

**Report of the Common Council Sidewalk Committee
February 2, 2005**

Committee Members and Staff

The Committee moved its deliberations from the spring to the fall in order to fund projects in the same year they will be completed. For this reason, the members of the Council Sidewalk Committee (Committee) in 2004 were the same as in 2005 and the members of the 2006 Committee will meet in September of 2005 and make their recommendations in early 2006. The members of the 2005 Committee were appointed by the President of the Council and included:

- Mike Diekhoff, District 3
- Tim Mayer, At-Large
- David Rollo, District 4
- Chris Sturbaum, District 1 (Chair)

The committee members were assisted by the following persons:

Council Office

Dan Sherman, Council Administrator/Attorney
Stacy Jane Rhoads, Assistant Administrator

Clerk's Office

Regina Moore, City Clerk

Public Works

Julio Alonso, Director
Justin Wykoff, Manager of Engineering Services

Planning

Patrick Shay, Development Review Manager
Tiffany Strait, Senior Transportation Planner

HAND

Bob Woolford, Housing Coordinator

Parks and Recreation

Steve Cotter, Natural Resources Manager

Schedule and Topics of Meetings

The Committee met three times in 2004 and 2005 before making its recommendations. Here is a brief overview of those meetings (the minutes of which are available in the Council Office):

December 9, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Library to:

- Elect a Chairperson (Chris Sturbaum);
- Request the Council Office to make a record of the meetings;
- Confirm procedures established in 2004 for 2005 (and pick up where the Committee left off in August with the addition of new proposals submitted by October 6, 2004)
- Review 2004 allocations and projects;
- Review funding for 2005 (which includes a portion of the \$185,000 budgeted for Alternative Transportation in 2005 and a recommendation to use of unspent funds from previous years);
- Discuss sidewalk standards (in particular the installation of tree plots and ramps);
- Review proposed projects that build upon previously-funded ones; and
- Review proposed projects without previous contribution of Alternative Transportation funds.

January 12, 2005 at noon in the McCloskey Room to:

- Review progress of 2004 projects after the close of the year;
- Review expenditures (\$14,000.13), encumbrances (\$54,399.66), and unspent funds (\$106,600.21) in 2004;
- Begin recommendations:
 - Fund \$186,627.52 for 2004 projects
 - with \$133,000 coming from the balance of the Alternative Transportation Fund;
 - with \$53,627.52 coming from the 2005 allocation, and
 - leaving \$116,372.48 for other projects in 2005 and a balance of \$15,400 in the ATF;
- Continue to review proposals that build upon previous funding;
- Continue to review proposals without history of previous funding; and
- Discuss outstanding issues including role of City of Bloomington Utilities in funding some projects and the role of Public Works in

providing sidewalks for neighborhoods adversely affected by new development.

January 19, 2005 at noon in the McCloskey Room to:

- Continue to review proposals and make recommendations for allocating the remaining \$116,372.48 (and decided to recommend using \$2,424.68 from the \$15,400 reserve to complete the list);
- Discuss the disparity between sidewalk requests and funding and possible sources for future funding;
- Approve the minutes from the December 9, 2004 and January 12, 2005 meetings and delegate the approval of the minutes for the current meeting to the President after review and comment by members;
- Submit the Sidewalk Report to the Council on February 2, 2005; and
- Meet in mid-September to begin the 2006 deliberations.

Highlights of Committee Deliberations

Continuation of 2004 Deliberations

On August 4, 2004 the Committee decided to take advantage of its deliberations over the summer and pick up its work in early fall after assembling a list of proposed sidewalks from council members and staff. This meant that the Committee did not need to revisit the sidewalk inventory and projects, criteria for funding or solicitation procedures.

Alternative Transportation Fund - 2005

The Committee makes recommendations regarding the use of the Alternative Transportation Fund (ATF), which is funded primarily by surplus revenues from the Neighborhood Parking Program (BMC 15.37.160). Please see the recommendations below for information regarding the 2005 allocations and fund balances.

Review of Proposals

The Committee reviewed the status of 2004 allocations and recommended renewed funding for three projects - Nancy Street, Jefferson Street, and Winfield Road. It then reviewed new proposals that built upon previous

funding and recommended fully funding two – Maxwell Lane and Queens Way – funding the design costs for one – Marilyn Drive - and not funding two – South Walnut and Jefferson Street (between 3rd and 5th). Lastly, it reviewed new proposals with no history of prior funding and recommended funding the design costs for one – Roosevelt Street – and not funding three – North Maple (which will be constructed with the help of HAND and DPW), Montclair and North Kinser Pike.

Committee Recommendations:

After three meetings the Committee made the following Recommendations:

- 1. Allocate the \$185,000 of Alternative Transportation Funds appropriated in 2005 in the following manner:**

\$185,000	Annual Appropriation
- \$15,000	Traffic Calming
\$170,000	Sidewalk Projects

- 2. Use unspent and unencumbered Alternative Transportation Funds from previous years in the following manner:**

\$148,400	Balance in ATF
- \$135,242.68	Sidewalk Projects
\$12,975.32	Reserve

- 3. Fund the following projects:**

2004 Proposals

- Sidewalk on Nancy Street from Ruby Lane to Marilyn Drive (west side) - \$45,627.52**
- Sidewalk on Jefferson Street from 7th to 8th Street (east side) - \$114,000**
- Sidewalk on Winfield Road from Fair Oaks Lane to existing Sidewalk south of Rechter Road (east side) - \$27,000 for labor**

- **with cost of materials (approximately \$18,096) being contributed by the developer of the Renwick PUD (Wininger/Stolberg)**

2005 Proposals

- **Sidewalk on Maxwell Lane from Clifton Sidepath to High Street (north side) - \$65,175**
- **Sidewalk on Queens Way from Chelsea to Sussex (south side) - \$35,729**
- **Design of sidewalk on Marilyn from Nancy Street to High Street (south side) - \$11,497,54**
- **Design for sidewalk on Roosevelt from 4th to 5th Street (east side) - \$6,395.62**

Note: The 2006 Committee intends to meet next in mid-September 2005 in order to make recommendations regarding 2006 projects by mid-January. This schedule would help the Engineering Staff begin work on the design of these projects during the winter months and will, hopefully, result in the completion of more projects the year in which they are funded.