James Roach, Secretary Appointed January 17, 2024 by the Mayor

BMC 2.09.020 states these members serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

City Employees Present:

Miranda Beaver, Public Works

Neil Kopper, Engineering

Maria McCormick, Engineering

Zach Bell, Engineering

Rebecca Davis, Engineering

1. Opening of Bids (Opened at Work Session)

1. Crack Seal Maintenance Project
2. Pavement Marking Services

2. Messages from Board Members

Kyla Cox Deckard made mention the reason the meeting is being held on a Monday is because tomorrow is Election Day. Cox Deckard encouraged Monroe County residents to go out and vote. Vote polling places have had some changes, so double check your polling place.

3. Petitions and Remonstrances

4. Consent

1. Minutes from February 24, 2026
2. Minutes from March 10, 2026
3. Right of Way Special Event – 2026 Bannecker Block Party
4. Right of Way Special Event – 2026 Best Buddies Friendship Walk
5. Right of Way Special Event – 2026 Fourth and Rogers Block Party
6. Memorandum of Understanding between City of Bloomington Utilities and City of Bloomington Public Works
7. Change Order #6 with Crider & Crider for Hopewell West for Additional Days
8. Service Agreement with Bloomington Tree Service for Abatement
9. Service Agreement with 4 U Lawn & Landscape for Abatement
10. Service Agreement with Nature's Way for the Downtown Planters
11. Addendum to the Contract with Toole Design Group for the College and Walnut Corridor Study For Extension of Days
12. Payroll

Cox Deckard made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

5. New Business

1. Resolution 2026-025 Dunn Street Multiuse Path Right of Way Purchase

Neil Kopper, Engineering, presented Resolution 2026-025 Dunn Street Multiuse Path Right of Way Purchase for approval. This project will construct a multiuse path on the east side of N. Dunn Street from the SR45/46 Bypass to Clover Lane. The project will require the purchase of additional right of way from up to 9 parcels. If approved by the Board, this resolution will confirm that the Project serves a public purpose and will authorize the right of way acquisition. Roach asked if there was any anticipation of adverse possession. Kopper stated if an agreement can't be reached with the owner, then they would enter into a condemnation proceedings. Staff doesn't expect that to happen but it's a possibility. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-025 Dunn Street Multiuse Path Right of Way Purchase. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

2. LPA Consulting Contract with Butler, Fairman & Seufert for Right of Way Services for the Dunn Street Multiuse Path Project

Neil Kopper, Engineering, presented LPA Consulting Contract with Butler, Fairman & Seufert for Right of Way Services for the Dunn Street Multiuse Path Project for approval. This project will construct a multiuse path on N. Dunn Street from the SR45/46 Bypass to Clover Lane. This contract includes right of way management and buying services for nine parcels in the project area. The contract is set at a not-to-exceed amount of \$28,495.00. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve LPA Consulting Contract with Butler, Fairman & Seufert for Right of Way Services for the Dunn Street Multiuse Path Project. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

3. Amendment 1 to the LPA Consulting Contract with Butler, Fairman & Seufert for Preliminary Engineering Services for the Dunn Street Multiuse Path

Neil Kopper, Engineering, presented Amendment 1 to the LPA Consulting Contract with Butler, Fairman & Seufert for Preliminary Engineering Services for the Dunn Street Multiuse Path. This is an existing contract for design services necessary to construct a multiuse path on N. Dunn Street from the SR45/46 Bypass to Clover Lane. This amendment adds right of way appraising and related services for up to nine parcels. The total contract amount increases by \$59,105.00 for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$718,522.00. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve Amendment 1 to the LPA Consulting Contract with Butler, Fairman & Seufert for Preliminary Engineering Services for the Dunn Street Multiuse Path. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

4. Public Improvement Bond for 15th Street Sustainable Subdivision

Maria McCormick, Engineering, presented a Public Improvement Bond for 15th Street Sustainable Subdivision for approval. This bond estimate is for the public improvements required by the UDO for the subdivision of this single lot into 2 separate lots. The bond estimate is in the amount of \$12,036.00 and covers new sidewalk, and street trees. This bond is to remain in effect until the required public improvements have been completed and formally accepted by the Board of Public Works, and a maintenance bond has been provided in accordance with BMC 20.06.060 (c)(E)(iii). The required public improvements should be completed no later than 2 years from the date of secondary plat approval. Karon asked McCormick if she could go over what was said during the work session about what is sustainable. McCormick said this subdivision is sustainable and took advantage of these sustainable incentives that are part of the UDO. The contractor was able to subdivide this lot into two parcels. It's a smaller lot size because of using the sustainable incentives. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve the Public Improvement Bond for 15th Street Sustainable Subdivision. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

