



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 1, 2021

Re: Public Hearing for the Proposed Construction of the Fourth Street and Broadway Pedestrian Crossing Project.

Executive Summary

A public hearing is being held to consider the proposed construction of the Fourth Street and Broadway Pedestrian Crossing project. The preliminary design includes new crosswalk striping, a raised pedestrian island, pedestrian crossing flashing beacons, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) sidewalk ramps, new sidewalk, two curb bump outs with tree planters, permeable pavement, and lane/parking striping reconfiguration. An online Interested Parties (IP) meeting was held from November 30 through December 11, 2020.

Discussion

The Fourth Street and Broadway Pedestrian Crossing preliminary design includes a new crosswalk from the northeast corner to the southeast corner of the Fourth Street and Broadway intersection. The crosswalk will entail two new ADA compliant sidewalk ramps and landings, a raised pedestrian island, painted crosswalk markings, and pedestrian crossing flashing beacons. For added pedestrian crossing safety, there will be two curb bump outs, with tree planters and a stormwater filtration system. The preliminary design also includes 50 linear feet of new sidewalk and parking reconfigurations on the north side of Broadway. Finally, the westbound traffic lanes on Broadway between Fourth and Fifth streets will be reduced to a single lane.

An IP meeting was held online from November 30, 2020 through December 11, 2020. Three comments were received that were in favor of the project; letters of support for the crosswalk were received from the Sharp End Heritage and African American Heritage Trail Committees and from the Downtown Community Improvement District.

It is not anticipated that easements will need to be acquired for this project, and construction is currently scheduled to be completed during the Fall of 2021. The estimate total project cost for this sidewalk is \$230,000 (includes design, utility relocation, construction). Funding for this project will come from the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Sales Tax.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The estimated total project cost for the sidewalk is \$230,000 and will be funded the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) sales tax.

Long-Term Impact: Routine maintenance.



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
01/04/2021	R2-21 Setting a public hearing for the proposed construction of the Fourth Street and Broadway Pedestrian Crossing Project.
11/30/2020 - 12/11/2020	IP Meeting

Suggested Council Action

After the public hearing and council discussion, direct staff to move forward with final plans and specifications for the construction of the Fourth Street and Broadway Pedestrian Crossing project.