



**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018; 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND STAFF RESPONSE

Question from: Alderman Karen Schmidt

Regular Agenda Item 8A

In seeing our extensive infrastructure challenges that Public Works has to juggle in downtown, I am interested in knowing what the ballpark costs would be to address our sidewalk problems (replacement or repair) along with paving. Are we putting any signs in locations where the signs would have to be moved to make repairs & upgrades? Do we need to prioritize streets and sidewalks?

Staff Response: Jim Karch, Public Works Director

Downtown Bloomington remains one of the 5 key Council priorities and as such staff has been working with a committee of downtown stakeholders to move the wayfinding signage initiative forward. The wayfinding signage is a separately budgeted item from the street and sidewalk paving. Both areas are capital items so funding from either could be designated to push forward the initiative. Street and sidewalk funding is being dedicated over the next couple of years out of the street resurfacing budget as the infrastructure work (including sewer and gas main) is complete to overhaul the downtown visible surface areas. This is a priority set by the Council. As part of the wayfinding sign initiative, staff is making every effort to place signage where it will not be impacted by future infrastructure improvements.