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**City Manager's Report**  
**November 12, 2025, City Council Meeting**  
**Prepared by: Melissa Savage, City Engineer**  
**Item #: 12.1**

**Subject:** Consider approving a \$40,000 budget appropriation from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account unassigned fund balance and a construction contract with C.E. Cox General Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$31,818 for the Sidewalk Repairs project (CIP #42612), for Bedford Avenue Curb Ramp and Main Street Sidewalk and finding the project exempt from CEQA.

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**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution:

1. Approving a construction contract with C.E. Cox General Engineering, Inc. for the Sidewalk Repairs project (CIP #42612) for Bedford Avenue Curb Ramp and Main Street Sidewalk in an amount not to exceed \$31,818; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same; and
2. Approving a \$40,000 budget appropriation from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account unassigned fund balance for the said project; and
3. Finding the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 (c).

**Purpose:** This item proposes repairing components of the City's sidewalk on Bedford Avenue and Main Street.

**Strategic Plan Strategy:** Infrastructure – Update and Maintain City Owned Infrastructure.

**Background:** On July 5, 2022, the City received an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) grievance from a resident concerning the lack of an ADA-compliant curb ramp on the west side of the crosswalk on Bedford Avenue where the US 50 pedestrian overcrossing sidewalk ramps down to meet Bedford Avenue. In 2022, staff did not believe that the west side of the crosswalk was located within the City's street right-of-way and directed the resident to file a complaint with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Caltrans investigated the claim and determined that the west side of the crosswalk was not in the state's right-of-way. The grievance investigation did not move forward past that point. On August 7, 2025, the City received a follow-up from the resident asking for the status of the ADA grievance. Staff investigated the matter further and determined from a Record of Survey that the location of the sidewalk without a curb ramp is in fact located within the City's right-of-way. Staff began performing an in-house engineering design evaluation of a proposed curb ramp.

At 459 Main Street the root system of a City tree has been heaving the adjacent sidewalk and curb and gutter. The tree has been removed, but the Public Works Department has received multiple tripping complaints about the sidewalk, so Public Works and Engineering staff met for an inspection. Besides heaving, cracking, and joint offsets, the sidewalk also consists of several patches, so it was agreed that the curb, gutter, and sidewalk needs to be replaced. This work is beyond Public Works' concrete

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experience, so staff is requesting to contract this work combined with the new curb ramp on Bedford Ave.

**Discussion:** The Engineering Department reviewed the existing conditions of the sidewalk in the location of the proposed curb ramp. Currently, a retaining wall on private property sits at the back of the sidewalk. A drainage inlet is located on the north side of the existing crosswalk. The existing curb is 8-inches tall and the sidewalk is approximately 3.4 feet wide and is in poor condition. The sidewalk is slightly lower than the curb, which presents a tripping hazard.

The contractor (C.E. Cox General Engineering, Inc.) and staff met in the field to discuss the proposed curb ramp construction and sidewalk repair work. Staff and the contractor agreed to the following scope of work based on field observations and measurements:

At Bedford Avenue (CIP #426121):

- Sawcut and remove curb, gutter, and sidewalk.
- Construct new curb ramp per Engineering design plan.
- Extend retaining curb to match existing retaining wall.
- Protect the existing drainage inlet.
- Perform paving back around the gutter pan.
- Restripe crosswalk

Estimated Cost = \$21,500

At 469 Main Street (CIP #426122):

- Remove and replace 14 lineal feet of curb, gutter and sidewalk as discussed in the field.
- Provide a pedestrian detour around the work zone, but access will remain open to businesses at all times.

Estimated Cost = \$10,318

The negotiated, total combined cost for these improvements listed above is \$31,818. Staff is recommending approval of a construction contract with C.E. Cox General Engineering, Inc. If approved, work will commence immediately.

**Options:** Options for City Council's consideration include:

1. Proceed with the project as recommended by City staff.
2. Delay or defer the project.

**Environmental:** This project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guideline Section 15301, subdivision (C), existing streets and sidewalk. A Notice of Exemption was filed at the El Dorado County Office of the Recorder on November 4, 2025.

**Cost:** The cost of the proposed construction contract with C.E. Cox General Engineering, Inc. is \$31,818.

**Budget Impact:** This project was not included in the adopted Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget. Staff is recommending approval of a budget appropriation in the amount of \$40,000 from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account for Sidewalk Repairs project (CIP #42612), for Bedford Avenue Curb Ramp and Main Street Sidewalk

Below is a summary of the proposed project costs:

Description	Amount
Construction Contract with C.E. Cox General Engineering, Inc. (Proposed)	\$ 31,818
Construction Contingency	4,772
Staff time/Construction inspections	3,410
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>

As you can see, the proposed \$31,818 construction contract with C.E. Cox General Engineering, Inc., Inc. is within the proposed \$40,000 project budget.



Dave Warren, City Manager



Melissa Savage, City Engineer

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution