

Council Memo

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 20, 2026

Re: Authorize the acquisition of easements for construction of the Mills Drive sidewalk improvement project.

Impacted Ward: Ward 4

Executive Summary

Authorizing the acquisition of necessary easements for the construction of the Mills Drive sidewalk improvement project. An Interested Parties (IP) meeting was held on September 8, 2025, and a public hearing was held on December 1, 2025.

Discussion

The Mills Drive sidewalk project is located along the north side of Mills Drive between Forum Boulevard and Highridge Drive. This project will provide a pedestrian connection from the neighborhood to the Forum Boulevard commercial area.

This project will include the following sidewalk improvements:

- Construction of a 5-foot wide sidewalk along the north side of Mills Drive between Forum Boulevard and Highridge Circle.
- Construction of a 6-foot sidewalk along the north side of Mills Drive between Highridge Circle and Highridge Drive.
- Construction and reconstruction of pedestrian ramps at intersections.

One (1) temporary construction easement and one (1) permanent sidewalk easement will need to be acquired for the project. The estimated total project cost is \$126,123 and includes design, easement acquisition, and construction. The project will be funded with the ¼ cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) sales tax funds. Construction is planned for the winter of 2027.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total project estimate is \$126,123 and will be funded with the ¼ cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) sales tax.

Long-Term Impact: Routine maintenance.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary,

Tertiary Impact: Tertiary



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[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

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

Legislative History	
Date	Action
12/01/2025	PH31-25 Proposed construction of a sidewalk improvement project along the north side of Mills Drive, between Forum Boulevard and Highridge Drive
11/03/2025	R147-25 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of a sidewalk improvement project along the north side of Mills Drive, between Forum Boulevard and Highridge Drive
09/08/2025	Interested Parties Meeting

Suggested Council Action
Authorize the acquisition of necessary easements for the construction of the improvements along Mills Drive between Forum Boulevard and Highridge Drive.