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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

4.1. February 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

5. Special Recognitions and Presentations

5.1. Presentation on Edina Bike & Pedestrian Facilities

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. Transportation Commission Advisory Communication

7.2. Extreme Heat Advisory Communication

7.3. 2026-2027 Work Plan Updates

8. Chair and Member Comments

9. Staff Comments

10. Adjournment



Item Number: 4.1

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: February 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Action Requested:

Approve meeting minutes.

Information/Background:

Review and approve February 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. Feb 12 EEC Minutes

Energy & Environment Commission Meeting Agenda

February 12, 2026, 7:15 PM

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



1. Call to Order

Chair Lukens called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. then shared the procedure for community comment.

2. Roll Call

Answering roll call were Chair Lukens, Vice-Chair Haugen, Commissioners LaCasse and Bartholomew; and student Commissioner Lassig.

Absent were Commissioners Martinez-Salgado and Tessman, and student Commissioner Tyshow.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Haugen made a motion, seconded by Bartholomew, to Approve Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

4.1. January 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Bartholomew made a motion, seconded by Haugen, to Approve Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

5. Special Recognitions and Presentations

No special recognitions or presentations were received.

6. Community Comment

Resident Taylor Bruhschwein shared concern about the need for more protected bicycle facilities in Edina, highlighting an upcoming project on Wooddale Ave. and requested the commission write an Advisory Communication. The commission agreed about the importance of the issue to the Climate Action Plan goals and Chair Lukens will work with the Transportation Commission Chair to join their draft Advisory Communication, which will be approved at a future meeting.

7. Reports/Recommendations

7.1. Officer Elections

Haugen made a motion, seconded by Bartholomew, to nominate Cory Lukens for Chair. Motion carried. Bartholomew made a motion, seconded by LaCasse, to nominate John Haugen for Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

Cory Lukens and John Haugen will serve their terms until February 2027.

7.2. 2026-2027 Work Plan

Commissioners discussed the 2026-2027 Work Plan to identify next steps and objectives for each work plan initiative. Commissioners identified which initiatives need additional support from new members.

8. Chair and Member Comments

Three new members will start their terms next month once approved by City Council at the Feb. 17 meeting. Commissioners discussed their shared frustration with current Federal immigration enforcement in the Twin Cities.

9. Staff Comments

Liaison Bayer reminded the commission of upcoming events and advised the Tree Protection Ordinance will be on the Feb. 17 City Council agenda.

10. Adjournment

Bartholomew made a motion, seconded by LaCasse, to Adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Item Number: 5.1

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: Presentation on Edina Bike & Pedestrian Facilities

Action Requested:

No action.

Information/Background:

Transportation Planner Andrew Scipioni will present on Edina's strategy to building bike and pedestrian facilities, highlighting the Wooddale Ave. corridor project.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Item Number: 7.1

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: Transportation Commission Advisory Communication

Action Requested:

Approve Advisory Communication.

Information/Background:

The Transportation Commission approved the attached Advisory Communication related to the Wooddale Ave. pedestrian infrastructure. The Transportation Commission is asking the EEC to sign on to the Advisory Communication.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. ETC Advisory Communication
2. Wooddale Community Presentation (Board Portal)
3. Wooddale Staff Presentation (Board Portal)



Commission Advisory

Date: February 19, 2026

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Transportation Commission

Subject: Wooddale Avenue Bike Lane Project Letter of Support

Approved Work Plan Item: No

Council Charge: N/A

Action Requested

As you consider the 2026 Wooddale Avenue mill and overlay, the Transportation Commission urges Council to direct staff to review and present viable all-ages-and-abilities (AAA) design alternatives for the corridor — including options beyond those currently proposed such as those in the attached presentation provided to the Transportation Commission by members of the community.

Situation

Wooddale serves neighborhoods where kids, families and older adults walk, bike, and cross every day. For a corridor with its traffic volumes and speeds, national guidance supports protected facilities that clearly separate people walking and biking from motor vehicle traffic.

Before narrowing direction, we believe Council should have the benefit of a full evaluation of feasible alternatives and their safety impacts.

This project is a rare opportunity to make meaningful, cost-effective safety improvements. We encourage Council to ensure all viable options are thoughtfully reviewed and presented prior to selecting a final design.

