



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 3, 2023

Re: Authorizing the acquisition of easements for the construction of Sexton Road Sidewalk Project

Executive Summary

Authorize the acquisition of necessary easements for the construction of a sidewalk along Sexton Road in central Columbia. An Interested Parties (IP) meeting was held on January 18, 2023. The public hearing was held on March 20, 2023.

Discussion

The Sexton Road sidewalk improvement project is located in central Columbia along the south side of Sexton Road between Garth Avenue and Mary Street.

This project will include the following sidewalk improvements:

- Between Garth Avenue and the driveway entrance to the Oak Tower apartments a few broken sidewalk panels and two curb ramps will be reconstructed.
- Between the Oak Tower apartment's driveway and Mary Street the sidewalk will be completely removed. A 6-foot wide sidewalk along the back of the curb will be constructed along with reconstructing the driveway approaches. The stormwater inlet will also be reconstructed to tie into the new sidewalk.
- At the Sexton Road and Mary Street intersection the pedestrian crossing will be relocated to the west side of the intersection and curb ramps to provide access to the pedestrian crossing will be constructed.
- At the Sexton Road and Woodlawn Avenue intersection a curb ramp will be constructed on the north sidewalk of Sexton Road to provide access to the existing pedestrian crossing at this location.

Four permanent street easements and six temporary construction easements are expected to be needed to construct the proposed improvements.

The total preliminary cost estimate for this project (design, easement acquisition, and construction) is \$114,000. The project will be funded with the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) sales tax.

The project is scheduled for construction in spring of 2024.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total cost estimate for this project is \$114,000. The project will be funded with the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Program sales tax.

Long-Term Impact: Routine maintenance.

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

Date	Action
3/20/2023	PH9-23 Proposed construction of a sidewalk on the south side of Sexton Road, between Garth Avenue and Mary Street.
08/06/2018	PH25-18 Proposed installation of traffic calming devices on Sexton Road between Business Loop 70 and Providence Road.
07/02/2018	R93-18 Setting a public hearing: proposed installation of traffic calming devices on Sexton Road between Business Loop 70 and Providence Road.

Suggested Council Action

Authorize the acquisition of easements for the construction of the Sexton Road Sidewalk Project.