

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 21, 2025

Re: Public Hearing for the construction of the Columbia Gorge Parkway Sidewalk

Improvement Project.

Executive Summary

A public hearing for the construction of the Columbia Gorge Parkway sidewalk improvement project. An interested parties meeting was held on May 27, 2025. The total project cost estimate for this project (design and construction) is \$90,700.

Discussion

The Columbia Gorge Parkway sidewalk project is located in southeastern Columbia along the south side of Columbia Gorge Parkway between August Briggs Drive and Pride Mountain Drive, and along the western side of Pride Mountain Drive between Columbia Gorge Parkway and 2203 Pride Mountain Drive. This project was brought forward by residents concerned with a sidewalk gap along the common lot near Columbia Gorge Parkway and Pride Mountain Drive. The sidewalk network within the development will continue to be completed as additional lots are developed. However, the sidewalk along the common lot will need to be constructed by the City to fill in the sidewalk gap along Columbia Gorge Parkway.

This project will include the following sidewalk improvements:

- Construction of a 5-foot wide sidewalk along the south side of Columbia Gorge Parkway and the west side of Pride Mountain Drive between the existing sidewalk at 5108 Columbia Gorge Parkway and 2203 Pride Mountain Drive.
- Construction of a pedestrian crosswalk across Pride Mountain Drive at Columbia Gorge parkway.
- Construction of a pedestrian curb ramp which will accommodate a future crosswalk across Columbia Gorge Parkway at Pride Mountain Drive, and a pedestrian curb ramp at August Briggs Drive to provide pedestrian access to the existing sidewalk on the north side of Columbia Gorge Parkway.

An interested parties meeting was held on May 27, 2025. Four written comments were received regarding the project. Four citizens attended the meeting and appeared to be in favor of the project.



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The estimated total project cost (design and construction) is \$90,700. The project will be funded with the $\frac{1}{4}$ cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) sales tax. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in fall of 2025.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total project estimate is \$90,700 and will be funded with the ½ cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) sales tax.

Long-Term Impact: none

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Impact: Resilient Economy

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Tertiary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility

| Legislative History |
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| Date | Action |
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| 06/16/2025 | R80-25 Setting a public hearing for the construction of the Columbia Gorge Parkway Sidewalk Improvement Project. |
| 05/27/2025 | IP Meeting |

Suggested Council Action

Approve the construction of the Columbia Gorge Parkway sidewalk improvement project.