Encl.

Community Presentation Received February 19, 2026

Staff Presentation Received February 19, 2026



Item Number: 7.2

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: Extreme Heat Advisory Communication

Action Requested:

Approve Advisory Communication.

Information/Background:

Commissioner Martinez-Salgado prepared the attached Advisory Communication related to extreme heat in Edina. This is a follow up to the EEC's 2025 Work Plan item related to a "review & comment" on Staff's Extreme Heat Report presented at the December 2025 EEC meeting.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. EEC Advisory Communication, Extreme Heat Report



Commission Advisory Communication

Date: 03/12/2026

To: Mayor & City Council

From: Energy & Environment Commission (EEC)

Subject: Support mitigation and adaptation solutions listed in Edina’s Extreme Heat Report

Approved Work Plan Item: Yes, 2025 WP

Council Charge: 2: Review & Comment

Items not on the approved work plan: Council action is rarely taken mid-year for items not on the current approved work plan. Action is only taken if Council chooses to discuss the Advisory Communication at the Council meeting and provides specific direction through a Council vote. Commissions are encouraged to submit new initiative proposals through the annual work plan process.

Action Requested:

Consider appropriating sufficient funding from the city budget and staff resources to implement the mitigation and adaptation solutions identified in their Extreme Heat Report developed by the city’s Sustainability Division.

Background:

With the aim not only to mitigate climate change, but to make the city more resilient to the risk that climate change could bring to our community, the city published in 2021 its Climate Action Plan.

The plan identified extreme heat and weather as one of the top 5 risks the city would face in the changing climate we are currently living. Among the different sectors the plan covers, it identified 6 strategies regarding Greenspaces & Trees and Climate Health & Safety to help the city mitigate these risks and adapt our built environment to reduce their impacts in our community.

Assessment:

Edina’s Extreme Heat Report developed by the Sustainability Division of the city includes a clear assessment that shows that the areas with the highest temperature during the day are also those with the lowest tree canopy and a lot of impervious pavements. These areas can be more than 10 degrees hotter than the Twin Cities’ average in the summer.

Recently published decade-long research on green spaces, concluded that urban green spaces are increasingly recognized as effective nature-based solutions (NBS) to mitigate urban heat through cooling mechanism such as shading, evaporation and enhanced albedo. The study concluded that green spaces could lower temperature by 2-12° F, influenced by vegetation type, spatial configuration, and urban morphology¹.

¹ Soltanifar, H., & Amani-Beni, M. (2025). “The cooling effect of urban green spaces as nature-based solutions for mitigating urban heat: insights from a decade-long systemic review”. Climate Risk Management.



Additionally, the CDC² considers that as heat endangers human health in many ways, tools and programs that will help protect public from these events need to be developed by communities, like communication strategies, cooling centers, distribution of relief kits, etc.

Since this increase in temperature can have both health and economic impacts in the city, the report has identified new opportunities, with an important number of them around greenspaces, trees, and health related programs, that would help the Edina improve its resilience.

Recommendations:

Extreme heat is the leading weather-related cause of death in the United States, and its numbers are expected to increase as these events become more frequent and intense due to climate change.

Therefore, the Energy and Environment Commission urges the City Council to allocate city budget funds and staff resources in next budget and work plan process to support extreme heat mitigation and adaptation strategies, with a priority to:

1. Create emergency response plans to address extreme heat events;
2. Increase engagement resources and heat relief tools to equip Edina residents to prepare for extreme heat;
3. Expand the availability of cooling centers using a city facility; and
4. Expand programs to preserve and expand the tree canopy in areas with low density and create a new incentive-based pavement conversation program.

² CDC. (2017). *The Use of Cooling Centers to Prevent Heat-Related Illness: Summary of Evidence and Strategies for Implementation*. Center for Disease Control and Prevention.



Item Number: 7.3

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Discussion

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: 2026–2027 Work Plan Updates

Action Requested:

No action.

Information/Background:

Review and discuss the approved 2026–2027 Commission Work Plan and next steps.

