



Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 6, 2024

Re: 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan Amendment #2 (Case #144-2024)

## Executive Summary

Approval of the attached ordinance will result in amendment of the 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan by adding a sidewalk on the north side of Mills Drive between Forum Boulevard and Highridge Drive as well as four (4) sidewalk projects identified and potentially implemented as part of Interstate 70/US 63 interchange reconstruction project. A concurrent public hearing on these amendments appears on the Council's May 6, 2-24 agenda under separate cover. The amendments were reviewed by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (BPC) at their February 21 and March 20, 2024 meetings and are supported for inclusion into the adopted Sidewalk Master Plan.

## Discussion

### **Mills Drive Sidewalk**

At their February 21, 2024 meeting, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission received a request from a citizen to add a sidewalk project on the north side of Mills Drive to the Sidewalk Master Plan. The Commission discussed this item briefly before tabling a decision on the matter to their March 20, 2024 meeting.

At their March 20, 2024 meeting, the Commission discussed the potential addition of Mills Drive to the SMP. After discussion, the Commission specified the section of Mills Drive from Forum Boulevard to Highridge Drive (north side) for addition to the SMP, as opposed to the entire length of Mills Drive.

Mills Drive scores two points on the priority ratings matrix which places it in the low priority category. While it would connect to the crosswalk on the north side of Forum Boulevard and Mills Drive, it does not provide a connection to a sidewalk on the north side of Mills Drive, south of Highridge Drive. There is an existing sidewalk along the south side of Mills Drive in this immediate area. There is a wide pavement where Mills, Highridge Drive, and Highridge Circle converge that pedestrians must cross to access the existing sidewalk.

### **Sidewalk connections related to Improve I-70 plans**

In their discussions about the MoDOT Interstate 70/US 63 interchange portion of the Improve Interstate 70 project, the Commission considered sidewalk connections that would be needed. The Commission passed a motion to add to the Sidewalk Master Plan the following sidewalks associated with the I-70/US Highway 63 interchange portion of the MoDOT Interstate 70 project.



1. Fill the sidewalk gap on north side of Clark Lane, east of the Connector, to the planned roundabout on Clark Lane and planned underpass from Hanover Boulevard to Interstate 70 Drive SE.
2. Fill the sidewalk gap on the south side of East Business Loop 70 near the planned roundabout and distributor collector for eastbound I-70.
3. Fill the sidewalk gap on the north side of Clark Lane, west of the Connector, near the planned roundabout by Lambeth Drive and the future Hinkson Creek Trail connection.
4. Add a sidewalk on the east side of the 63 Connector across I-70 from Clark Lane to I-70 Drive SE.

Given that these four projects are within the operational area of the MoDOT I-70/US Highway 63 interchange, they have not been rated individually as part of the priority ratings matrix. The interchange project in its entirety is a high priority and these project recommendations are related elements. Since the I-70/US 63 project is a current project, the recommended sidewalk additions would be best incorporated into the Improve I-70 project scope. The Sidewalk Master Plan typically functions as a long-term plan for sidewalk projects.

If these amendments are approved, they would become supplements to the adopted 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan (previously amended in March, 2023). As supplements, they would be incorporated by reference. No further amendments to approved 2022 Master Plan are proposed.

A copy of the draft revision to the Sidewalk Master Plan Project Ratings Matrix (April 2024), a draft revised Sidewalk Master Plan Map (April 2024), Sidewalk Master Plan revision correspondence, and copies of the February 21 and March 20, 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission meeting minutes are attached for review.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: Unknown.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### [Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Tertiary Impact: Inclusive Community

### [Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities



# City of Columbia

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## Legislative History

Date	Action
4/16/24	Set Public Hearing on Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan Amendment (R81-24)
3/20/23	Adopted Amendment to 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan (B40-23)
3/6/23	Held Public Hearing on Amendment to 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan (PH 8-23)
2/6/23	Set Public Hearing on Amendment to 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan (R12-23)
12/19/22	Adopted 2022 Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan (B339-22)
12/5/22	Held Public Hearing on 2022 Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan (PH38-22)
12/5/22	Introduction and First Reading (B339-22)
11/21/22	Set Public Hearing on 2022 Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan (R180-22)

## Suggested Council Action

Approval of the proposed amendments to the adopted 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan as recommended by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission.