



EDINA MINNESOTA

Energy & Environment Commission Meeting Agenda

January 8, 2026, 7:00 PM

Edina City Hall, Community Room, 4801 W. 50th St.



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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

4.1. December 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

5. Special Recognitions and Presentations

5.1. Dark Skies Presentation

6. Community Comment

During "Community Comment," the Board/Commission will invite residents to share issues or concerns that are not scheduled for a future public hearing. Items that are on tonight's agenda may not be addressed during Community Comment. Individuals must limit their comments to three minutes. The Chair may limit the number of speakers on the same issue in the interest of time and topic. Individuals should not expect the Chair or Board/Commission Members to respond to their comments tonight. Instead, the Board/Commission might refer the matter to staff for consideration at a future meeting.

7. Reports/Recommendations

7.1. Advisory Communication Supporting ETC Study & Report

7.2. 2026-2027 Work Plan

8. Chair and Member Comments

9. Staff Comments

10. Adjournment



Item Number: 4.1

Department: Engineering

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: December 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Action Requested:

Approve Meeting Minutes

Information/Background:

Approve minutes from December 11, 2025 meeting.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. Dec 11 Minutes

Energy & Environment Commission Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2025, 7:00 PM

Meeting location:
Edina City Hall
Community Room
4801 W. 50th St.
Edina, MN



1. Call to Order

Chair Lukens called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. then shared the procedure for community comment.

2. Roll Call

Answering roll call were Chair Lukens; Commissioners LaCasse, Martinez-Salgado, Tessman, and Schima; and student commissioner Lassig.

Student commissioner Tyshow arrived at 7:06 p.m. Vice-Chair Haugen arrived at 7:22 p.m.

Absent was Commissioner Bartholomew.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Tessman made a motion, seconded by Martinez-Salgado, to Approve Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

4.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes, October 9, 2025

Martinez-Salgado made a motion, seconded by LaCasse, to Approve Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

5. Special Recognitions and Presentations

5.1. Transportation Commission Presentation

Chris Brown, Transportation Commission Vice-Chair, presented the commission's report related to bike and pedestrian infrastructure. EEC will draft an Advisory Communication in support of the Transportation Commission's recommendation to Council.

5.2. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Sustainability

Sustainability Manager Bayer and Sustainability Specialist Gabb presented on artificial intelligence (AI) and associated environmental impacts.

6. Community Comment

No community comment was received.

7. Reports/Recommendations

7.1. Work Plan Item #1: Climate Action Plan Prioritization

EEC discussed the Advisory Communication, making one addition to the "background" section of the document. Haugen motioned, seconded by Lukens, to Approve the Advisory Communication. Motion carried.

7.2. Work Plan Item #5: Extreme Heat

EEC provided comments on the staff report. EEC has the option of drafting an Advisory Communication on this topic at a later date.

8. Chair and Member Comments

9. Staff Comments

9.1. Introduction of GreenCorps Members

Staff liaison Bayer introduced Edian's GreenCorps Members, Gabriella Rossow and Meaghan Hager-Garman.

9.2. Meetings By Interactive Technology Policy

Staff liaison Bayer reminded EEC of the policy, which is effective January 2026.

10. Adjournment

Tessman made a motion, seconded by Martinez-Salgado, to Adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



Item Number: 5.1

Department: Engineering

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: Dark Skies Presentation

Action Requested:

No action requested.

Information/Background:

Edina Resident Kate Hage will present on dark skies.

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None



Item Number: 7.1

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: Advisory Communication Supporting ETC Study & Report

Action Requested:

Approve Advisory Communication

Information/Background:

The Transportation Commission (ETC) is asking Council to direct staff to write a policy that would require pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan to be automatically included in future street reconstruction and rehabilitation projects. Transportation Commission Vice-Chair Christ Brown presented the Transportation Commission's report and recommendation at the December EEC meeting.

Chair Lukens prepared the attached Advisory Communication in support of the Transportation Commission's report.

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1. Draft Advisory Communication



Commission Advisory Communication

Date: 01/08/2026

To: City Council

From: Energy & Environment Commission

Subject: Support for ETC Study & Report Request for Walking & Biking Improvements

Approved Work Plan Item: N/A

Council Charge: N/A

Action Requested:

As part of their 2025 Workplan to “study & report” on policies and ordinances that would require walking and biking improvements, the Edina Transportation Commission is asking Edina City Council to direct staff to write a policy that would require the inclusion of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan in future street reconstruction and rehabilitation projects. The Edina Energy and Environment Commission fully supports this ask as it has direct potential, positive impacts on the Edina Climate Action Plan.

Situation/Background:

To achieve our CAP goals, Edina needs to maintain its current greenhouse gas emission reductions and reduce another 196,865 metric tons of carbon dioxide by 2030. Sixty-three percent of those emission reductions need to come from the transportation sector. Further, the Climate Action Plan includes a strategy to decrease community-wide vehicle miles travel (VMT) 7% by 2030. According to the MnDOT Carbon Emissions Tool, for every 1 mile of sidewalk added, Edina would expect to reduce 6,009 miles a year in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) over the useful life of the sidewalk.

Assessment:

Investing in Edina’s bike and pedestrian infrastructure is a key action to reduce VMT by making it easier and safer to walk and bike in our community.

Recommendation:

Support Edina Energy & Environment Commission and Transportation Commission efforts by directing staff to write an ordinance with language that accomplishes the following and adopted no later than December 31, 2026:

1. Require inclusion of all infrastructure recommended in Edina’s adopted Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (2018) per the proposed pedestrian and bicycle networks.
2. Modify the adopted bicycle network using professional judgement and current industry best practices to upgrade proposed bicycle infrastructure off-street or on-street and physically protected.



3. Add new pedestrian or bicycle connections in addition to the master plan's pedestrian and bicycle networks using professional judgement on a case by case basis.



Item Number: 7.2

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Discussion

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: 2026–2027 Work Plan

Action Requested:

No action requested.

Information/Background:

City Council approved the Commission's proposed 2026–27 work plan in December. Approved changes included adding "lawn care equipment" to item 1, adding "vehicle idling" to item 2, updating the neighbor-to-neighborhood contest metric to set out rates for item 4, and adding an evaluation step to item 7 related to the green business outreach program.

The Commission should confirm next steps for work plan items as appropriate.

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1. Approved 2026–27 EEC Work Plan (Board Portal)