



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 20, 2023

Re: Public Hearing for the Construction of the Sexton Road Sidewalk Improvement Project.

## Executive Summary

A public hearing for the construction of the Sexton Road sidewalk improvement project. An interested parties meeting was held on January 18, 2023. The total project cost estimate for this project (design, easements, and construction) is \$114,000.

## 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. There is an existing sidewalk along this stretch of the road which is in poor condition. The condition of the existing sidewalk was brought up by many of the residents that attended the interested parties meetings (November 30, 2017 and March 15, 2018) for the Sexton Road traffic calming project and requested that this stretch of sidewalk be repaired by the City once funding becomes available because of its location near Ridgeway Elementary School and Oat Tower apartments.

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 storm water 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 sidewalk easements and four temporary construction easements are expected to be needed to construct the proposed improvements. An interested parties meeting was held on January 18, 2023. One written comment was received regarding the project. Three citizens attended the meeting and the citizens were in favor of the project.

The estimated total project cost (design, easements, and construction) is \$114,000. The project will be funded with the ¼ cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) sales tax.



Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in fall of 2023.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total project estimate is \$114,000 and will be funded with the ¼ 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

Date	Action
02/20/2023	R20-23 Setting a public hearing: 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

Approve the construction of the Sexton Road sidewalk improvement project.