

Council Sidewalk Committee Report – 2024 Council Sidewalk Funding – Part II

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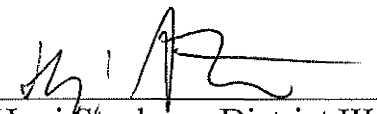
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**Signatures for Sidewalk Committee Report –
Remaining 2024 Council Sidewalk Funding**

Note: Your signature below indicates approval of the Report pursuant to BMC 2.04.230 Standing committees-Reports (a), which requires that reports be in writing and be signed by a majority of the membership.


Kate Rosenbarger (Chair), District II


Isabel-Piedmont-Smith, District I


Hopi Stosberg, District III

Andy Ruff, At-Large

Report of the Common Council Sidewalk Committee – Remaining 2024 Council Sidewalk Funding

Committee Members and Staff

The members of the Committee were appointed by the President of the Council and included:

- Kate Rosenbarger, District II (Chair)
- Isabel Piedmont-Smith, District I
- Hopi Stosberg, District III
- Andy Ruff, At-Large

The committee members were assisted by the following persons and departments:

Planning and Transportation (P & T)

Ryan Robling, Planning Services Manager

Hank Duncan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

Engineering

Neil Kopper, Senior Project Engineer

Roy Aten, Senior Project Manager

Utilities

Jane Fleig, Utilities Engineer

Parks and Recreation

Steve Cotter, Natural Resources Manager

Office of the City Clerk

Nicole Bolden, City Clerk

Sofia McDowell, Chief Deputy Clerk

Council Office

Stephen Lucas, Council Administrator/Attorney

Ash Kulak, Deputy Administrator/Deputy Attorney

Schedule

The Committee met in person, with meetings also accessible via Zoom on:

- Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 1:30pm
- Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 3:00pm
- Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 12 noon

Deliberation and Meeting Materials Available Online

Deliberation materials and meeting memoranda for the Sidewalk Committee's meetings will be available online at <https://bloomington.in.gov/council/sidewalks> under Meetings and Documents.

Recommendations for Remaining 2024 Sidewalk Funding

This Report of the Sidewalk Committee (the Committee) supplements the Committee's initial recommendations to the Council on the use \$350,000 of Alternative Transportation Fund (ATF) monies budgeted for 2024 for sidewalk and traffic-calming/pedestrian improvements projects. The Committee provided [Part I of its 2024 Council Sidewalk Funding Report](#) to the Council on

February 7, 2024. Part I of the Report contains additional background information about the Committee, the program criteria, and other policies, which are not repeated here.

At the February 7, 2024 meeting, the Council approved partial funding recommendations from the Committee, totaling \$120,000. The Committee then met on February 22, 2024 and March 21, 2024 to consider new projects and to make recommendations regarding the allocation of the remaining \$230,000 in 2024 funds.

In reaching these recommendations, the Committee considered P & T staff's prioritization of high-ranking projects identified by utilizing sidewalk evaluation metrics and a comprehensive map of missing sidewalks.

Funding for New Sidewalk Projects

Based on P & T staff identifying highly-ranked projects through the program criteria, the Committee recommends the following allocations.

- **Construction – N. Dunn Street (east side of street) – North of 17th Street**
The initial 2024 Committee recommendations included \$35,000 toward the design of this project. The rough estimated total construction cost of the project is \$200,000. The Committee now recommends allocating \$200,000 toward construction of this project (in addition to the previously-allocated \$35,000 for design). P & T staff notes that this is a high-pedestrian traffic area by a popular transit stop, is a heavily-used area for Indiana University sporting events, and is a project that will provide a much-needed connection to an already-existing sidewalk for comfortable pedestrian travel.
- **Pedestrian safety enhancements and traffic calming in Green Acres Neighborhood**
The Committee discussed a potential sidewalk along S. Overhill Drive, between 3rd Street and 5th Street. After discussing alternate options for increasing pedestrian safety and comfort in the area and after hearing from P&T staff, the Committee agreed to allocate \$30,000 toward the purchase and installation of pedestrian safety enhancements and traffic calming devices for the Green Acres neighborhood. The specific locations and types of improvements within the neighborhood would be left to city staff.

Summary of Actions

In summary, during the course of its deliberations, the Committee:

- Provided an opportunity for Committee members or staff members to disclose any potential conflicts of interest for those who might own or reside in homes along sidewalk projects recommended for funding by the Committee;
- Reviewed the list of projects recommended by staff for funding and provided an opportunity for public comment;
- Recommended the allocation of \$230,000 in ATF monies as described below – *See Funding Recommendations (attached)*.
- Authorized the Committee chair to adjust the allocation amounts if cost estimates do not reflect actual costs, in consultation with city staff to fund priorities on the current list of allocations.

COMMON COUNCIL SIDEWALK COMMITTEE
SIDEWALK ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2024
- TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$350,000

Project	ATF	<u>ATF</u> <u>(Additional</u> <u>Amounts – Should</u> <u>They be</u> <u>Appropriated)</u>	<u>CBU</u>	<u>OTHER</u> <u>FUNDS</u>	<u>Priority</u>
<u>Sidewalk Projects</u>					
Design: N. Dunn St. (east side) – North of 17th St.	\$235,000		\$0	\$0	1
Estimated Costs					
Design: \$35,000					
Right-of-Way: \$0					
Construction: \$200,000					
Design: N. Jefferson St. (either side) – 8th St. to 10th St.	\$35,000		\$0	\$0	2
Estimated Costs					
Design: \$35,000					
Right-of-Way: \$0					
Construction: \$300,000					
<u>Traffic Calming</u>					
General Traffic Calming and Greenways Program	\$50,000		\$0	\$0	3
Resident-led Projects					
Estimated Costs					
\$50,000					
Green Acres Neighborhood	\$30,000				4
Pedestrian safety improvements/traffic calming					
Estimated Costs					
\$50,000					
2024 ALLOCATION	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	

CHART NOTES

1. Project. This column identifies the location and details about the project.
2. Alternative Transportation Fund (ATF). This column represents ATF funds appropriated in 2024 for sidewalk and traffic-calming initiatives recommended by the Committee.
3. ATF (Additional Amounts – Should they be Appropriated). This column is available to capture unused funds from prior years should the Committee wish to make recommendations about the use of the remaining funds and any necessary additional appropriation proposals. No funds were identified for additional appropriation and, therefore the shaded column remains empty.
4. CBU. This column represents CBU assistance with the storm-water component of projects. The CBU evaluates the storm-water component of projects and, when able, offers some in-kind contributions when these projects align with CBU storm-water priorities. There were no CBU in-kind contributions identified for sidewalk construction projects recommended by the Committee for 2024.
5. OTHER FUNDS. This column represents project funding from other sources, if any.
6. PRIORITY. This column represents the Committee’s prioritized funding for the projects in order to provide guidance to staff in the event that funding shortages prevented the completion of all recommendations.

