Environmental Quality & Public Works (EQPW) Committee

May 12, 2026

Summary and Motions

Chair Dave Sevigny called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Committee Members James Brown, Tyler Morton, Tom Eblen, Emma Curtis, Liz Sheehan, Lisa Higgins-Hord, Joseph Hale, Amy Beasley, and Hil Boone were in attendance as voting members. Council Member Shayla Lynch was present as a non-voting member.

I. APPROVAL OF MARCH 3, 2026 COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Motion by Morton to approve the March 3, 2026 Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee Summary. Seconded by Sheehan. Motion passed unanimously.

II. PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Acting Commissioner Charlie Martin presented the FY27 update to the Pavement Management Plan. Lexington continues to use pavement condition surveys and the Overall Condition Index (OCI) to resurface streets with an OCI below 60. The Administration proposed a $13 million paving budget, including approximately $5.2M for local roads, $3.25M for collectors, $3.25M for arterial/service-industrial roads, and $1.3M for preventive maintenance. An additional $1M is dedicated to ADA ramp improvements and $200,000 to pothole repairs. Local funding distribution is based on each Council district's proportion of lane miles scoring below 60.

The update also emphasized coordination with utilities, a paving calendar spanning fiscal years, the continued success of the Paving Sharing Program, and future initiatives such as improved ArcGIS mapping, evaluation of national best practices, right-of-way restoration policy updates, and refinement of pavement classifications.

III. COMPLETE STREETS DESIGN MANUAL UPDATE

Consultant Bert Kuyrkendall presented progress on the new Complete Streets Design Manual (CSDM), intended to align Lexington's transportation design standards with the City's Complete Streets (2022) and Vision Zero (2023) policies. The manual consolidates and updates guidance from multiple regulatory documents, including subdivision regulations and traffic management guidance.

It covers street typologies, multimodal corridor design, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, intersection design, roundabouts, speed management, landscaping, utilities, and pavement standards.

Staff noted significant stakeholder engagement—working groups, workshops, and coordination with engineering, development, and utility partners. Feedback continues on topics such as alley standards, bikeway details, truck turning movements, utility placement, drainage, project cost considerations, and right-of-way needs. A revised draft is set for public release in May 2026, with Council review planned for Summer 2026 and subsequent Planning Commission review later in the year.

IV. PARKING CITATIONS DURING WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCIES

LexPark Executive Director Laura Boison presented an overview of existing and proposed winter-weather citation protocols. During a formal snow emergency declared by the Mayor, LexPark would provide free overnight parking in select downtown garages from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m., dependent on availability and event-related demand. Enforcement would be limited to major safety hazards and vehicles obstructing operations.

For significant snow or ice events without an emergency declaration, LexPark proposes reduced garage rates and limited citation activity. Enforcement is relaxed when accumulation exceeds 4 inches or when major ice conditions exist, but ADA and major safety violations remain enforceable.

The presentation also described operational challenges, legal constraints in existing parking ordinances, recent examples from winter storms in 2025 and 2026, and coordination needs between LexPark, LFUCG, and snow-route management efforts.

V. CONSENT DECREE AND REMEDIAL MEASURES PLAN

Charlie Martin provided an update on the federal sanitary sewer Consent Decree and the Remedial Measures Plan. The final compliance deadline has been extended from December 31, 2026 to December 31, 2030. Of the 113 required projects, 91 are complete or removed, 12 are under construction, and 10 major projects remain, including several large wet-weather storage tanks (Town Branch Phase 2, North Elkhorn, and Mint Lane).

Other active projects include major trunk sewers and pump station upgrades across the county. Some projects are expected to conclude in 2026, with others extending into 2027. Approximately 81% of capital work is complete, with overall costs trending below original 2014 projections despite inflation and construction cost pressures.

The program aims for all remaining projects to be under construction by January 1, 2029 to meet the extended deadline.

VI. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Motion by Sheehan to remove *Parking Citations During Winter Weather Emergencies* from the list of items referred to committee. Seconded by Higgins-Hord. Motion passed without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.