5. Right of Way Request for City of Bloomington Utilities on Walnut at Grimes/Dodds/Wiley Storm Project

Zach Bell, Engineering, presented a Right of Way Request for City of Bloomington Utilities on Walnut at Grimes/Dodds/Wiley Storm Project for approval. The petitioner is requesting approval of temporary right-of-way closures along S. Walnut Street from Dodds Street to Grimes Lane to accommodate water and sewer service updates. The work will be completed in a phased manner, with closures shifting between work areas rather than occurring simultaneously. The project is scheduled from May 8, 2026 through May 29, 2026 during normal construction hours, with impacts limited to a single active work zone at any given time. Phase 1: Walnut Street & Grimes Lane May 8–May 12, 2026. Phase 2: Walnut Street & Dodds Street May 12–May 18, 2026. Phase 3: Walnut Street & Wylie Street May 18–May 29, 2026. Bell did receive word that CBU will hold off starting until after commencement. Karon asked if that would shift the end date past May 29th and should residents expect a couple extra days on that end. Bell said that if that was the approach, it was one day and if there was a certain amount of rain in between those two dates, then yes. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve the Right of Way Request for City of Bloomington Utilities on Walnut at Grimes/Dodds/Wiley Storm Project. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

6. Right of Way Request for Bentley Court

Zach Bell, Engineering, presented the Right of Way Request for Bentley Court for approval. The petitioner is requesting approval of a temporary right-of-way closure along E. Winslow Road to accommodate work planting a natural garden area. The request includes closure of the sidewalk as necessary to safely complete the work. The closure is proposed for three 3 days, anticipated to occur over a weekend between June 12, 2026 and June 21, 2026, during normal construction hours. Pedestrian traffic will be rerouted in accordance with the approved maintenance of traffic plan. The sidewalk closure will occur on the south side of E. Winslow Road, with pedestrians directed to the north side of the roadway or an alternate route using signed crossings. Roach requested for petitions such as this, due to having a hard time locating it, if it is not an intersection, please provide a block area so it's easier to locate. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve the Right of Way Request for Bentley Court. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

7. Right of Way Request for Duke Energy - ROW2026-04-2431

Zach Bell, Engineering, presented the Right of Way Request for Duke Energy - ROW2026-04-2431 for approval. The petitioner is requesting approval of temporary right-of-way closures at 1501 S. Olcott Boulevard, 3502 E. Williams Court, the intersection of S. Fenbrook Lane and E. Moores Pike, the intersection of S. College Mall Road and E. Moores Pike, 2601 E. Cargill Drive, and 6 E. Moores Pike to accommodate equipment replacement on six (6) poles. The request includes temporary closures of travel lanes and sidewalks as necessary to safely complete the work. The closures are proposed between July 1, 2026 and April 14, 2027 during normal construction hours and will occur on a rolling, location-by-location basis. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic will be maintained, shifted, or rerouted in accordance with the approved maintenance of traffic plan. Sidewalk closures will occur at each location as work is active, with pedestrians directed to the opposite side of the roadway or an alternate route using signed crossings. Travel lane closures will also occur at each location, with traffic maintained using typical lane shifts and channelization. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve the Right of Way Request for Duke Energy – ROW2026-04-2431. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

8. Right of Way Request for Duke Energy - ROW2026-04-2447

Zach Bell, Engineering, presented a Right of Way Request for Duke Energy – ROW2026-04-2447 for approval. The petitioner is requesting approval of a temporary right-of-way closure at the intersection of S. Smith Road and E. Morningside Drive to accommodate work replacing equipment on poles and installing new overhead wire. The request includes sidewalk and travel lane closures as necessary to safely complete the work. The closures are proposed for 2–4 days on an intermittent basis between July 15, 2026 and April 21, 2027, during normal construction hours, with the roadway and sidewalk reopened outside of active work periods. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic will be maintained, shifted, or rerouted in accordance with the approved maintenance of traffic

plan. The sidewalk closure will occur on the east side of S. Smith Road, with pedestrians detoured to the west side using signed crossings. The travel lane closure will occupy the northbound lane of S. Smith Road. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve Right of Way Request for Duke Energy – ROW2026-04-2447. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

9. Right of Way Request for Duke Energy - ROW2026-04-2450

Zach Bell, Engineering, presented the Right of Way Request for IU – ROW2026-04-2450 for approval. The petitioner is requesting approval of a temporary right-of-way closure at the intersection of S. Adams Street and W. Allen Street to accommodate installation of a pole riser and associated equipment. The request includes closure of the south side sidewalk and crosswalk, as well as a southbound travel lane on S. Adams Street, as necessary to safely complete the work. The closures are proposed for two (2) days between May 11 and May 25, 2026, and three (3) days between June 2 and June 16, 2026, during normal construction hours. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic will be maintained, shifted, or rerouted in accordance with the approved maintenance of traffic plan. The sidewalk and crosswalk closure will occur on the south side of the intersection, with pedestrians detoured to the west side of the intersection using signed crossings. The travel lane closure will occupy the southbound lane of S. Adams Street. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve Right of Way Closure Request for Duke Energy – ROW2026-04-2450. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

