



Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 15, 2024

Re: 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan Amendment #2 (Case #144-2024)

Executive Summary

Approval of the attached is a resolution will set a public hearing for May 6, 2024 to consider an amendment to the adopted 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan. During the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission's February 21, 2024, a citizen requested that the north side of Mills Drive be added to the Sidewalk Master Plan (SMP). The Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission reviewed the proposed addition at their March 20, 2024 meeting. Following review, the Commission unanimously approved a motion (8-0) to recommend that north side of Mills Drive (Forum to Highridge) be added to the Plan. They also approved a motion to add four sidewalk projects to the Plan that would potentially be implemented as part of Interstate 70/US 63 interchange reconstruction project.

Discussion

At their February 21, 2024 meeting, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission received a request from a citizen to add a sidewalk project on the north side of Mills Drive to the Sidewalk Master Plan. The Commission discussed this item briefly before tabling a decision on the matter to their March 20 meeting.

At their March 20, 2024 meeting, the Commission discussed the potential addition of Mills Drive to the Sidewalk Master Plan. After discussion, the Commission specified the section of Mills Drive from Forum Boulevard to Highridge Drive (north side) for addition to the SMP, as opposed to the entire length of Mills Drive.

Mills Drive scores two points on the priority ratings matrix which places it in the lower priority category. While it would connect to the crosswalk on the north side of Forum Boulevard, it does not provide a connection to an existing sidewalk south of Highridge Drive. There is an existing sidewalk along the south side of Mills Drive in this immediate area.

In a related matter, in their discussions about the MoDOT Interstate 70/US 63 interchange portion of the Interstate 70 project, the Commission considered the recommendation of sidewalk connections that would be constructed as part of that project. The Commission passed a motion to also add to the SMP the following sidewalks associated with the I-70/US Highway 63 interchange portion of the MoDOT Interstate 70 project.

1. Fill the sidewalk gap on north side of Clark Lane, east of the Connector, to the planned roundabout on Clark Lane and planned underpass from Hanover Boulevard to Interstate 70 Drive SE.



2. Fill the sidewalk gap on the south side of East Business Loop 70 near the planned roundabout and distributor collector for eastbound I-70.
3. Fill the sidewalk gap on the north side of Clark Lane, west of the Connector, near the planned roundabout by Lambeth Drive and the future Hinkson Creek Trail connection.
4. Add a sidewalk on the east side of the 63 Connector across I-70 from Clark Lane to I-70 Drive SE.

Given that these four projects are within the operational area of the MoDOT I-70/US Highway 63 interchange, they have not been rated individually as part of the priority ratings matrix. The interchange project in its entirety is a high priority and these project recommendations are related elements.

If this amendment is approved, the amendment will become a supplement to the adopted 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan (previously amended in March, 2023) and be incorporated by reference. The approved 2022 Master Plan is not being sought for reapproval.

A copy of the draft revision to the Sidewalk Master Plan Project Ratings Matrix (April 2024), a draft revised Sidewalk Master Plan Map (April 2024), Sidewalk Master Plan revision correspondence, and the draft March 20, 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission meeting minutes are attached for review.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: Unknown.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Tertiary Impact: Inclusive Community

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities



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Legislative History

Date	Action
3/20/23	Adopted Amendment to 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan (B40-23)
3/6/23	Held Public Hearing on Amendment to 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan (PH 8-23)
2/6/23	Set Public Hearing on Amendment to 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan (R12-23)
12/19/22	Adopted 2022 Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan (B339-22)
12/5/22	Held Public Hearing on 2022 Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan (PH38-22)
12/5/22	Introduction and First Reading (B339-22)
11/21/22	Set Public Hearing on 2022 Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan (R180-22)

Suggested Council Action

Approve the resolution setting May 6, 2024 as the date of a public hearing on revisions to the 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan. An ordinance amending the 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan would be concurrently introduced with the public hearing with second reading tentatively scheduled for May 20, 2024.