



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 7, 2025

Re: Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of the Oakland Gravel Road (Blue Ridge Road to Smiley Lane) sidewalk improvement project.

## Executive Summary

Authorizing the acquisition of necessary easements for the construction of the Oakland Gravel Road (Blue Ridge Road to Smiley Lane) sidewalk improvement project. An Interested Parties meeting was held on December 11, 2024 and a public hearing was held on February 3, 2025.

## Discussion

The Oakland Gravel Road sidewalk project is located in northeast Columbia. This sidewalk project will include construction of a 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk with a 3-foot wide grass parkway to fill in sidewalk gaps along the west side Oakland Gravel Road between Blue Ridge Road and Smiley Lane. The project will also include reconstruction of the driveway approaches to tie in with the proposed sidewalk.

Having a continuous sidewalk along the west of Oakland Gravel Road is highly important and over the past few years the City has been working to fill in the sidewalk gaps along the roadway. In 2019, the City constructed sidewalk to fill in the gap between Edris Drive and Blue Ridge Road. In 2023, the City constructed sidewalk to fill in the sidewalk gaps between Vandiver Drive and Grizzly Court. This proposed project will fill in the final remaining sidewalk gaps along the west side of Oakland Gravel Road. There are three schools, a park, and a clinic located within walking distance of this project.

The interested parties meeting for this project was held on December 11, 2024 and the public hearing was held on February 3, 2025. Construction of the improvements are anticipated to be underway by the summer of 2026.

Acquisition of 12 temporary construction easements and 9 permanent sidewalk easements will be necessary for construction of the project.

The total project cost estimate for design, easement acquisition, and construction is \$517,640. MoDOT will fund up to 80% of the project cost with the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds with a not to exceed amount of \$414,112 and the City will fund the remaining match with the ¼ cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) sales tax funds.



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## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The City's funding match is estimated as \$103,528 and will be funded with the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) sales tax.

Long-Term Impact: Sidewalks will be maintained by the adjacent property owners.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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

Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

## Legislative History

Date	Action
02/03/2025	PH4-25 Proposed construction of a sidewalk along the west side of Oakland Gravel Road between Blue Ridge Road and Smiley Lane.
01/06/2025	R2-25 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of a sidewalk along the west side of Oakland Gravel Road between Blue Ridge Road and Smiley Lane.
12/11/2024	Interested Parties Meeting
02/05/2024	R21-24 Authorizing a contract with McClure Engineering for design services relating to the construction of the Vandiver Drive (Oakland Gravel Road to Parker Street) sidewalk project.
12/04/2023	B289-23 Authorizing a transportation enhancement funds program agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Vandiver Drive (Oakland Gravel Road to Parker Street) sidewalk project.
08/21/2023	R121-23 Authorizing submission of a transportation alternatives funds program grant application with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for construction of the Oakland Gravel Road (Blue Ridge Road to Smiley Lane) and Vandiver Drive (Oakland Gravel Road to Parker Street) sidewalk project.

## Suggested Council Action

Authorize the acquisition of necessary easements for the construction of the Oakland Gravel Road (Blue Ridge Road to Smiley Lane) sidewalk improvement project.