10. Right of Way Request for IU - ROW2026-04-2420

Zach Bell, Engineering, presented the Right of Way Request for IU – ROW2026-04-2420 for approval. The petitioner is requesting approval of a temporary right-of-way closure on N. Woodlawn Avenue from E. 13th Street to E. 12th Street to accommodate storm water improvements. The request includes a full closure of N. Woodlawn Avenue and closure of the west sidewalk, as necessary to safely complete the work. The closures are proposed to occur during the summer of 2026 and will be continuous 24-hour closures. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic will be maintained, shifted, or rerouted in accordance with the approved maintenance of traffic plan. The sidewalk closure will occur on the west side of N. Woodlawn Avenue, with pedestrians detoured to the east side of the roadway using signed crossings. The full street closure will occur on N. Woodlawn Avenue from E. 13th Street to E. 12th Street, with local access maintained. Traffic will be detoured via E. 12th Street, E. 13th Street, and N. Indiana Avenue. Cox Deckard asked if they had coordinated with the fire department. Bell stated he doesn't know but he will reach out to Scott to make sure they have those full road closures. Karon asked if this closure will last the entirety of May 25 to July 10th, or will they be honing in on a smaller portion of those days. Bell said no, there will be a full closure for that length of time. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve Right of Way Request for IU – ROW2026-04-2420. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

11. Right of Way Request for Capital Railroad Services - ROW2026-04-2415

Rebecca Davis, Engineering, presented the Right of Way Request for Capital Railroad Services – ROW2026-04-2415 for approval. The petitioner is requesting approval of a temporary right-of-way closure at the N. Adams Street railroad bridge just north of W. 7th Street to accommodate structural and concrete repairs resulting from repeated vehicle strikes due to overhead clearance limitations. The request includes closure of the east sidewalk and a full closure of N. Adams Street at the bridge, as necessary to safely complete the work. The closures are proposed from May 26, 2026 through June 2, 2026, during all hours, and are partially dependent on coordination with the Kirkwood Avenue Improvement Project, as W. Kirkwood Avenue is included in the proposed detour route. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic will be maintained, shifted, or rerouted in accordance with the approved maintenance of traffic plan. The sidewalk closure will occur on the east side of N. Adams Street, with pedestrians detoured to the west side using signed crossings. The western sidewalk will remain open to accommodate pedestrian travel. The full street closure will occur at the bridge location within the 300 block of N. Adams Street. Vehicular traffic will be detoured via W. Kirkwood Avenue, N. Rogers Street, and W. 11th Street. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve Right of Way Request for Capital Railroad Services – ROW2026-04-2415. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

12. Right of Way Request for Vero Fiber Project from Ervin Cable - ROW2026-03-2333

Rebecca Davis, Engineering, presented the Right of Way Request for Vero Fiber Project from Ervin Cable – ROW2026-03-2333 for approval. Ervin Cable, on behalf of Vero Fiber, is requesting approval of a right-of-way permit for a fiber installation project involving approximately 16,000 linear feet of new infrastructure to be installed between May and August. The work will be completed during the summer months to minimize impacts to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The project will involve multiple temporary lane, bike lane, and sidewalk closures, typically lasting one to two days per location as work progresses along the corridor. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic will be maintained, shifted, or rerouted in accordance with the approved maintenance of traffic plan. Sidewalk closures will be localized to active work areas, with pedestrians directed to the opposite side of the roadway or an alternate route using signed crossings. The following streets and sidewalks will be impacted: N. Dunn Street, E. 19th Street, E. 17th Street, N. Woodlawn Avenue, E. 13th Street, East 3rd Street, N. and S. Indiana Avenue. The applicant has agreed to provide advance notification to Indiana University and nearby residents prior to construction activities and to submit a detailed work plan and location schedule to the City. All work will comply with applicable traffic control requirements. Cox Deckard asked if they could hold off on work until after this week and weekend are over. Davis stated that yes they can and they are looking towards the end of May for the start of this project. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve Right of Way Request for Vero Fiber Project from Ervin Cable – ROW2026-03-2333. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

6. Staff Reports

7. Approval of Claims

Cox Deckard made a motion to approve the Claims in the amount of \$756,815.22. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

8. Adjournment

Karon called for adjournment at 6:05pm.

Accepted By:

Signed by:



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Elizabeth Karon, President

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Kyla Cox Deckard, Vice President

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James Roach, Secretary

Date: 6/17/2026

Attest to:

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