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1. 2026–2027 EEC Work Plan

EEC 2026-2027 Work Plan

	Description	Council Charge	Leads	Update / Next Steps (Current notes, Feb Mtg)
1	<p>Internal Combustion Engine Idling, Lawn Care Equipment, and Air Quality Study and report on city-led initiatives around internal combustion engine idling, lawn care equipment, and air quality. Focus will be on community vehicles and equipment.</p> <p>Deliverable is an Advisory communication and report summarizing findings.</p>	Study & Report	Hilda, Cory	<p>Support needed from new members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research what other cities and school districts are doing (interviews, searching the internet) • Separate research by topic: Anti-idling, lawn care equipment electrification, air quality impacts of idling and lawn care • Determine what co-benefits should be included (like noise pollution reduction) • Sloane has connection to Toro she can introduce to work plan leads
2	<p>Education and Outreach to Schools Build relationships with schools and find pathways to assist them in with messaging climate related topics, such as vehicle idling, school bus use and organics recycling. EEC will support schools and student groups to lead messaging. If EEC wants to pursue a broader campaign or school project beyond building relationships, a work plan update request will be needed.</p> <p>Deliverable is regular updates status and messaging.</p>	Event	Sloane, John, Zander, Genevieve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect with Cool Planet (Paul Thompson), Project Earth (High School group), Go Green Committee, Principals, Parents • Sloane has started making connections to Principals and gather their thoughts; talking to PTO leaders • Make Schools aware EEC is a partner in this work; build connections and be ready to implement when ready • Student Commissions can come back with specific ideas of what EEC could focus • John and Sloane to continue to connect with schools along with the student commissioners

	Description	Council Charge	Leads	Update / Next Steps (Current notes, Feb Mtg)
3	<p>Organics Outreach Assist staff to promote organics recycling in multi-family housing. Create a neighborhood-to-neighborhood contest to increase set out rate for curbside organics recycling. EEC will present to neighborhood associations to generate participation. EEC will draft proposal for contest with information on structure, timeline and materials to inform future implementation.</p> <p>Deliverable is a proposal on the contest structure, presentations to neighborhood associations, and outreach at multifamily buildings.</p>	Review & Decide	Brooke, Genevieve	<p>Support needed from new members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss at future meeting
4	<p>Food Security Assessment and Local Food Production Continuation of work plan item from 2025. Study and report "food security assessment" to determine food insecurity conditions within Edina using existing data and reports across multiple sources. EEC will collaborate with staff and study what other cities are doing, the best practice strategies to increase food security, and opportunities for food rescue.</p> <p>Deliverable is an Advisory communication and report summarizing findings.</p>	Study & Report	Brooke, Tom, Zander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brooke has additional GIS files • Brooke and Tom have connected on report, will connect with Zander
5	<p>Continuation of Tree Recognition Campaign (TRC) Continuation of existing annual EEC initiative to recognize and promote Edina's tree canopy. Complete annual Tree Recognition Campaign, including advertising program and selecting awardees.</p> <p>Deliverable will be 2026 & 2026 TRC awards and recognition.</p>	Review & Decide	John, Hilda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss Earth Day/Arbor Day timing to promote application, "take pictures now" • Confirm application submission/open date

	Description	Council Charge	Leads	Update / Next Steps (Current notes, Feb Mtg)
6	<p>Continuation of Earth Day Promotion and Tabling Support existing community Earth Day events) with tabling to promote EEC initiatives and priorities, including electric vehicles.</p> <p>Deliverable will be event attendance.</p>	Event	Tom, Brooke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning meetings start March 1st • Earth Day festival on April 26 • Tom and Brooke brainstorming what topics to feature at table; hoping to find kid friendly activities • Tom talking to Shift2Electric to feature more EVs • Recruiting Friends of the Boundary Waters to attend and table • Could Toro talk about their electric products? Sloane could connect work plan leads • Work plan leads will put a call out to volunteers to help closer to the date
7	<p>Continuation of Green Business Outreach Program (GBOP) Continuation of existing annual EEC initiative to recognize and promote green businesses. Evaluate program and opportunities to improve. Complete annual Green Business Outreach Program (GBOP), including advertising application period and selecting businesses for recognition.</p> <p>Deliverable will be 2026 GBOP awards and recognition, followed by evaluation report of program before 2027 awards.</p>	Review & Decide	Cory	<p>Support needed from new members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss at future meeting