



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 7, 2019

Re: Authorizing the Acquisition of Necessary Easements for Construction of Sidewalks along Portions of Lynn Street, Oak Street and Sexton Road

Executive Summary

Authorize the acquisition of necessary easements for construction of sidewalks along portions of Lynn Street, Oak Street and Sexton Road, as shown on the attached site location map and right of way plans. An Interested Parties (IP) meeting was held on November 15, 2016 and the Public Hearing was held on August 7, 2017.

Discussion

The City of Columbia is proposing to complete a sidewalk project in the central part of Columbia to fill in sidewalk gaps along Lynn Street, Oak Street, and Sexton Road (see attached location map). The project is being completed in conjunction with an affordable housing development, a stormwater project, and a sanitary sewer project. The project is located in the Central Strategic Plan Neighborhood, and will consist of the following improvements:

- **Lynn Street:** A small section of a 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk will be constructed along the north side of Lynn Street. This section of sidewalk will connect to the sidewalk along the block built as part of the affordable housing development.
- **Oak Street:** A 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk will be constructed along the back of the curb along the east side of Oak Street between Lynn Street and Sexton Road. There is currently no sidewalk along this block. Oak Street is fairly wide along this block; therefore, the existing curb will be removed and reconnected approximately 4-feet into the road. The sidewalk will be constructed along the back of the new curb line. Constructing the sidewalk with the curb in the new location is proposed in order to reduce the impact on trees and utilities in the yards and to promote traffic calming with narrower driving lanes. Four residential driveways and two stormwater structures will be reconstructed.
- **Sexton Road:** A 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk will be constructed on the south side of Sexton Road between Oak Street and Garth Avenue. Currently, there is an existing sidewalk along the north side of Sexton Road and along the south side of Sexton Road for approximately 100 linear feet running west from the corner of Garth and Sexton. The new 5-foot sidewalk will include a 4-foot green space that will tie into this existing sidewalk. Four residential driveways will have to be reconstructed.



One (1) permanent sidewalk easement and seven (7) temporary construction easements from seven (7) property owners will be necessary for construction of the project.

The estimated total project is \$160,000 and includes design, easement acquisition, utility relocation, and construction. A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the quarter-cent Capital Improvement Program sales tax will be used to fund the project. Construction is planned for summer of 2019.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The estimated total project cost (includes design, easement acquisition, utility relocation, and construction) is \$160,000. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the quarter-cent Capital Improvement Program sales tax will be used to fund the project.

Long-Term Impact: Per ordinance, sidewalks are maintained by the adjacent property owner.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: 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
08/07/2017	PH25-17-Public Hearing Held
07/03/2017	R85-17-setting a public hearing for the proposed construction of sidewalks along portions of Lynn Street, Oak Street & Sexton Road
11/15/2016	IP Meeting Held

Suggested Council Action

Authorize the acquisition of necessary easements for the construction of sidewalks along portions of Lynn Street, Oak Street and Sexton Road