



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 4, 2019

Re: Public Hearing for the Proposed Construction of the Leslie Lane Sidewalk Project

Executive Summary

A public hearing is being held for the proposed construction of the Leslie Lane Sidewalk project. This project includes the construction of a sidewalk on the north side of Leslie Lane between Garth Avenue and Newton Drive. An Interested Parties (IP) meeting was held on September 19, 2019. The total project cost estimate (design, easements, utilities, and construction) is \$215,000.

Discussion

This proposed project will improve pedestrian safety with the construction of sidewalk on the north side of Leslie Lane between Garth Avenue and Newton Drive. The preliminary design includes construction of 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk with 3-foot greenspace. The proposed sidewalk will connect to existing sidewalk at each end of the project; and existing curb ramps at the corner of Newton Drive with Leslie Lane will be replaced with new ADA compliance curb ramps. Additionally, this project will be coordinated with proposed culvert and inlet improvements to be made by the Stormwater Utility.

Currently, there are no sidewalks on either side of Leslie Lane west of the first property on Newton Drive. The sidewalk is proposed to be constructed on the north side of Leslie Lane for the following reasons.

1. The sidewalk on the north side of Leslie Lane will connect to the sidewalk constructed in 2014 along the east side of Garth Avenue from Leslie Lane to Parkade Boulevard. This sidewalk was constructed with MoDOT Transportation Enhancement Funds to provide an additional sidewalk connection to Parkade Elementary School.
2. There are four steep driveways along the south side of Leslie Lane that will be difficult to reconstruct with the sidewalk. Two of those driveways may require the sidewalk to be bumped out into the street in order to reconstruct the driveway.
3. In the City's 2012 Sidewalk Master Plan, the Leslie Lane sidewalk project is designated at being located on the north side of the road. This sidewalk master plan has been presented to various commissions and citizen groups.

An IP meeting was held on September 19, 2019, with four residents in attendance. Two individuals were in favor of the project and two individuals indicated that they didn't think the sidewalk was necessary. Three written comments in favor of the project were received and are attached.



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Construction is planned for the spring of 2021. The sidewalk will be located within street right of way, but temporary construction easements from the adjacent property owners will be necessary to complete the construction of the project.

The estimated total project cost is \$215,000 (design, easements, utilities, and construction). MoDOT will fund 80% of the project cost with the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds and the City will fund the remaining 20% with the ¼ cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) sales tax funds.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The City's 20% match is estimated at \$43,000 and will be funded with the ¼ cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) sales tax funds.

Long-Term Impact: Maintenance of sidewalk is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Public Safety, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Tertiary Impact: Infrastructure

Legislative History

Date	Action
10/07/2019	R133-19-Setting a public hearing for the proposed construction of the Leslie Lane sidewalk project between Garth Avenue and Newton Drive.
02/18/2019	B43-19 Authorizing a Transportation Alternatives Funds and STP-Urban Funds program agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Leslie Lane Sidewalk project, appropriating funds.
10/01/2018	R153-18-Authorizing the City Manager to apply to the Missouri Department of Transportation for federal 2018 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for projects that aid in non-motorized transportation.

Suggested Council Action

After public comment and Council discussion, direct staff to move forward with final plans and specifications for the construction of the Leslie Lane sidewalk project.