

COLUMBIA PARKS AND RECREATION
Public Comments for
Walnut Street Improvements for the Construction of Hinkson Creek
Trail: Stephens Lake Park to Clark Lane

Meeting Held: June 4, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Online Comments were open from April 17, 2020 through June 11, 2020

1) Please comment on what you like about the proposed potential improvement.

Please be concise.

- I appreciate the concept and offering people a sidewalk along E. Walnut. Lots of people walk this road daily up to the stores. So anything to make it safer for pedestrians is great!
- Put a gate on the entrance to the open “alley” across from Walnut St. Day Care. Entrance to Scout area to keep out unwanted vehicles.
- Tractor trailers sometime come down E. Walnut thinking they can access Lowes/Walmart, etc. I have been told GPS navigators show this route. No place to turn around. They have to back all the way to Old 63. Contact “navigators or “No Trucks” sign.
- I have concerns about making bridge one-way traffic. There appears to be so much traffic coming and going morning and evening.
- Like the priority for pedestrian/bikes for bridge over Hinkson @ E. Walnut.
- I like the speed humps, signage, and proposed 10' pedway.
- It is a low use bridge, I like that you are "saving" money by not building a new bridge and using what is existing and making more trail connections.
- This appears to be a low-cost solution to address the issue of bike safety and access. I am a cyclist and feel it is sufficient given the low traffic volume for this bridge. Construction of a new ped/cycle bridge seems unnecessary.
- I like the shared road use; one-lane car traffic is the ultimate in traffic calming.
- Love more trail access around the east side!
- I think this works in this location, because of low traffic volume and speed. Not ideal, but I rather see the city save the money for a new bridge here and provide more bike/ped options at bottlenecks around town. I will be very glad to see this trail built, especially the connection to Clark Lane. Now, lets provide a non-motorized connection to the area SE of the 63 Connector/I70 interchange.
- I like the improvements, its a great start, the foot and bike traffic has increased 10 fold over the last 2 years.
- Going to really enjoy the Clark to Stephens connection. Anyway to get that done sounds great to me!
- The speed bumps will be good for getting attention.

- I think this is a great plan. Trails that go through woods and pass creeks are beautiful and a great place for exercise, but trails that will allow people to safely walk/ride to stores are just as important! It is also important that lower income areas have easy access to healthy food.
- Very happy to see this connector going in!
- I enjoy running on bear creek, hinkson, hominy and mtk trails. I like when I can run under busy streets and highways instead of crossing them. Hopefully the proposed trails will have trees covering the majority of the paths
- This looks to add safety enhancements to the plan, the bridge is a natural conflict point for pedestrians and cars and this plan will help. While I have moved about a 1/2 mile away, I previously lived at the end of Walnut Street and am pleased this project is moving forward. There is a lot of transient pedestrian traffic through the area, and the trail will provide increased non-motorized transportation. While I experienced no property crimes while living there, sometimes folks with substance abuse or mental health concerns were a bit of a concern. The cul-de-sac is a natural resting spot. If there are more folks going through it provides more traffic to keep the area safer (natural surveillance) and to provide help to folks that may need medical help.

2) What would you change about the proposed potential improvements? Please be concise.

- I hope repairing the road on the bridge is part of the plan. It is deteriorating and deserves improvement. Also, the railing on the bridge (as is) is too low! It should be raised so that people cannot easily go over the edge, prevent bike accidents.
- Railing on bridge needs to be higher for people and shopping carts not going over.
- Must make a dedicated sidewalk a priority for E. Walnut pedestrians. They do not use the trail within Stephens Lake Park.
- Concerned about potential lack of visibility for yielding vehicles being able to see oncoming traffic. Specific distancing/yield lines may need to be adjusted.
- Bike traffic is going both ways in bike lane on bridge, it would be helpful to have delineators or a more physical barrier - not just striping - between bikes and cars to make those going westbound in bike lane feel more safe.
- On the double yellow line, separating the bike lane from the one-way road, I would like to see pylons installed.
- If room permits, consider including a physical barrier (curb, jersey wall, or break-away signage) between the one lane of road traffic on north side and bike lane on the south.
- Need more security More Trash pickup More trash cans Keep homeless out Keep drug dealers out Park is already littered in so much. The trail will just add to the trash in the park and neighborhood. The city shouldn't have to clean up after

those littering, wish there was a fine or enforcers for littering and shopping carts along East walnut and at the Stephens park. Increase cameras and disallow panhandlers.

- Consider rumble strips to be intermittently placed when the trail share the road. There is too many distracted drivers this can stop accidents.
- Perhaps save some pavement, clearing and slope stabilization by tapering the pedway into the 100 ft taper on the road east of the bridge, thus maintaining the same pedway width when adding on and off-road widths together. Actually stripe the shoulders. I see the shoulders called out, but not the striping. Does the pedway east of the bridge have a curb or other separation? It should have something.
- We need sidewalks all the way down East Walnut. The foot traffic getting really heavy when we are going down walnut to and from our house. There are many people walking on walnut, bad safty hazzard.
- A dedicated walkway would be nice, but beggars can't be choosers ;)
- Widening of East Walnut to install sidewalk east of Hinkson Creek Bridge to prevent an already problematic bottleneck. Road is narrow because of residential parking & overflow parking during special events at Walnut Day School. Delivery trucks (UPS, Fedex, etc) would not fit through for residential deliveries. Putting the sidewalk in without widening will, in effect create a narrowing to one lane of East Walnut from bridge to culdesac. Thank you.
- I would like the whole bike lane to be painted solid or striped to further indicate that motor vehicles should not driver there.
- Well, I'd prefer the proposed trail for the South Fork of the Grindstone Creek be worked on first. I can't tell if there will be easy access from the trail to the shops.
- I live off of Arrow Wood Dr and I run to the bear creek trail at Oakland park. It would be nice if the expansion included a full side walk on Mexico Gravel and Ballenger so I could run to the trails without having to cross busy streets or run on shoulders. Also, if possible a crossing path on Paris road would be nice. Also, the 70 underpass on the hominy trail floods frequently. Any chance to improve drainage?
- NA. Appreciate the project and am looking forward to using it

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