



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 3, 2025

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

Executive Summary

Public Hearing for the construction of the Oakland Gravel Road sidewalk improvements between Blue Ridge Road and Smiley Lane. The interested parties meeting for this project was held on December 11, 2024. The total project cost estimate for design, easement acquisition, and construction is \$517,640.

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 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. Four residents signed in at the meeting and no written comments have been received about the project. The discussions at the interested parties meeting were in favor of the project. Construction of the improvements are anticipated to be underway by the summer of 2026.

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 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds with a not to exceed amount of \$414,112 and the City will fund the remaining match with ¼ cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) sales tax funds.



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 Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
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	R20-24 Authorizing a contract with McClure Engineering for design services relating to the construction of the Oakland Gravel Road (Blue Ridge Road to Smiley Lane) sidewalk project.
12/04/2023	B290-23 Authorizing a transportation enhancement funds program agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Oakland Gravel Road (Blue Ridge Road to Smiley Lane) 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

Approve the construction of the Oakland Gravel Road (Blue Ridge Road to Smiley Lane) sidewalk improvement project.