

The Minneapolis City Council's Public Works and Infrastructure Committee requests a nonpartisan, multidisciplinary review from the Mayor of the following:

1. In addition to the updated winter maintenance study, provide a comprehensive analysis of how a sidewalk plowing and snow removal program could be fully implemented by January 2027.
2. Provide data that includes a fiscal analysis of implementing a phased-in municipal sidewalk plowing and snow removal program that encompasses the entire city sidewalk network, including a breakdown of staffing available by city workers (current and projected) and projected need for contract workers.
3. Provide an additional analysis for a 3 year phased-in approach that would begin with the 298 mile Pedestrian Priority Network in 2024, and would be expanded to include the entire 2000+ mile city sidewalk network in 2027 and would continue on an annual basis. This analysis should include costs for equipment and maintenance, labor costs, staffing and training needs and information on the impacts of added snow loading operations.
4. A draft proposal for snow removal operations including priority levels for sidewalks across the city, stages for removal and a web based interactive tool for residents to track the city's progress during a snow event.
5. An assessment of the current snow and ice removal programs, including Special Service Districts, colleges and universities, neighborhood associations, and contractual programs that are utilized or partnered with the Department of Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR). This assessment should include costs related to the program, the frequency of usage, barriers or challenges, and community feedback.
6. Provide recommendations on how the city can ensure a city-wide sidewalk plowing and snow removal program is equitably implemented through a phased-in process in neighborhoods identified within the Strategic Racial Equity Action Plan (SREAP) and Green Zones.

Present the requested information, including any proposed changes or policy implementations, along with a fiscal analysis of any recommendations to the Minneapolis City Council's Public Works and Infrastructure Committee no later than March 30, 2023. In the time between receiving/approving this legislative directive and the March 30, 2023 deadline, provide bi-weekly updates to the authors of this legislative directive as to the progress being made on fulfilling this request.